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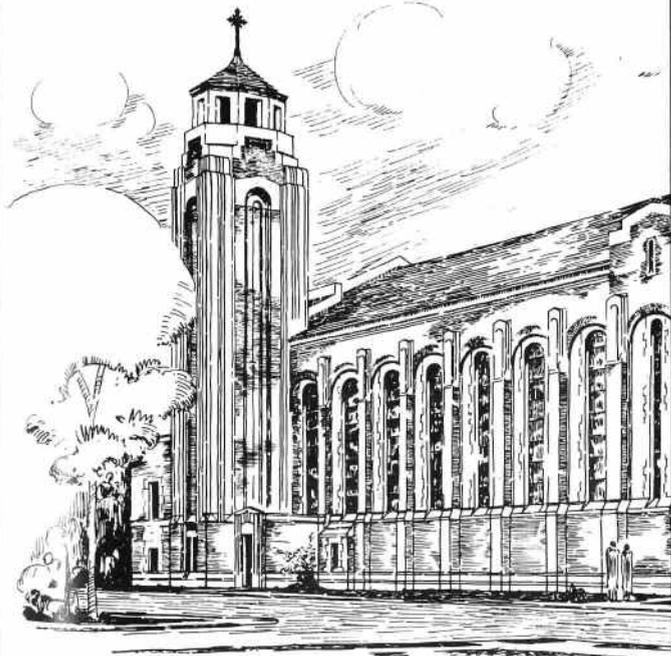
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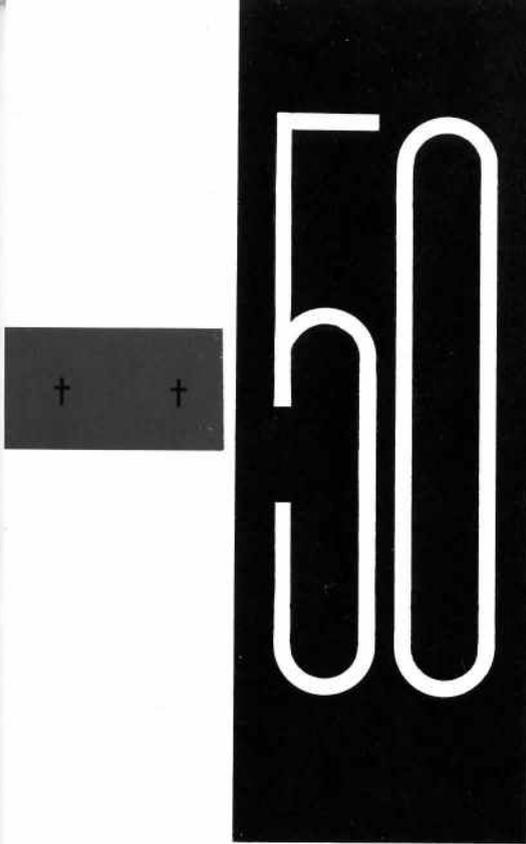
ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH

Golden Jubilee

1912 + 1962



3400 North Monticello Avenue
Chicago, Illinois



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ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

DEDICATION

We dedicate this book commemorating our Golden Jubilee to all the Priests, Sisters and parishioners who are the stars of the drama of St. Wenceslaus Church. Their efforts and prayers are the story of sacrifice for God and His Church. Their sacrifices were their language of love.

May God reward them abundantly for the honor they have given Him, and for the example of love they have given to the whole world through their work and prayer at St. Wenceslaus Church.

St. Wenceslaus

Wenceslaus was born in 907 at a time when most of Bohemia was only partially Christianized. His father, Duke Wratisslaus, was killed in a war with the Magyars when Wenceslaus was thirteen. Wenceslaus was well educated and trained in habits of devotion by his grandmother, St. Ludmilla; but his brother, Boleslaus and his mother, Drahomira, made themselves leaders of an anti-Christian party. When his mother tried persistently to lure him from the faith, Wenceslaus was forced to practice it and receive the sacraments in secret. His grandmother, St. Ludmilla, was murdered by this opposing faction.

Having come of age at eighteen, Wenceslaus became ruler and immediately set about to implant the faith more firmly throughout the country. He built churches, recalled exiled priests and promulgated laws protecting the Church, the poor and the oppressed.

He hated war and bloodshed, but when a neighboring tribe invaded his country, he was forced to take up arms. When the two armies faced each other, Wenceslaus challenged the duke of Kourim to single combat in order to prevent the spilling of much blood. He advanced with a short sword and shield and the duke was about to throw a javelin at him when he saw two angels guarding the saint. Whereupon he surrendered.

Wenceslaus married and had a son. His brother, Boleslaus, deprived of hope of succession to the throne, plotted with rebels to kill Wenceslaus. Boleslaus invited his brother to keep with him the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian. Next morning while on his way to attend Mass, Wenceslaus was set upon by his brother and the rebel group. Wenceslaus died at the church doors praying: "Brother, may God forgive you."

Wenceslaus, only twenty two years old, died in 929. Soon many miracles took place at his tomb. He was speedily proclaimed a martyr by the people; - and in time became the Patron of Bohemia. His repentant brother, Boleslaus, had the body enshrined in the Church of St. Vitus in Prague. Even to this day it is a place of many pilgrimages.

ST. WENCESLAUS, PRAY FOR US!





Most **H**oly **F**ather

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Theodore Czastka, P.A. Pastor,
Priests, Sisters, Parishioners and Friends
of St. Wenceslaus Parish

humbly prostrate at the feet of your Holiness beg
the Apostolic Blessing

on the occasion
of the Golden Jubilee of the Parish
October 14, 1962

*Humilis Dominicus benignus annuit precibus
In Basilica Vaticana die 21 Junii 1962*

*F. S. J. ...
Archiep. Milanensis*



His Holiness Pope John XXIII



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TESTO: ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE FOUNDING OF ST WENCESLAUS
 PARISH HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS TO PASTOR CLERGY RELIGIOUS AND FAITHFUL
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 CARDINAL CICOGNANI



His Eminence

Albert Cardinal Meyer

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Chancery Office

719 NORTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

May 1st, 1962

My dear Monsignor Czastka:

I wish to write this little note of congratulations to you and to your priests, sisters and parishioners on the forthcoming Golden Jubilee of St. Wenceslaus Parish. I regret that my schedule calls for my presence in Rome at the Ecumenical Council at the time of the celebration in October. However, I shall be with you in spirit on this happy day. Through Fifty Years St. Wenceslaus Parish has served its people of Polish origin faithfully, extending to them every opportunity and advantage to be close to their God.

During the greater portion of these years you have been its pastor and leader. Your guidance and direction have helped the parish tremendously both in the administration of the spiritual as well as the temporal. I am confident that when the Mass of Thanksgiving is offered to Almighty God on this Jubilee Day each and everyone will offer a prayer in unison for the many, many wonderful graces that have accrued during this half a century.

May God continue to shower copious blessings and I pray that the next fifty years will give testimony to the accomplishments of the past.

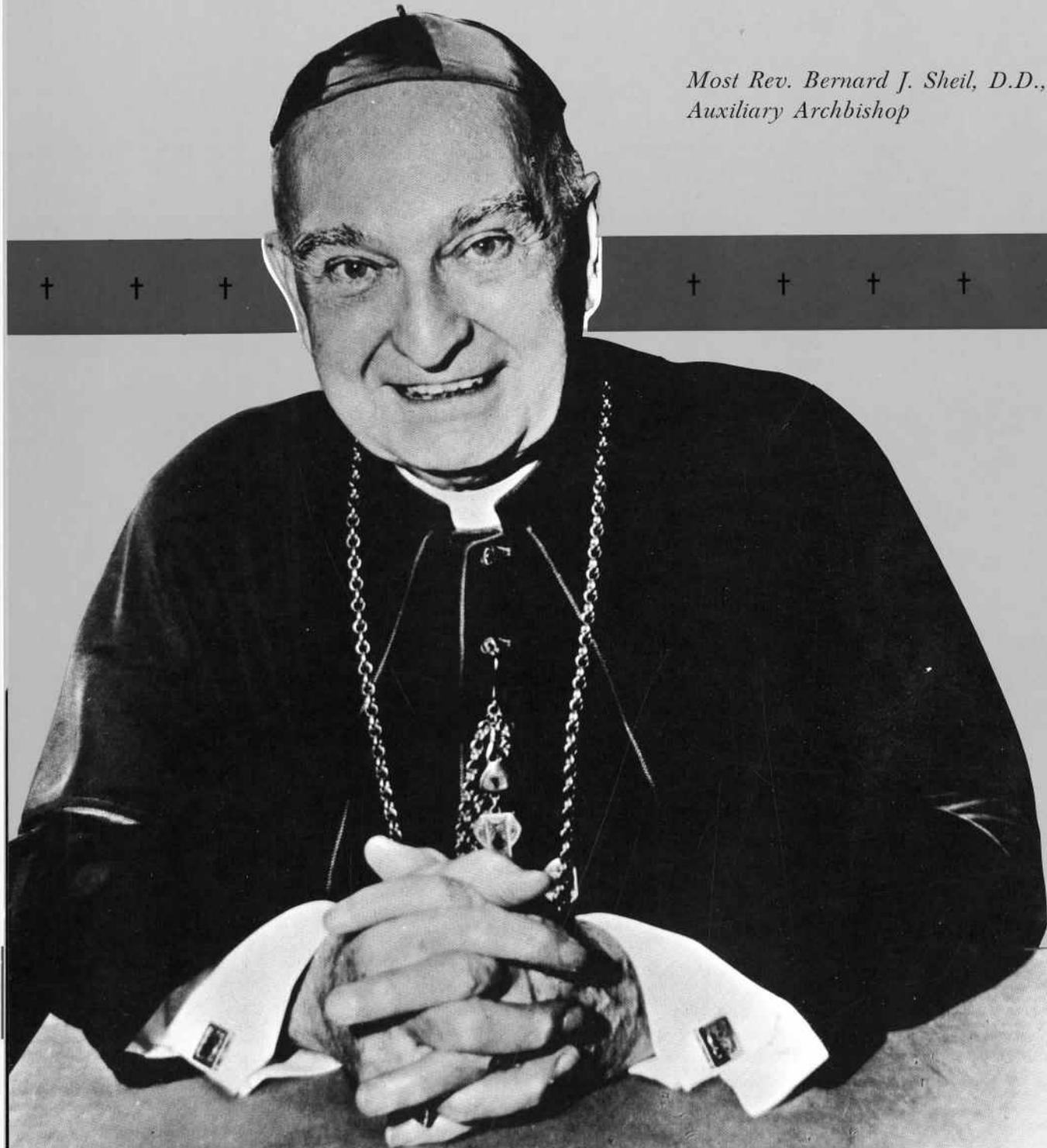
Again my felicitations and best wishes.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Albert Cardinal Meyer*
Archbishop of Chicago

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Theodore Czastka, P. A.
Saint Wenceslaus Rectory
3400 North Monticello Avenue
Chicago Illinois

*Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, D.D.,
Auxiliary Archbishop*



ST. ANDREW'S RECTORY

3546 NORTH PAULINA STREET
CHICAGO 13, ILLINOIS

September 28, 1962

My dear Monsignor Czastka:

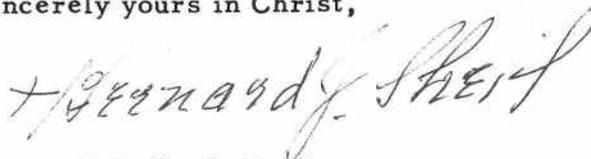
On this memorable occasion of the Golden Jubilee of St. Wenceslaus Parish, my heartfelt congratulations and every blessing to you, the priests and the people of the parish.

During the past fifty years, many blessings have been bestowed on you and your people. These blessings are a fitting tribute to your spirit of love and dedication, to the zeal of your priests and to the faithful efforts and devotion of your parishioners.

It is my prayer that God's blessings will continue to guide the good people of St. Wenceslaus Parish so that future generations will be inspired by their example.

With kindest personal regards and every good wish, I remain

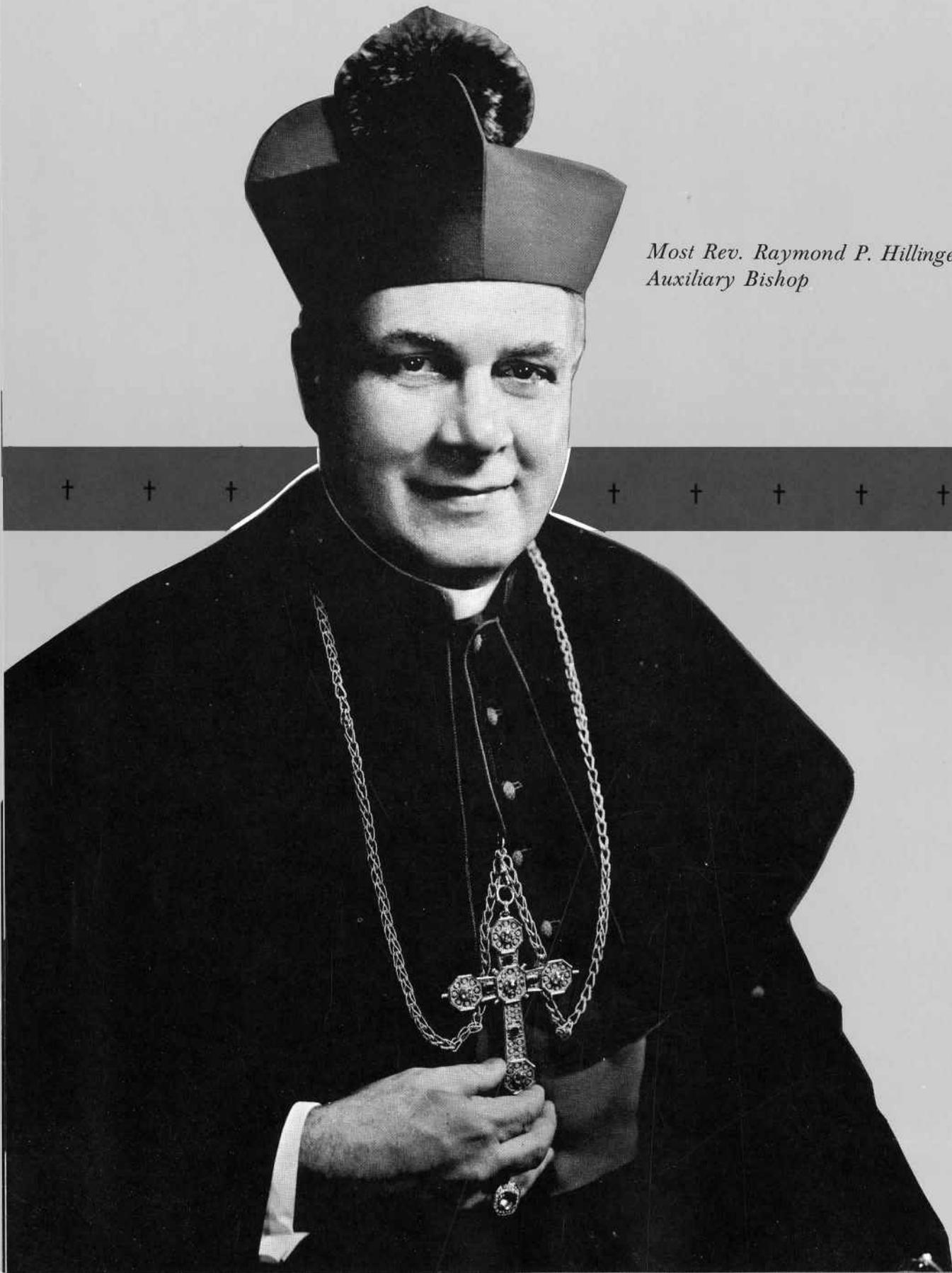
Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

Right Reverend Monsignor Theodore Czastka, P.A.
St. Wenceslaus Church
Laundale Avenue at Roscoe Street
Chicago, Illinois

*Most Rev. Raymond P. Hillinger, D.D.,
Auxiliary Bishop*



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

September 4, 1962.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. Czastka
St. Wenceslaus Church
3400 North Monticello Avenue
Chicago 18, Illinois

Dear Monsignor Czastka:

I am most happy to participate in the Golden Jubilee of St. Wenceslaus Church by extending my sincerest Congratulations to you, the Priests, the Sisters and the parishioners of St. Wenceslaus.

The results of Fifty Years of work and sacrifice by the Priests and Sisters who have been assigned there during these years, together with the cooperation of the loyal people who have lived in this parish, are, indeed, most pleasing to all of us in the Archdiocese.

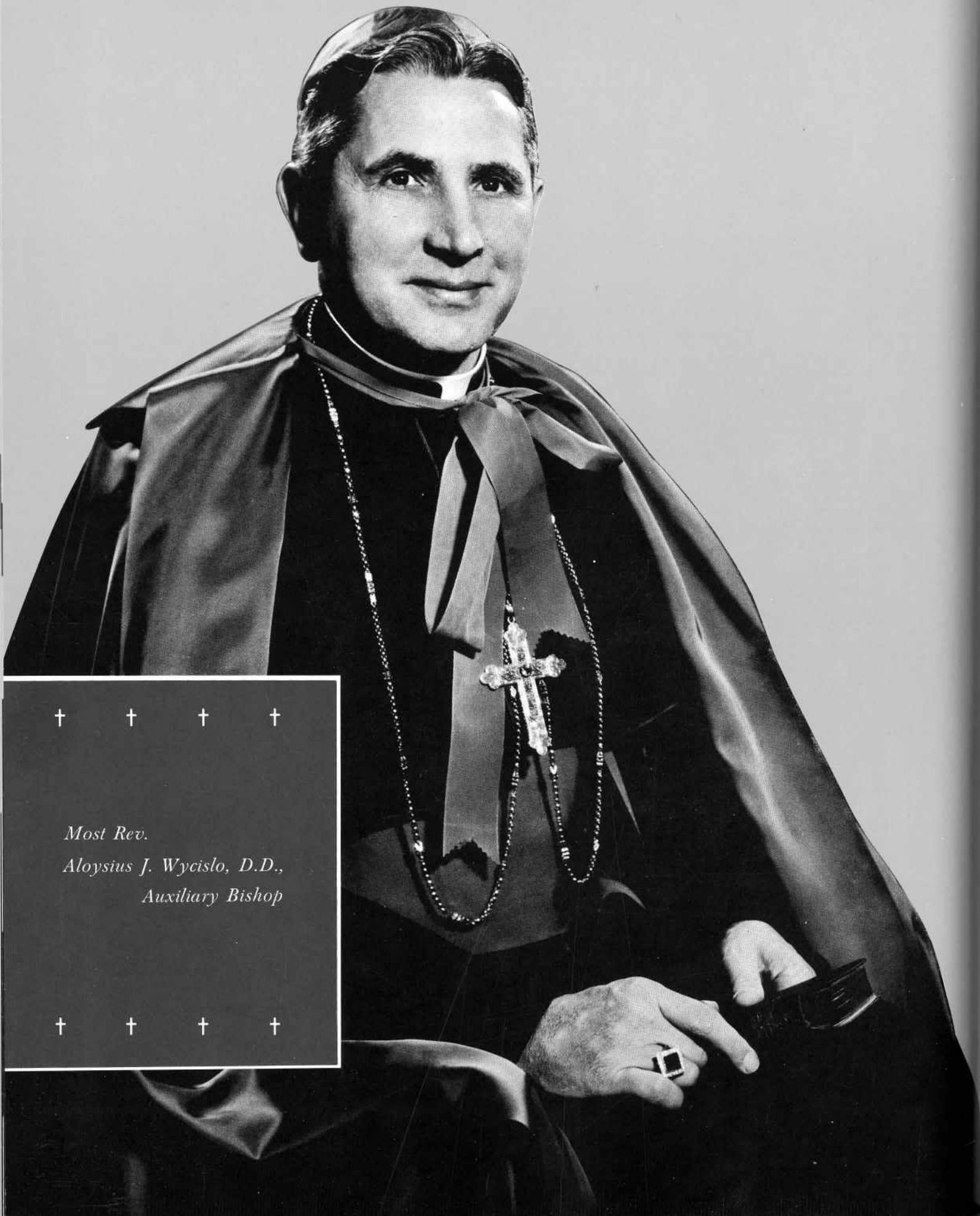
May all of you continue to receive God's choicest blessings during this Golden Jubilee.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Raymond P. Hillinger

Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Pastor, St. Mel - Holy Ghost Parish



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*Most Rev.
Aloysius J. Wycislo, D.D.,
Auxiliary Bishop*

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3834 North Spaulding Avenue
Chicago 18, Illinois

September 4, 1962

Dear Monsignor Czastka:

All of us here at Immaculate Heart of Mary, your neighbor to the north, take pride in a mutual Anniversary celebration. Our commemoration of the Fifty Years Anniversary, because of the forthcoming Ecumenical Council, was celebrated earlier this year.

As much as I would like, I will not be able personally to participate in the commemoration of your Parish Jubilee in October.

How glorious has been the tradition of your wonderful Parish, and how much joy you must feel in having guided for so many years, and with so much pastoral zeal, the many souls who were and are in your care. It is my prayer and wish that all who were once members of your Parish, and who today live in our Lord's own Parish in Heaven, will bless St. Wenceslaus in particular gratitude and seek the interest of God and all the Saints for yourself, for your priests and sisters, and all your parishioners.

With kind personal regards and every best wish,
I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Alwynius J. Loyola*
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

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The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Theodore Czastka
St. Wenceslaus Church
3400 N. Monticello Avenue
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*Most Rev.
Cletus F. O'Donnell, J.C.D.,
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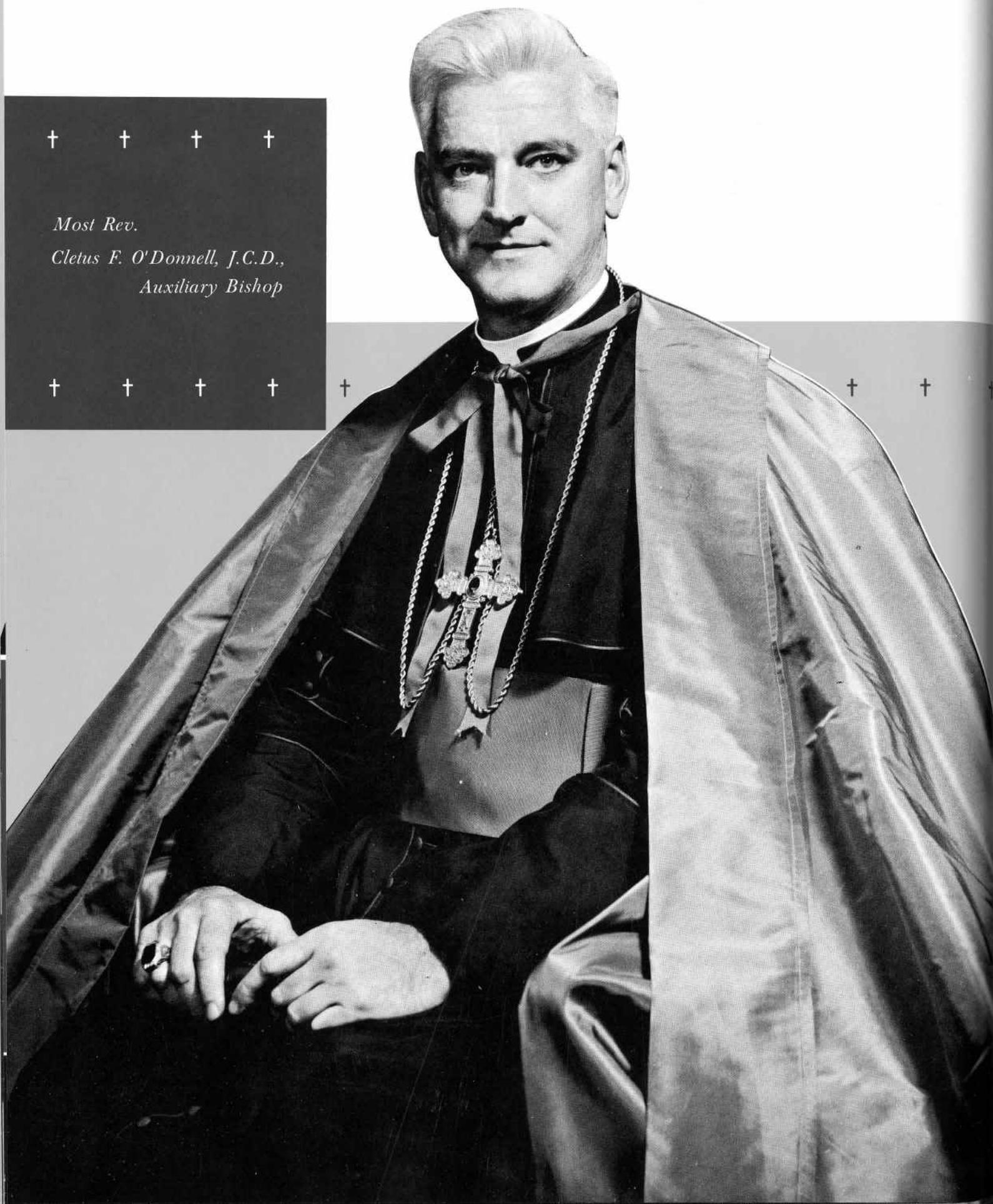
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Chancery Office

719 NORTH WABASH AVENUE
CHICAGO 11, ILLINOIS

August 27, 1962

Dear Monsignor Czastka:

Today I was very happy to learn from you that St. Wenceslaus Parish will celebrate its Golden Jubilee on October 14, 1962. I regret, however, that I shall not be able to be present as I will be in Rome for the Ecumenical Council.

Therefore, I take this occasion to express to you, to your faithful priest-assistants, to the good Sisters and to your loyal parishioners my heartiest congratulations and best wishes on this very memorable day. St. Wenceslaus Parish is truly one of the great parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago and has through the past fifty years served well and faithfully its people of Polish heritage. Much of the credit for the great success of this parish is due to you, Monsignor, for under God you have been a good, zealous, holy Pastor and a great leader of your people.

You may be sure that I shall be with you in spirit on this Jubilee day and join with you in prayer that the future progress of St. Wenceslaus Parish will be as fruitful as it has been in the past.

With sentiments of esteem and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ C. F. O'Donnell

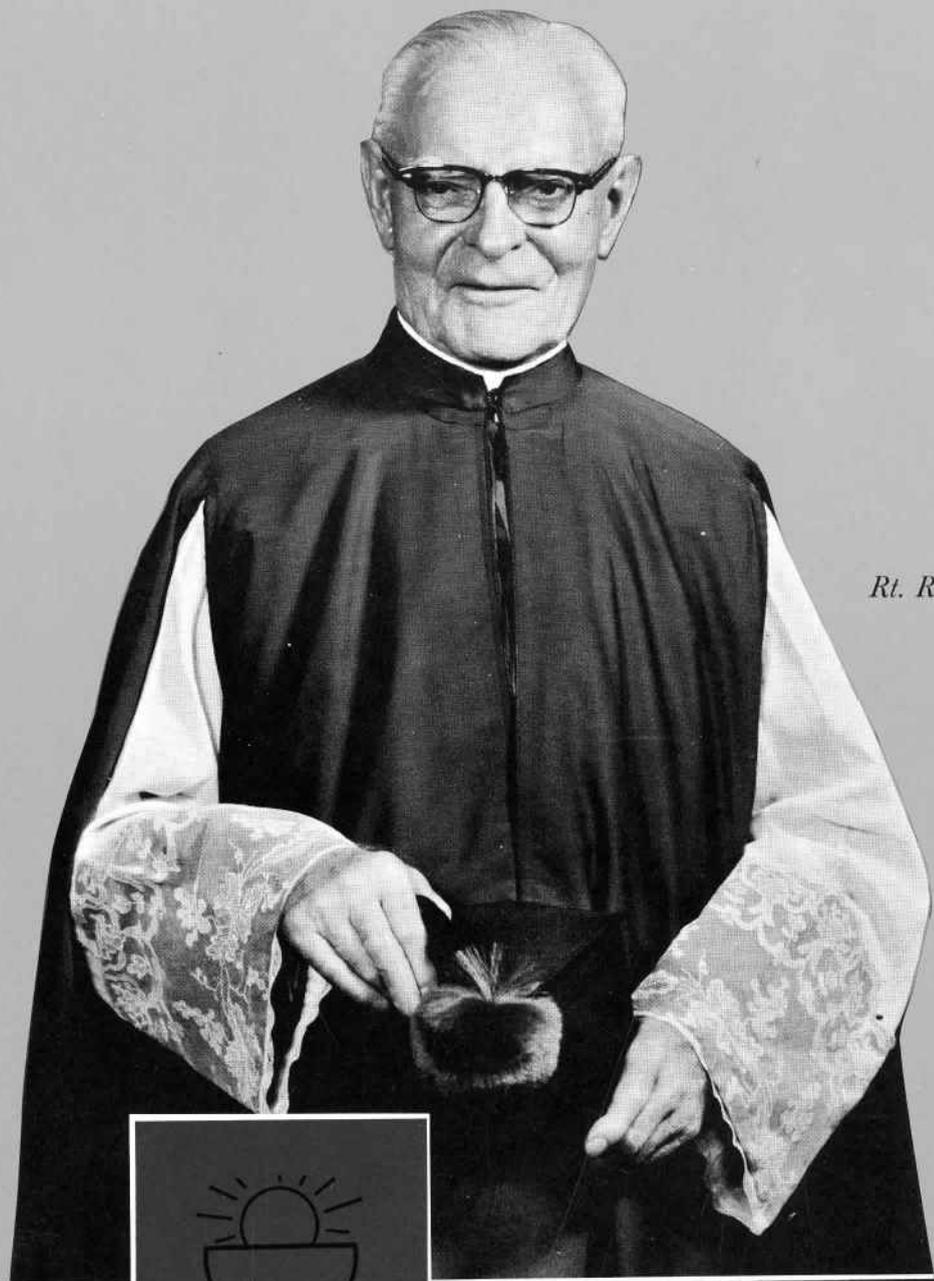
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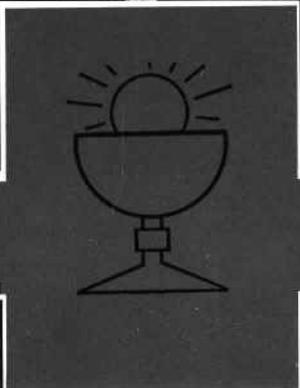
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*Rt. Rev. Msgr. Theodore Czastka, P.A.
Pastor*



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ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH
3400 N. MONTICELLO AVENUE
CHICAGO 18, ILLINOIS

October 14, 1962

Dear Parishioner;

God has been good to me! He has blessed me with a calling to His vineyard, -- with extremely good health, -- with great honors in my priesthood and with thirty nine years as pastor of you wonderful people of St. Wenceslaus.

God has been good to us! At St. Wenceslaus we have worked hard during these fifty years, - all for the greater glory and honor of God, Himself. Many sacrifices of our labors and means have been the symbol of our love for God. We have been blessed in every undertaking so that we can point today to the wonderful buildings of St. Wenceslaus parish.

This year, the fiftieth of our Parish, is a year of gratitude. In all my prayers I beg the Almighty to pour His abundant graces upon all of you. May we all be blessed with the zeal for sanctity that will bring us closer to Him each day.

Truly, with a humble heart, I thank God and all of you, my dear parishioners.

May God bless you!

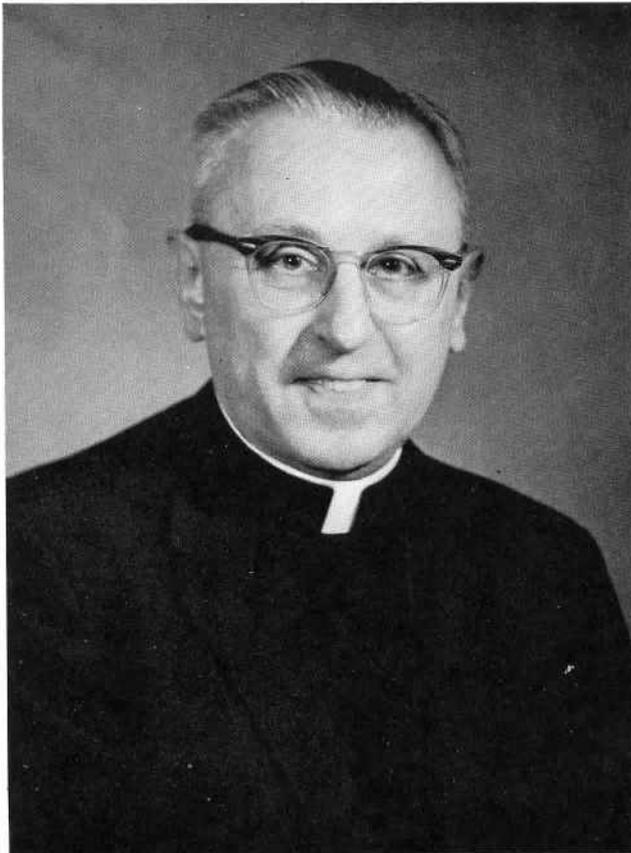
In Christ,



Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. Czastka, P.A.

THE CURATES OF ST. WENCESLAUS

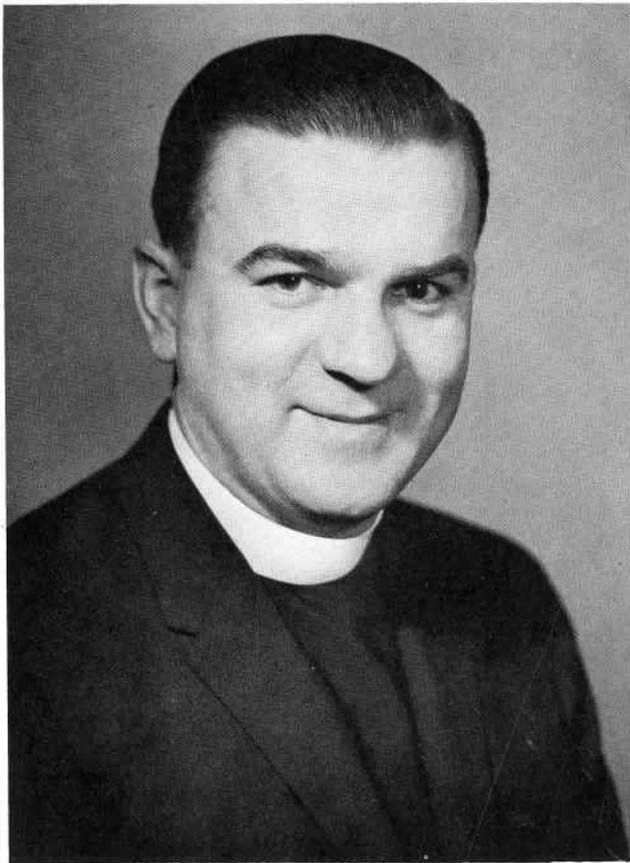
During the Jubilee Year.



Rev. Chester P. Konsowski

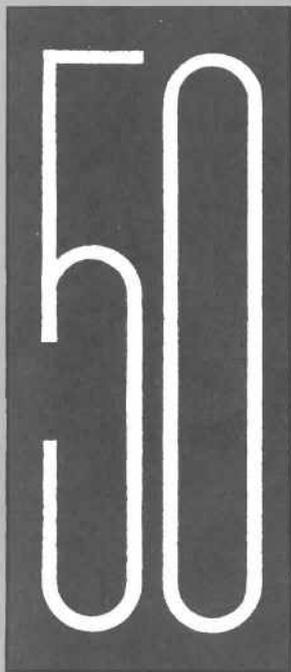


Rev. Frank E. Wachowski



Rev. Edward J. Brzozowski

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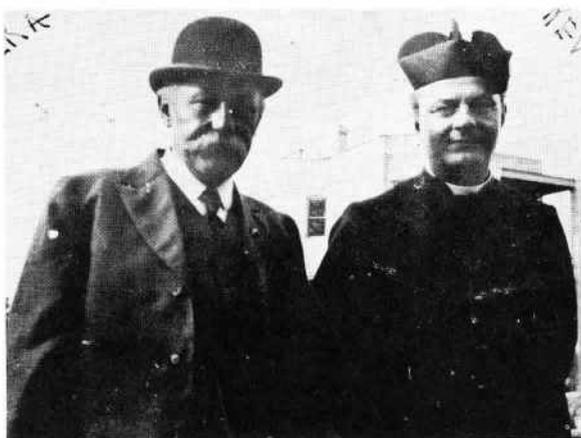


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PARISH HISTORY

In 1912 the city was just 79 years old. It was still a young city but growing rapidly. Many new areas were arising all through the city. The South Side had its Bridgeport, Pullman, Roseland, The Bush and South Chicago. The North Side had its Goose Island, Goatsville, Buck Town, Cragin and Logan Square. As the Poles kept moving northwest, another big area opened. It was called Park View. A beautiful area with new homes, cradled between the Northwestern Railroad tracks and Pulaski Road, and between Belmont Avenue and Irving Park Road. Its growth was rapid - and brought with it a majority of Catholics. The then-existing St. Hyacinth Church became overcrowded and even too distant for many in Park View. It was to the delight of every Catholic in this new community that the Chicago Chancery Office announced its founding of a new parish in Park View.

In June of 1912, the Archbishop of Chicago, His Excellency, the Most Reverend James E. Quigley, D.D., appointed Rev. Ferdinand C. Scieszka as the organizer and first pastor of the three hundred families then residing in the new area. Father Scieszka most happily accepted his responsibility - especially since his first problem was solved: The Diocese had already purchased the "parish plot". With the nervous zeal of a newly assigned pastor - and with the available speed of Chicago's slow-moving traffic - he visited his "parish", a plot of ground bounded by Monticello Avenue on the east, Lawndale Avenue on the west, Roscoe Street on the south and Cornelia Avenue on the north. The square block of vacant land seemed immense; the problem of erecting a church loomed even greater.



Father Ferdinand Scieszka and his father shortly after his founding of St. Wenceslaus Parish

Not only did the "church-less" Catholics of Park View welcome Father Scieszka with open arms, but even St. Hyacinth Church (his neighbor to the south) welcomed him with a generous surprise. The Resurrection Fathers of St. Hyacinth solved a major problem: Rather than seek a vacant store or nearby shop as a temporary church, Father Scieszka was given a vacant building from St. Hyacinth. This small frame structure - a little larger than the ordinary family residence - was moved across Milwaukee and Belmont Avenues to Lawndale Avenue at Roscoe Street.



ORIGINAL FRAME CHURCH
The Faithful leaving after First Mass - 1912

Just three months later, in September, 1912, Father Scieszka celebrated the first Mass at St. Wenceslaus parish. A full church of grateful parishioners joined with their pastor in offering to God the greatest of thanks - Christ's Mass. Readily can you imagine the great thrill for Sylvester Wleklinski and Thomas Slapinski, our first Altar Boys, as they led Father Scieszka to the altar for the first official Mass at St. Wenceslaus Church. It was on this particular morning that Park View had another Church! The simple, humble frame residence became God's House of Prayer for the people of this new northwest community. Even though it was to be just a temporary arrangement, it was "our Church" for the happy residents. With all the fervor of pioneers in their new Church, St. Wenceslaus Parish began to give public praise and honor to their Heavenly Shepherd.

Even while they were moving their first church to its new foundation, Father Scieszka and his people tackled another serious problem - a school for the education of their children. They worked rapidly! On the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, August 15, 1912, Father Scieszka turned the first shovel of ground for a combination church and school building. All of this was happening on Lawndale Avenue just north of the corner occupied by the temporary church.

*In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Margaret M. Brooks
Offered By*

J. Phillips Brooks and Mary Anne C. Brooks

*In Loving Memory of
Mr. John Ciszek and Sons, Constant and Walter
Offered By
Mrs. Mary Ciszek*

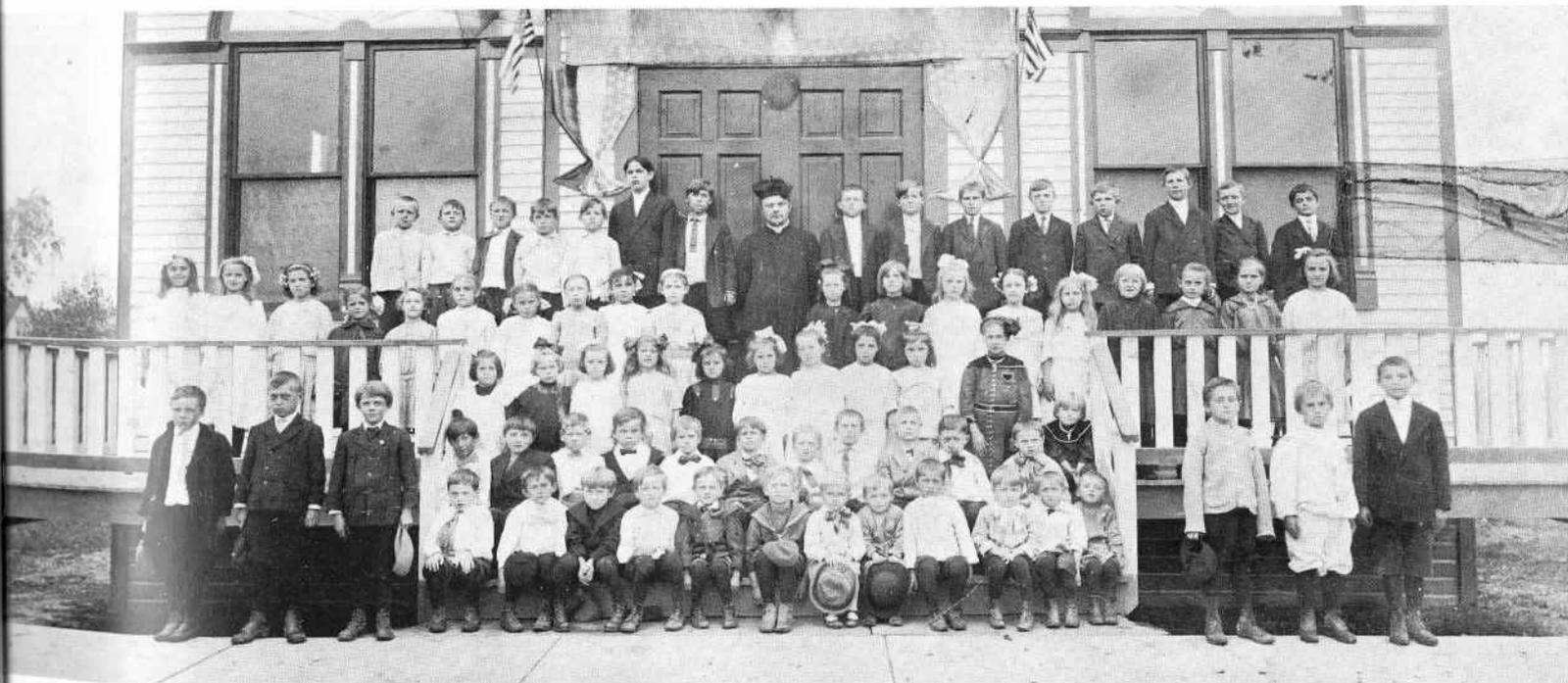
St. Wenceslaus Parish was well on its way! Father Scieszka was a busy priest. Besides his organizational and administrative anxieties, he was most interested in his flock's spiritual needs. Early church records show that Valerie Rose Walinski, daughter of Stanislaus and Helen Walinski, was the first child baptized at St. Wenceslaus. This first baptism was dated September 1, 1912. One month later, October 2, 1912, Father Scieszka led Bronislaus Jozwiak and Sophia Bartnik in the repetition of the marriage vows, the first marriage at St. Wenceslaus.

From August 15 on, everyone in the neighborhood watched the daily progress on the new combination church and school. With the New Year, -1913- came new activity. On January 5, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Paul P. Rhode, D.D., blessed the corner-stone. This was a memorable day as Bishop Rhode, assisted by our own Father Scieszka and Fathers S. Nawrocki, F. Wojtalewicz, J. Szczypta, R. Appelt, J. Pajkowski and B. Orlemanski, asked God's Blessing and Protection for this edifice. Bishop Rhode, that morning, paid the highest

A picture of the original Church and school with Father Ferdinand Scieszka the founding Pastor and some of the first students.

praise to Father Scieszka and his people for the energetic and rapid growth of St. Wenceslaus Parish.

Twenty-two months after the first spade of earth was turned - and just ten months after the blessing of the cornerstone - the new Church and School was completed. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 14, 1914, His Excellency, Bishop Rhode returned to dedicate the new Church, School, Convent and Parish Hall. Before the Solemn Pontifical Mass, Father Scieszka and his newly appointed assistant, Fr. James Szprenga, together with Fathers S. Hosinski, A. Chrzaszcz, A. Furman, S. Nawrocki and F. Wojtalewicz, joined the Bishop in blessing the new building. This particular Sunday was made even more eventful when St. Wenceslaus rejoiced with its "First Communicants" and "First Confirmandi." A class of fifty tiny children were the pioneers of all First Communicants at St. Wenceslaus; one hundred twenty faithful souls were confirmed during the afternoon. Truly, the heavens poured the Sacramental Graces of God upon the people of St. Wenceslaus on Sunday, June 14, 1914.



*In Loving Memory of
Paul M. Cocot
Offered by
Mrs. Marie J. Cocot, Rev. Thaddeus R. Cocot and
Donald P. Cocot*

*In Loving Memory of
John and Victoria Wlodarek
Offered By
Mr. & Mrs. John Dorsch*

Very shortly after the first Mass, in 1912, the pastor had asked for and received the help of the Felician Sisters to operate St. Wenceslaus School. Sister Mary Dunstana was the first Superior and Principal. A week after the acceptance by the Felician Sisters, classes began. Two makeshift classrooms were set up in the frame church building to accommodate the full two hundred eighty pupil enrollment. All early records seem to indicate that the upper grades were taught in the morning and the lower grades in the afternoon. In June, 1914, St. Wenceslaus School gave its first diplomas to Edward Kaczmarek, Irene Bartnik, John Adamowski and Frances Dorsch.



The graduating class of 1915 with the founding Pastor, Father Ferdinand Scieszka.

The Diocese of Chicago lost its shepherd when Archbishop Quigley died, July 10, 1915. However, the Apostolic Delegate in Washington announced, December 9, the appointment of the Most Reverend George W. Mundelein, D.D., as the new Archbishop. Shortly after his coming to Chicago, Archbishop Mundelein gave permission to Father Scieszka to purchase a two-flat building as a temporary priests' home. Now, by 1916, St. Wenceslaus had the old temporary church, a new combination Church and School and Convent building, and the newly acquired rectory.

On May 22, 1918, Archbishop Mundelein paid his first canonical visit to St. Wenceslaus Parish. He administered the Sacrament of Confirmation and imparted his personal blessing upon the people of the parish. A year later, in June 1919, Fr. Joseph Sehnke was assigned as an assistant, replacing Father Szprenga.

In May 1923, The Archbishop assigned Fr. Theodore J. Czastka as the new pastor, replacing the founding pastor of St. Wenceslaus, Fr. Ferdinand Scieszka. Shortly after Father Czastka arrived, two new assistants were assigned: Fr. E. Przybylski and Fr. W. Paschke. With renewed vigor, activity at St. Wenceslaus took the spotlight. Father Czastka, fully cognizant of the ninety-seven thousand dollar parish debt (and convinced of the inadequate convent facilities), determined to raise funds for a new Sisters' home. Up to this time, the sisters occupied two class rooms in the combination building. By September 1923, work began on the convent. The following year the sisters moved into their new home: a brick building along the architectural line of the combination Church and School, with twenty-one individual rooms for the sisters, a beautiful chapel, a community room, kitchen and all the other necessary accommodations.



*In Loving Memory of
Deceased of Wolniewicz and Ginter Families
Offered By
Mrs. Stella Ginter*

*In Loving Memory of
Husband, Irvin Greenberg
Offered By
Julia Greenberg*



The Goodfellowship Club, - a social and athletic club for the young folk at St. Wenceslaus Parish - organized in 1923

Church and Sister's Convent - 1924

The progressive spirit and enthusiasm of the parish, together with the natural physical growth of the neighborhood, posed a new serious problem - the two classrooms in the old frame church structure and the classrooms in the combination building had become inadequate. As the school enrollment grew, the faculty grew. By March

1925, school facilities were too small. Once again Father Czastka gathered funds and began the construction of an addition to the combination Church and School building. On November 15, 1925, Bishop E. F. Hoban, D.D., blessed and dedicated this new school addition of eight classrooms and a principal's business office.



School Entrance - 1925

Breaking ground for Sister's Convent. Revs. T. Czastka, E. Przybylski and J. Paschke. - November, 1923

*In Loving Memory of
Reverend Laddie Jasinski
Offered By
Mrs. Nettie Jasinski*

*In Loving Memory of
Stanley Jasinski
Offered By
Mrs. Nettie Jasinski*

At about this time St. Wenceslaus Parish and the pastor were honored by a personal visit from the Primate of the Catholic Church in all of Russia. On December 4, 1925, His Excellency, Archbishop J. Cieplak, D.D., Archbishop of Vilno, Poland, came to give his blessings to the people of St. Wenceslaus. History attests the excellence of Archbishop Cieplak as a living martyr for the cause of Christ and as eye-witness of unbelievable atrocities and brutalities against the Catholics in Russia. The people of St. Wenceslaus were honored with his presence in their midst.

Having provided the comfortable essential buildings for the people, the sisters and the children, Father Czastka deemed it opportune to erect another permanent building. The parish needed an adequate rectory (living and working quarters) for their priests. With another display of untiring and unselfish sacrifice, the people and priests of St. Wenceslaus busied themselves with raising funds for the rectory. In 1926, ground was broken on the corner of Roscoe and Monticello. By early 1927 the rectory was completed. With this success the building program was most worthy of



Priests' Home - 1927

great comment: St. Wenceslaus had a combination church and school, a convent and a rectory. However, only the addition to the school, the convent and the rectory were paid for. The parish still had its original debt of \$97,000. The untiring zeal and devotion of the people and their priests were harnessed into a major effort to clear the debt. It took four years; and in 1931 the strain was removed - the debt was paid and St. Wenceslaus could look to the future for a new permanent church.



Tennis Courts set up on parish grounds in the Summer of 1927

In June of 1928 the Diocese had made personnel changes: Fathers V. Sekulski and J. Owczarek replaced Fathers J. Sehnke and W. Paschke. Moreover, memorable visits to St. Wenceslaus were made by Bishop Sheil and Bishop Bona: On Sept. 12, 1929, Bishop Sheil, the famous sponsor of the Catholic Youth Organization in Chicago, made his first visit to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and to visit Father Czastka and his assistants; In March of 1932, shortly after his consecration as Bishop of Grand Island, Nebraska, The Most Rev. S. V. Bona, D.D., visited the parish and assisted at Benediction Services. Father S. Ryzner replaced Father Sekulski in June of 1932.

*In Loving Memory of
John J. Kaminski
Offered By*

Mrs. Leonarda Kaminski, Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Kaminski and Dr. & Mrs. John J. Kannin

*In Loving Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Kanabay, Sr.; Clara D.; Marguerite
M.; Edward J., Jr.; and Richard Kanabay
Offered By*

*Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. Kanabay and Family . . . Mary, Thomas,
Carol, Richard, Nancy, Roberta, Gary and Michael*

Seemingly, each successive year had its highlight. The year 1933, was a Silver Jubilee Year - not of the parish but of the Pastor's ordination to the priesthood. On June 11, Father Czastka commemorated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination with a group of his family, friends and parishioners. The jubilarian offered a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving assisted by his curates, Frs. John Owczarek and Stanley Ryzner. Fr. Paul Sobota acted as master of ceremonies. Fr. L. A. Jasinski delivered the sermon. That same evening at the graduation services in the school hall, all the parishioners joined in extending their grateful wishes to Father Czastka.

Two memorable days highlighted 1934: On April 4, Gen. J. Haller, Commander-in-chief of the Polish Army in France paid a personal visit to St. Wenceslaus; On November 25, the first Cardinal of the west, George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, re-visited St. Wenceslaus to honor one of our parishioners. He knighted Mr. Paul Drymalski with the great honors of the Order of St. Gregory. This singular honor

conferred upon one of her parishioners will long be remembered by St. Wenceslaus.

An important ecclesiastical event of 1935 was the visit of the Most Rev. W. D. O'Brien, D.D., to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on December 8. During this year the building activities at St. Wenceslaus had been resumed. A vestige of the parishioners' attachment to their original church structure was preserved by remodeling it into a club house for the young people. With its converted interior and new outer dress of brick, it became the home of the "Bell Tower Club," an athletic and social organization formally activated in 1937.

Another Jubilee milestone and high point of parish history up to that time, was celebrated throughout almost all of 1937: the Silver Jubilee Year of St. Wenceslaus Parish. The calendar of events extended the rejoicing from March to December. The celebration built up to the climax thru parish activities: a fashion show and card party; a dance; a picnic; a bazaar. Two Solemn Jubilee Thanksgiving Masses were celebrated October 24: at 10:30 and at 12 o'clock noon. Fr. Stanley Ryzner,



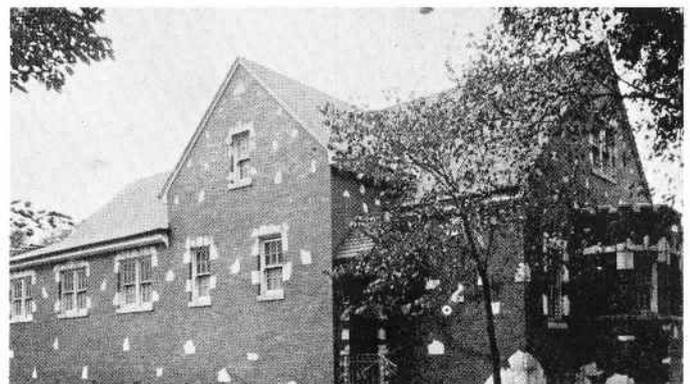
The procession from the rectory for the Mass of thanksgiving upon the Silver Jubilee of ordination of Father Theodore Czastka, in 1933



The "old" St. Wenceslaus Church decorated for the Silver Jubilee in 1937



His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein confers Knighthood upon Mr. Paul Drymalski, 1934.



Bell Tower Club House, 1935.

*In Loving Memory of
Stanley Kledzik and Gertrude
Offered By
Mrs. Stella Kledzik*

*In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Catharine Rzaca
Offered By
Mr. & Mrs. Bruno Kompel*



The official Staff of the Bell Tower Club in 1937. The Bell Tower Club was a social and athletic club for the young people of St. Wenceslaus.

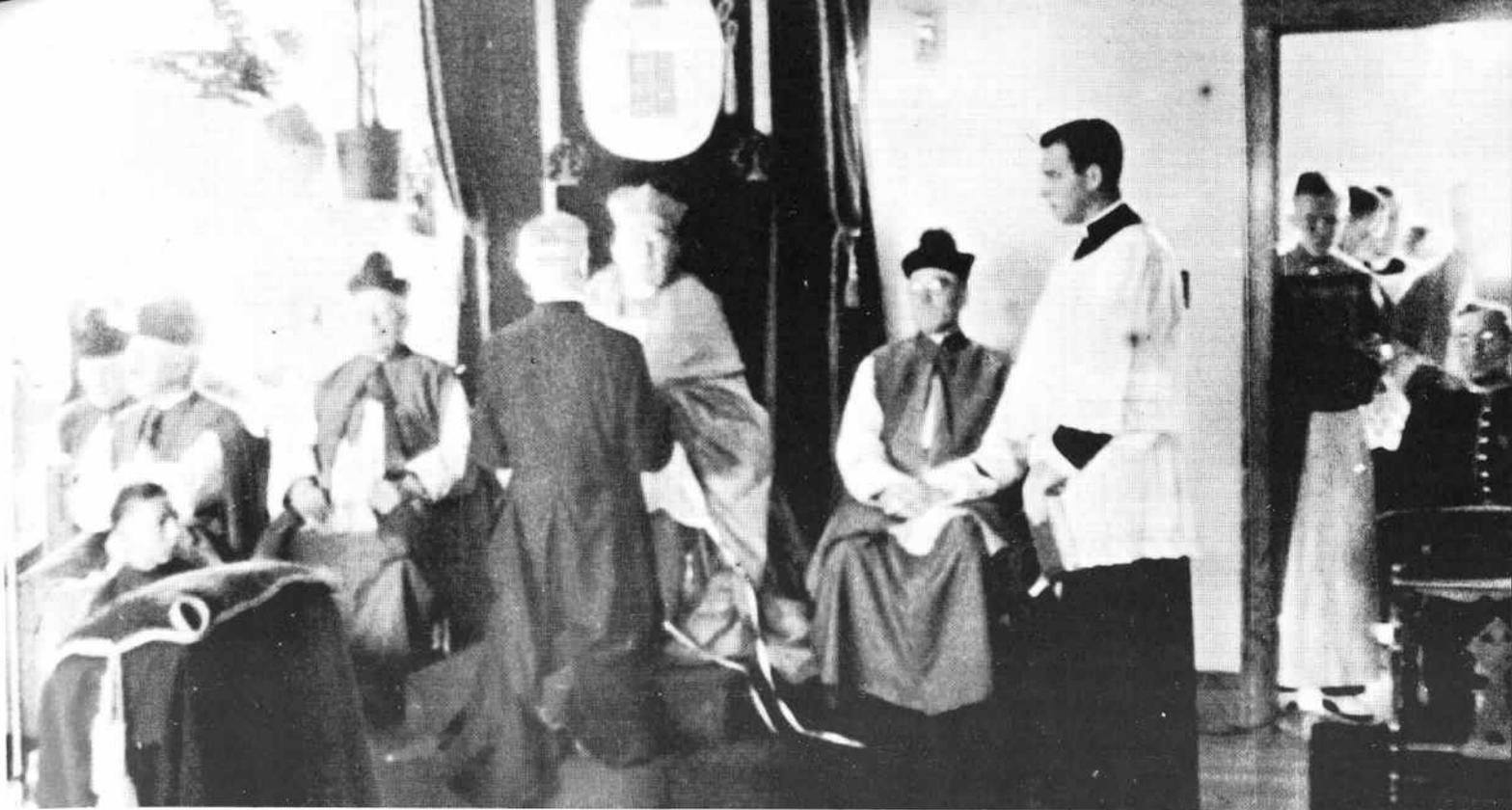
The St. Cecilia Choir of St. Wenceslaus at a Sacred Concert in April, 1935

assisted by Frs. Casimir Kuszynski and Menceslaus Madaj, celebrated the 10:30 Mass; with Fr. L. A. Jasinski as Master of Ceremonies. Fr. Wm. Paschke delivered the sermon and the Rev. Pastor was the Benediction Celebrant. A jubilee Procession preceeded the 12:00 climactic Mass. Fr. J. Owczarek was the Celebrant, assisted by Fathers Ryzner and L. Czyl; Fathers C. Kuszynski and J. Wisniewski were Masters of Ceremonies. The Most Rev. B. J. Sheil, D.D., honored St. Wenceslaus with the Jubilee Sermon and Benediction. Fathers J. Sehnke and R. Kelley were his chaplains. The entire parish closed the day with a Jubilee Banquet and a dance at the Lake Shore Club. The next day, the deceased members of the parish were remembered at a Solemn Requiem Mass. A fitting close to nearly a year of Jubilee tribute was a two-weeks Mission, November 28 to December 12. A Silver Jubilee Commemoration Book was published to record the specific events, people and friends of the first twenty-five years of St. Wenceslaus Parish.



*In Loving Memory of
Harry J. Korzeniewski
Offered By
Mrs. Sophia Korzeniewski*

*In Loving Memory of
Peter Misewicz
Offered By
Mrs. Pauline Misewicz and Family*



Cardinal Mundelein bestows the honor of "Monsignor" upon Father Czastka in 1938 . . .



A group of St. Wenceslaus ladies with the Pastor, Msgr. T. Czastka, in the national Red Cross Drive in 1939.

The parishioners of St. Wenceslaus were very pleased when, in June of 1938, Cardinal Mundelein had announced that the Holy Father had honored their beloved pastor, Father Theodore Czastka, by bestowing upon him the honor of Right Reverend Monsignor.



The opening of the school library by Msgr. T. Czastka in 1940.

In the early morning hours of Ash Wednesday, 1939, fire broke out in the boiler room of the Church and School building. The spreading flames burned through the ceiling into the Sacristy and Sanctuary of the Church, completely destroying the main altar. Quickly, the damaged section was restored and church services were resumed in the building. This year, in September, also marked the death of His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein. Another event which brought sorrow to the parishioners was the invasion of Poland, September 13.

*In Loving Memory of
Theresa Pawelkiewicz
Offered By
Mr. Conrad W. Pawelkiewicz*

*In Loving Memory of
Henry A. Sowka
Offered By
Wife, Mary R. Sowka*



A quarter century of devoted work by priests, sisters and parishioners at St. Wenceslaus was celebrated by the Silver Jubilee, but the first promise of the fulfillment of the dreams and hopes of all occurred March 27, 1940: ground was broken for the new St. Wenceslaus Church. Work progressed rapidly and the corner stone was laid July 21, 1941 in the presence of a large concourse of priests and people by His Excellency, The Most Rev. W. D. O'Brien, D.D.

Pictures of the ground-breaking for the new St. Wenceslaus Church, - March 27, 1940



*In Loving Memory of
Joseph A. Spirodek
Offered By
Mrs. Helen M. Spirodek*

*In Loving Memory of
Mary Tracz
Offered By
Mr. Valentine Tracz
And Daughter, Wanda*



Pictures of the laying of the corner-stone for the new church on July 21, 1941. -- Bishop William O'Brien officiated.

Two more scenes of the blessing of the corner-stone of the new Church . . .



*In Loving Memory of
the Deceased of the Kokosinski Family
Offered By
Mr. Mary Trzinski*



Christmas Night, 1941, was a bright night for St. Wenceslaus parishioners despite the clouds of world conflict which were disrupting the lives of many families. Midnight Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Pastor, Msgr. Czastka and his assistants. This was the first official service in the new church -- the first Mass in a permanent church structure undertaken under the supervision of His Excellency, The Most Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, D.D., the fourth Archbishop of Chicago, who came to our Archdiocese March 7, 1940. His Excellency (later to become the second Cardinal of Chicago) had given his consent and blessing for the new church as one of his first official acts. The altars of this beautiful new edifice were consecrated in April of 1942 by Bishop O'Brien three months less than a year after he laid the cornerstone.



*In Loving Memory of
Anthony and Constance Wojciechowski
Offered By
The Children*

June 7, 1942, Dedication of the new St. Wenceslaus Church by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop, will undoubtedly be the most glorious and memorable day recorded in the history of the parish. At the ceremonies of the Dedication:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Samuel Alphonsus Stritch, D.D., Archbishop of Chicago - presided.

Assistants to the Archbishop at the throne:

Ass't. Priest - Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. Purcell
Deacon - Rev. Joseph Sehnke
Sub-Deacon - Rev. Valentine Belinski
Master of Ceremonies - Rev. James Hardiman

Officers of the Mass:

Celebrant - Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Mielcarek,
Ph.D.
Deacon - Rev. Francis Uzdrowski, C.R.
Sub-Deacon - Rev. Vincent Sekulski
Master of Ceremonies - Rev. Casimir Kuszynski

Sermon: His Excellency, The Archbishop

This beautiful and inspiring edifice would be a comfort and a haven of prayer during the trying days of World War II, and of the following years of cold war and world-wide tensions. The happy, but solemn, Day of Dedication was commemorated by the publishing of a book which recorded the history of St. Wenceslaus Parish.

The church in the years following would be the scene of countless Masses, Confessions, Communion, Sacramentals, public services and private prayers and meditations. These would add up to an awesome number of spiritual dedications. A record of the Sacramental life of the parish will be found on page 77. Another outstanding record of the devotion of our parishioners, is the number of them who have taken the vows of priesthood and sisterhood. These servants of God are listed on page 83.

A complete record is not available of those from St. Wenceslaus who served their country, many of whom gave their lives, during two World Wars and the Korean conflict. These loyal parishioners will be forever remembered in the hearts, prayers and Masses of the parish. Starting with



The present St. Wenceslaus Church, - showing its main entrance and the steeple.

*In Loving Memory of
Joseph and Catherine Zabinski*

*In Loving Memory of
Mr. Louis F. and Mrs. Pearl Niespodziany
Offered By
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Zimm and Family*



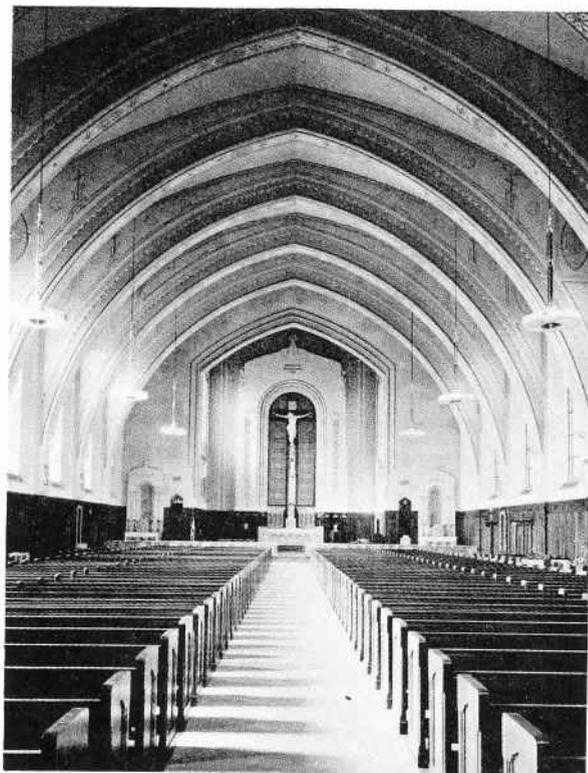
The Purgatorial Shrine on the Gospel side of the Church . . .
 Showing Our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of all graces,
 helping the Souls in Purgatory

Statue to the left is St. Francis
 Statue to the right is St. Anthony

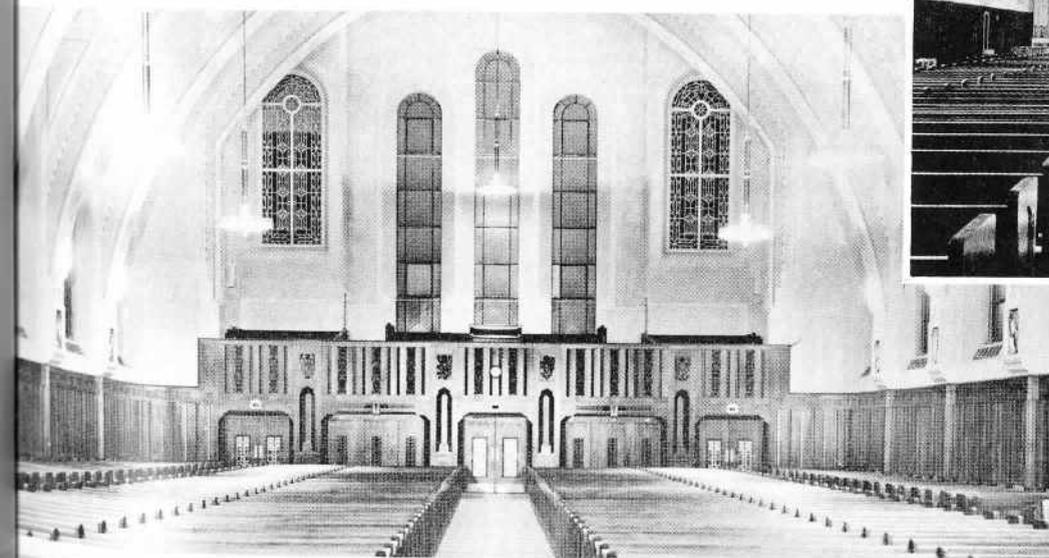
the invasion of Poland, Sept. 1, 1939, the people of St. Wenceslaus determined to offer their prayers to God and to their patron saints asking for peace and justice. Prayers were redoubled after Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941, which marked the direct military involvement of our nation. From then on, public effort as well as spiritual means marked parish activities. Those not called to service participated in the name of St. Wenceslaus



The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
 Statue to the left is St. Therese
 Statue to the right is St. Andrew Bobola



Interior views of the Church.



*In Loving Memory of
 Roman and Leon Ziolo
 Offered By
 Mrs. Sophia Ziolo*

*In Loving Memory of
 Mary Zygmunt
 Offered By
 Mr. John Zygmunt, Joseph Zygmunt, Mr. & Mrs.
 Henry Zygmunt and Children . . . Karen, Kenneth,
 Gary and Gerard*



One of the great activities of St. Wenceslaus Parish was in conjunction with the Nation's Bond Drive . . . even our children collected to help their country.



Recessional after Father Laddie Jasinski's Silver Jubilee Mass.

Parish in Red Cross and Bond Drives, as well as in the myriad of other things civilians could do to support their men and women in service. The dark war clouds were brightened on June, 6, 1944 - D-Day. The restrained jubilation of V-E Day, May 7, 1945, gave way to dancing in the streets and prayers of thanksgiving in the church on V-J Day, Sept. 2, 1945. Many of the men and women of the parish found it necessary to join other young people, just coming of age, to go back into the service of our country during the Korean conflict, which erupted in 1950 and continued into 1953.

Many things - some religious, some not - outside St. Wenceslaus Parish were instrumental in shaping the lives of the parishioners. Through the years, four Catholic high schools were built to which the parish made direct monetary contributions: Alvernia (girls), 1924; St. Patrick's (boys), 1953; Madonna (girls), 1958; Gordon Tech (boys), 1960. Of great effect on the parish, was the planning and construction of the Northwest Expressway, which sliced through the eastern part of the area. This forced the relocation of about 350 families, many of whom found it necessary to settle outside the parish.

During the month of May, 1953, Cardinal Stritch rewarded the Rev. Pastor, Msgr. Czastka, for his tireless efforts by bestowing the honor of Protonotary Apostolic upon him. At this time the Monsignor was also appointed a Diocesan Consultant, a position he still holds.



Bishop Bernard J. Sheil in one of His visits for the Sacrament of Confirmation after 1953 . . .



Mr. Louis Niespodziany, our great organist . . . known as Mr. Nespo.

The twenty years following the completion of the new church sped by quickly. Numerous events of vital interest to the parish occurred, some of the more significant of which will be noted here. An important medium in keeping the parish history of St. Wenceslaus up to date is the Park View Topics, the Sunday Bulletin, issued in its present form for the first time in Sept. 1956.

The start of a campaign was made by the parishioners May 12, 1957, to build a \$30,000 fund for the purchase and installation of stained glass windows in the church. St. Wenceslaus has long been favored with an outstanding choir. It had the services, for thirty-four years of one of the best church organists in the city, Louis "Mr. Nespo" Niespodziany. The parish was doubly saddened when he died, Nov. 13, 1957. He was succeeded, officially, on Dec. 8 by Marty Konwinski, a product of St. Wenceslaus School. It is noted that during the year of 1957, Fr. John Owczarek, a

former assistant at St. Wenceslaus, was elevated to the title of Monsignor in recognition of his pioneering efforts as pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish on the far South Side.

June 15, 1958, the parish celebrated with Monsignor Czastka his Golden Jubilee to the priesthood. He was ordained in 1908. He served as pastor of St. Wenceslaus for thirty-five years. On this same day, at the 11:30 Mass, the newly installed stained glass windows were blessed by Monsignor Burke, Chancellor of the Archdiocese. Pursuant to the wish of the pastor that he not be given any material gift, the parishioners offered a gigantic Spiritual Bouquet of: 3830 Masses; 3024 Communion; 1264 Stations of the Cross; 3552 Visits; 38915 Ejaculations; 7387 Rosaries; 11461 other prayers.

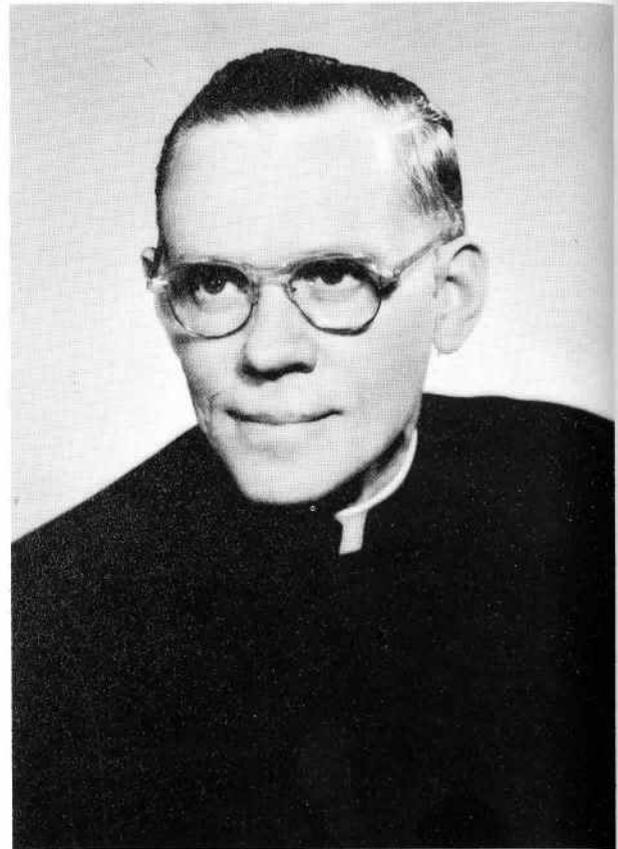
Chicago's beloved Samuel Cardinal Stritch was transferred to Rome, March 1, 1958, having been appointed Pro-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. His sudden illness and quickly following death on May 27, had an especially saddening effect on the people of St. Wenceslaus, where he was held in special esteem because of his connection with the approval for the building of the new church.

A Parish Mission was conducted by the Fathers of the Congregation of Resurrectionists, Sept. 14 to 27, 1958. Shortly thereafter Catholics throughout the world were saddened by the death of Pope Pius XII, Oct. 9, 1958. On Oct. 25, Cardinal Roncalli became Pope John XXIII. Another date of significance to the parish, and all Chicago Catholics, was the appointment of Archbishop Albert Meyer of Milwaukee to the Chicago Archdiocese. He was installed in the office, Nov. 16, 1958 and elevated to Cardinal, Dec. 14, 1959.

A public honor accorded the parish was the presentation, Sept. 25, 1960, of a flag, with 50 stars, which had flown over the United States Capitol Building on the 4th of July. It was presented by Congressman Roman Pucinski.

St. Wenceslaus parishioners rejoiced with Fr. Chester Konsowski at his Silver Jubilee celebration, April 23, 1961. He was ordained to the priesthood, April 18, 1936. Father Konsowski had been assigned to St. Wenceslaus for two separate periods, the first for seven years and the present assignment began in 1952. The parish was saddened by the death, June 12, 1961 of Fr. L. A. (Laddie) Jasinski. Father Laddie had served St. Wenceslaus for over thirty years, and had handled much of the clerical and administrative duties, thus freeing the pastor and assistants to do a larger amount of spiritual works in the interest of St. Wenceslaus. June 30, 1961 marked the start of the one year of service to St. Wenceslaus of Organist Charles Ohzourk, during the absence of Marty Konwinski. Upon Mr. Konwinski's return from military service, Organist Ohzourk went to serve St. Josaphat's Church. Also during 1961, on October 19, Sister Cherubim died. The parish mourned for this wonderful teacher who had been at St. Wenceslaus since the summer of 1941.

The year, 1962, which was to see the Golden Jubilee observance, had an early happy occurrence when Father Tom Bradtke returned to say his first public Mass. Father Bradtke, a St. Wenceslaus product, was ordained April 28.



Father Ladislaus A. Jasinski
Died, June 12, 1961



Father Jasinski offering one of his many Masses at St. Wenceslaus.

During the summer of this year, of the Golden Jubilee, 1962, the parish machinery for a proper and happy observance was set in motion. Oct. 7 was the beginning of the week-long Jubilee Celebration. The eight days which ended Oct. 14 with a Solemn Mass at 11:30 and a parish banquet at McCormick Place in the evening. On the following pages is a pictorial review of the celebration.

Mr. George Hoffman and Mother

Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Babiarz, Robert E. and Anna Mae

Mr. & Mrs. John Babiarz

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GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fifty years ago, in June of 1912, His Excellency, The Most Rev. James E. Quigley, D.D. commissioned the Rev. Ferdinand C. Scieszka to organize and establish St. Wenceslaus Parish. Only two pastors have served the parish in this span of fifty years, Father Scieszka and Monsignor Theodore Czastka. The formal celebration of The Golden Jubilee Year of St. Wenceslaus Parish, began September 14, and concluded October 21, 1962.

CALENDAR OF JUBILEE EVENTS

Sept. 14th, -- 6 PM.

Solemn High Mass for all the Clergy of the World, - especially for all the priests who ever served at St. Wenceslaus during the past fifty years

Sept. 21st, -- 6 PM.

Solemn High Mass for all the Religious, - Sisters and Brothers from St. Wenceslaus, - as well as for all the Sisters who ever served here.

Sept. 23rd,

Opening Day of our Annual Forty Hours Devotion. Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day long. Evening services at 7:30 PM - Confessions after services.

Sept. 24th,

Second Day of the Forty Hour Devotions. Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day long. Evening services at 7:30 PM - Confessions after services.

Sept. 25th,

Closing Day of Forty Hour Devotions. Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day long. Solemn High Mass at 7:30 PM, - with the solemn procession of closing after Mass.

Sept. 28th, -- 6 PM.

Solemn High Mass for all of the children of our Parish. -- Sung by the entire congregation.



Oct. 2nd thru Oct. 9th

A Novena of Masses and services will be held for the success of the Ecumenical Council.

EVERY EVENING: - at 6 PM a High Mass with Polish Sermon. At 7:30 PM English Prayers and sermon with Benediction of Blessed Sacrament. One exception: - On Sunday, Oct. 7th, the novena prayers will be offered at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Oct. 5th, - 6 PM.

Solemn High Mass for all our Parishioners. Your personal intentions will be included in this Mass.

Oct. 11th, - 6 PM.

Solemn High Mass for the success of the Ecumenical Council. -- The Council opens in Rome on this day.

Oct. 12th, - 6 PM.

Solemn High Requiem Mass for all deceased Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay people of St. Wenceslaus Parish.

Oct. 13th,

Confessions will be heard from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, and from 7 till 9 in the evening. Everyone should receive Holy Communion the next day.

Oct. 14th, - AT NOON:

A Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the Golden Jubilee of St. Wenceslaus Parish.

Oct. 21st, - 6:30 PM.

Golden Jubilee Banquet at McCormick Place -- Dinner at 6:30



Scenes of the procession before and after the Golden Jubilee Mass.



LET US GIVE THANKS



Right indeed it is and just, proper, and for our welfare, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God; who with thy only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art one God, one Lord, not one as being a single person, but three Persons in one essence. Whatsoever by thy revelation we believe touching thy glory, that too we hold, without difference or distinction, of thy Son, and also of the Holy Spirit, - - - - in praise of which the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim too and the Seraphim, lift up their endless hymn, day by day with one voice singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Thy glory fills all heaven and earth. Hosanna in high heaven! Blessed is he who is coming in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in high heaven!

-- Preface from Sunday's Mass --

The Prayer of Thanksgiving being sung at the Golden Jubilee Mass on Sunday, October 14, -- The Celebrant is Father Louis Handze; the Deacon, Father Frank Koziol; the Sub-deacon, Father Thaddeus Cocot.





MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Celebrant: -- Rev. Louis Handzel

Deacon: -- Rev. Frank Koziol

Subdeacon: -- Rev. Thaddeus Cocot

Master of Ceremonies: --
Rev. Menceslaus Madaj

Thurifer: -- Thomas Kaminski

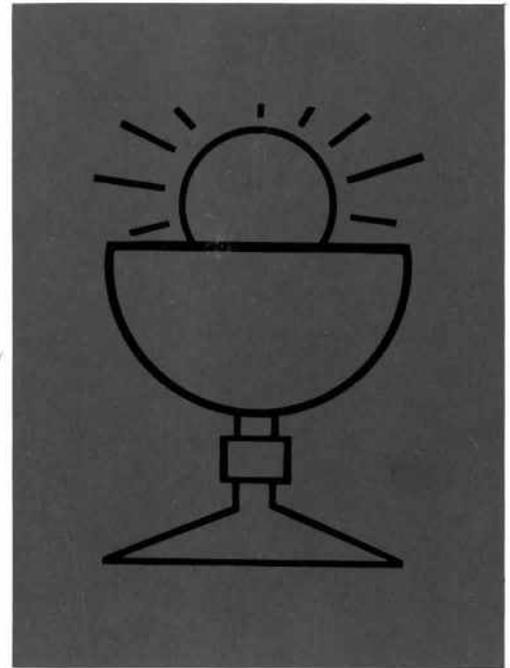
Acolytes: -- William Hintz
Stanley Pasko

Cross bearer: -- Thomas Rzepiela

Acolytes of the Cross: --
Stephen Pacer
Ronald Schultz

Sacristan: -- Thomas Kaczka

Sermon preached by:
Rev. Theodore Kaczorowski



The recessional after the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 14, 1962 . . . showing the Church full of Priests, Sisters, Parishioners and friends.



Mr. Philip Homow

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bartnicki

Bea's Beauty Salon



**GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS
OF THANKSGIVING**



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 14, 1962
NOON**



The beloved Pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Theodore Czaska, P.A., accepts the flowers from several of our school girls following the Golden Jubilee Mass on Sunday, October 14 . . . He is surrounded by the ministers of the Mass.

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The "incensation of the altar" at the Golden Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving.



The "Gospel scene" at the Golden Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving.

*Belmont Certified Foods
Louis and Joseph Caprile
3624 W. Belmont Ave.*

Mr. & Mrs. George Bielski, Robert and Teddi

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Iwan and Daughter, Stella

MUSIC OF THE MASS

Introit . . . Georgian Chant	Offertory Hymn . . . Jubilate Deo by Singenberger
Kyrie Eleison . . . Festival Mass by Joseph Gruber	Sanctus . . . Festival Mass by Joseph Gruber
Gloria . . . Missa "OQuamSuavis"byMcGrath	Agnus Dei . . . Mass in honor of St.Peter-Gruber
Graduale . . . Gregorian Chant	Communio . . . Gregorian Chant
Credo . . . Mass in honor of St.Peter - Gruber	Communion Hymn . . . O Esca Viatorum by Singenberger
Offertory . . . Gregorian Chant	Recessional . . . Christus Vincit(entire congregation)

CHOIR OF ST. CECILIA

OF ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

Directed by: Mr. Martin Konwinski, Jr.

Our Choir "in action" led by the organist, Martin Konwinski, at the Golden Jubilee Mass.



Mr. Stanley Howaniec and Daughter, Josephine

Mr. Charles R. Blaine, Sr. and Family

Mr. & Mrs. George F. Borchman



Processional for the Mass of Thanksgiving.



Mrs. Frank Jackowski

*Mr. & Mrs. Philip Bourke and Daughters,
Arlene and Gayle*

*Mrs. Mary Buczek and Daughters, Helen,
Josephine and Mrs. Agnes (Buczek) Bacher*



Some of the priests present at the "Priest and Sister Luncheon" following the Golden Jubilee Mass.

Left to right . . . Msgr. George Herdegen, Msgr. Frank Brackin, Msgr. Malachy Foley, Msgr. Ed Burke, Rev. John Grabowski, C.R., Rev. Paul Sobota, Msgr. Ignatius Renklewski, Rev. Louis Handzel and Rev. Aloysius Komosa

THE JUBILEE BANQUET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1962—McCORMICK PLACE



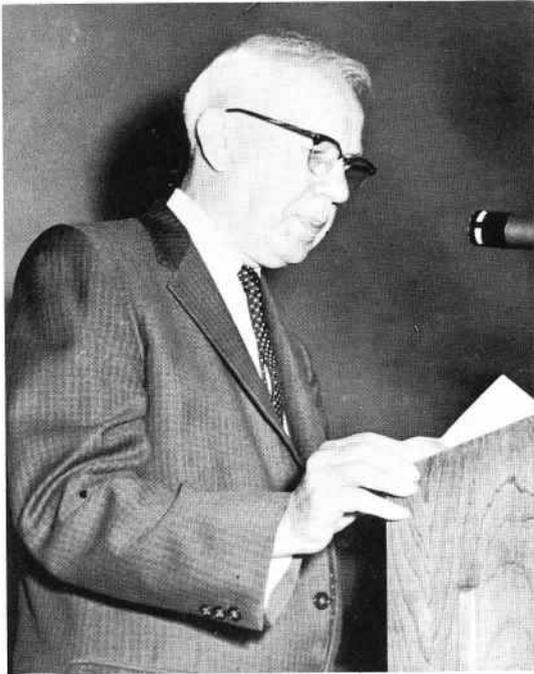
Father Casimir Kuszynski, a former assistant at St. Wenceslaus, was the Guest Speaker at the Golden Jubilee Banquet.



The "head table" — standing and leading the entire group present in a song at the Golden Jubilee Banquet.

*Camellia Florists
The Gryzik Family
3055 N. Milwaukee Ave.*

Mr. Andrew Cebelinski



Mr. John Przyborski was the lay representative and delivered his message of appreciation in the name of all parishioners at the Golden Jubilee Banquet.



Father Edward Brzozowski, one of the Assistants, after a humorous story.

THE PARISHIONERS TRIBUTE

Rev. Fathers, dear fellow-parishioners and guests; I am most happy and honored to be able to express my own sentiments on this great occasion. Having recently celebrated my own Golden Jubilee of marriage, I feel God has been doubly good to me in permitting this honor of celebrating also my parish's Golden Jubilee.

I speak of all my fellow parishioners when I express our sincerest thanks to our Cardinals, Bishops, Pastors, Priests and Sisters for all they have done for us in the past fifty years. We are proud of our Church of St. Wenceslaus. The entire community, - our homes and we ourselves are better because of St. Wenceslaus Church. Our Church has not only been our House of Prayer, but it has been the inspiration and the guide for all our families. We have been taught to live for God and with God, be it as a private citizen, as a father or husband or as a single lay person.

Only God can fully repay our Right Reverend Monsignor Theodore Czastka, P.A., for his 39 wonderful years as our Shepherd. Materially speaking, all of our beautiful buildings, the Church, the school, the convent and the rectory, stand as testimony of his ability as an administrator. Spiritually speaking, his own personal love for God and His Church have been our inspiration. Even to this day we can't help but feel that his priestliness brings for all of us many blessings from God. To all our priests and sisters we can simply say; "Thanks and may God bless you" . . . for teaching us the Way of Christ. Through your guidance we all become better children of God. Many have even followed Christ's footsteps as priests and sisters. Others, through higher education have become doctors, judges, lawyers, nurses, community leaders and successful businessmen. For everyone of us, St. Wenceslaus Church and school has had a deep influence.

As Golden Jubilarians, I'm sure you'll agree that there is no greater pleasure in later years than the memories of happy early years. We shall always treasure our happy memories of St. Wenceslaus Church.

We thank everyone, but above all, we thank Almighty God. For as Scripture teaches:

"This is the day that Our Lord has made" . . .

After this friendly evening together with our priests and fellow-parishioners, we can't help but go back home to enjoy even more the future anniversaries at St. Wenceslaus Church. -- My prayer on this happy day is simply this: "Thanks to Almighty God for making all this possible, -- and we beg that we may all grow closer to Him day by day through His Church and Our Church of St. Wenceslaus."

Delivered by Mr. John Przyborski
at the Jubilee Banquet.

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob J. Jacobsen

*The Chmura Family
Phil, Michaeline, Mike and Jimmy*

*Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Cholewczynski, Ray, Jr.
and Ann*



Father Chester Konsowski, the senior assistant, as he expressed his gratitude.



His Honor, Mayor Richard J. Daley, extending his felicitations to the parishioners at the Golden Jubilee Banquet.



The speakers' table of priests guests, l. to r. — Fathers Chester Konsowski, Menceslaus Madaj, Leonard Felczak, Edward Brzozowski, Thaddeus Cocot, Thomas Bradtke, Gregory Sulgit, Frank Wachowski, Casimir Kuszynski, Marion Matlak, Norbert Zawistanowicz, Edward Mika, Henry Swider and Felix Lata.



Carol March, a parishioner and WBBM songstress, who sang at the Banquet.



Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Cholewinski and Son, John

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kendziorski, Kathleen and Stevie

Ciesla Family

Walter, Josephine, Richard, Bernadine, Christine and Donald Buker



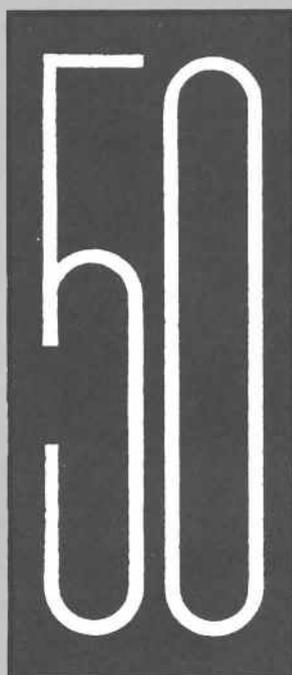
Tables of some of guests at the Parish Golden Jubilee Banquet at McCormick Place on Sunday, October 21, 1962.



*Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Ciessau, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Ciessau, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Ciessau*

*Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Ciszek and Daughter
Bel Park School of Music
3536 W. Belmont Ave.*

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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In every parish, spiritual, social, athletic, choral and civic organizations add opportunities for Christian and apostolic activities. St. Wenceslaus Parishioners had many opportunities to satisfy their own interests and help fellow-man through numerous parish groups. From its very first year through its Golden Jubilee Year, organizations have been the hub of activity; membership in any of them aided the individual to love and serve God and Country better.

To detail each group would take a volume and because some periodic groups never left established records, the lists would never be complete. From all available sources, these are the high-lights of organizational activity at St. Wenceslaus.

The first two organizations of St. Wenceslaus Parish were affiliated with the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. It seems a number of the men and women of the parish, seeking to aid each other and to provide some financial security, joined the then popular P.R.C.U. The men organized the St. Wenceslaus branch in Sept. 1912; one month later, the ladies banded together under the title of St. Anne.

ORGANIZATIONS' HISTORIES



Because "citizens clubs" for the civic welfare of its members were popular in 1912, one was organized at the parish. It was called the Citizens' Club of Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

To complete organizational activity of the first year, 1912 -- two more women's groups must be included: The Sabina Society and the Ladies' Rosary Sodality. The Sabina Society was affiliated with the Polish Women's Alliance, while the Rosary Sodality became the first truly parochial society whose sole interest was the spiritual welfare of the ladies of St. Wenceslaus Church.

February 18, 1913, marks the birth-day of the first choir unit at St. Wenceslaus. Mr. F. Pawlowski was the first director and placed this choral group under the banner and protection of St. Cecilia, the Patroness of Music.

In March of 1913, the Queen Kinga Club was organized. Its membership included the pious and generous ladies of the parish who were eager to help their priests. By their full support toward every parish activity, theirs was the honor of giving the parish the greatest financial help. The Polish Alma Mater group in the city established a branch at St. Wenceslaus Church under the title of St. Mary of Czestochowa Society, April 6, 1913.

The year of 1916 brought three new groups to the organization's list at St. Wenceslaus: a third branch of the P.R.C.U.; under the title of The Sacred Heart Society was organized -- devotees of St. Francis established a Third Order of St. Francis to imitate his great virtues; and the Choir added a junior group under the patronage of St. Hedwig.

The Women's Catholic Order of Foresters established their St. Martin's Court and the Young Ladies' Sodality was organized in 1917 - this seemed to end the initial surge to establish societies and clubs.

The progress of the parish was again evident in 1921 when a parochial branch of the Holy Name Society was initiated at St. Wenceslaus.

Shortly after the arrival of Father Czastka and his two assistants - Fathers Paschke and Przybylski in 1923 the youth of the parish was organized for their spiritual and social good. The first of the youth groups was the Good Fellowship Club of St. Wenceslaus. It was also Father Czastka who about this time reorganized the Rosary Sodality because of its continued growth. Besides arranging its present three branches, Father Czastka also had the sodality affiliated with the Archconfraternity of the Most Holy Rosary in Rome.

During the years 1925 through 1931 five more new organizations joined the St. Wenceslaus ranks - St. Genevieve Society and the Society of the White Eagle were two more units of the P.R.C.U. - High School and University students had organized the Students' Club. During the six years of its existence this group excelled in fostering an interest in literary and cultural studies. The final two groups were added to our original choir. Our new Director, Mr. Louis Niespodziany, in accordance with his great musical talents and sincere love for church music organized the St. Rose of Lima Choir in 1930 and a Boys' Choir in 1931.

To foster a sincere and mindful love for the souls in Purgatory among his parishioners, Father Czastka encouraged the founding of the Purgatorial Society. On October 3, 1933 the St. Wenceslaus Purgatorial Society became affiliated with the Archconfraternity of the Holy Souls in Rome. Also in 1933, Mr. Niespodziany added the St. Therese Choir to our growing choral family; and our youth benefited greatly from an extended athletic program in conjunction with the Catholic Youth Organization. The final addition during this "Chicago Worlds' Fair Year of 1933" was the beginning of the Boy Scout Movement of St. Wenceslaus.

The Catholic Order of Foresters established the St. Bruno Court at St. Wenceslaus in 1934. In the following year the Heritage Club was organized to keep alive all the customs and traditions close to the hearts of our forefathers. Continuing right

up to the year of the Silver Jubilee in 1937, a School Band, the Scouts' Drum and Bugle Corps and the Bell Tower Club rounded out a very fruitful 25 years of parochial organization.

Since 1937 - from time to time most of these organizations were re-charged with additional zeal and fervor. Some had served their specific purpose and therefore were dissolved. New groups were added as the changing times demanded them. This wonderful nucleus of parish groups together with the continual establishment of new organizations, as demanded by the progress of Holy Mother Church, the needs of the "fighting 40's" and the "Cold War 50's" made St. Wenceslaus a truly *active* parish.

All the adult groups moved forward with special emphasis on the spiritual purpose of every one of these parochial societies. Our youth was busy in all Scouting activities and the Chi-Rho Club. The needs of the Scouting Program was the worry and problem of the Scout Mothers Auxiliary. The obligation of lay activity was emphasized in every group. The need of religious training for Public High School students was taken over by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

As St. Wenceslaus Parish celebrates its Golden Jubilee it is best to honor the groups, which today, in 1962, are truly carrying on the traditions of their founders and earlier members. Truly, the societies here listed are a symbol of gratitude to those who have gone before, - and a proof that their efforts have not been in vain. Today - fifty years later - St. Wenceslaus is still a parish of organized activity.

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In listing the present organizations this preface is added: Surely the prime purpose of every group connected with St. Wenceslaus Church is "the salvation of souls," However, through specific means each group affords its members a variety of activity by which they participate or cooperate in the "action of our parish." —



The Holy Name Society Executive Board of the Golden Jubilee Year:

L to R. - BACK ROW: Hermann Hunthausen, Robert Borck, Mickey Skaja, Eugene Styka, Al Chmura, Harvey Plantz, Ted Kuby and Dave Kuczvara. MIDDLE ROW: Edward Czaczynski, Martin Szymczyk, Marion Kaminski, Steve Stec, Raymond Wagner, Joseph Rzepka, Chester Matusiak, Jerome

Rusch and James Fleming. FRONT ROW: Leonard Szopinski, Clarence Truitt, George Hoffman, President, Leo Postelanczyk, Charles Freiberg and Robert Kanabay

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society as such is an old Confraternity of the Catholic Church, having been established in 1274. Almost every parish tries to establish a branch of the Holy Name; it is often referred to as the "men's society" of the Church. All Holy Name members pursue two main objectives: honor for the Sacred Names of God and our Divine Saviour and the personal sanctification of the individual. Because of the apostolic nature of the Holy Name's activities, many Bishops have called the Society their right arm in church work. The Holy Name Society is truly an asset to St. Wenceslaus Parish.

Spiritually, all Holy Name members try to become men of God by frequent personal Communion -- by monthly corporate Communion -- devotions to the Holy Name of Jesus -- retreats, etc. To further Christianize their environment the Holy Name Society helps the delinquent, visits the sick, promulgates decent literature, opposes the indecent movies, etc.

Socially, monthly meetings with guest lecturers; instructive movies or smokers, - help the men relax and enjoy the company of their fellow men-friends. Occasional outings, such as golf tourneys, college football games and barn dances allow that "something different" which makes for an enjoyable social program.

Apostolically, the Holy Name members support every parish project. The St. Wenceslaus branch of the society has used its own talents and funds to remodel the parish hall; performed as landscapers; served as painters, plumbers and carpenters. They have purchased many of the necessary modern office machines and janitorial conveniences. Thus they have saved the parish many additional debts. They have provided financial aid to the C.C.D. movement together with the contests for school children of the parish and have arranged banquets for the school graduates and the altar boys. These attest to the wide scope of generosity and enthusiasm they have for helping the priests of St. Wenceslaus make a model parish.

All at St. Wenceslaus are indebted to the Holy Name Society. May all future officers advance even further along the wide path of activity paved by their predecessors.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul B. Czaja and Paulette

QUEEN KINGA SOCIETY

Early in the life of St. Wenceslaus Parish there was a dire need for an organized effort to raise funds for all its building and maintenance projects. Besides the usual appeals made by the priests of the new parish, the "ladies" realized that as a group they could better volunteer to help carry the financial burden of the church. This thought was the seed that blossomed into the Queen Kinga Society. Founded formally in March of 1915, its members' main goal was to raise funds to help shrink the mounting parish debt.

Through its forty-seven years of hard work, the Queen Kinga Society has fulfilled this original purpose. Every year, monies from their monthly meeting raffles and their annual fund raising affair are earmarked for parish use. Anyone can fully understand what a great help their continual contributions have been.

More than the monetary donations given to the parish, the Queen Kinga Society has developed in its members (and through them, in all parishioners) a generous spirit of sacrifice for their Church. In a very proportionate way the financial success of St. Wenceslaus was built through the continuous efforts of the society.

To obtain God's Blessings and help in all their efforts for His Church, the members do receive Communion as a group several times a year. Truly, members of the Queen Kinga Society are ladies with a love for God and one of His Churches, St. Wenceslaus.

Officers of the Queen Kinga Society for the Jubilee Year
 STANDING - l. to r. - Mrs. Helen Hope, Mrs. Adeline Czaczynski and Mrs. Marilyn Skaja. SITTING - l. to r. - Mrs. Helen Skaja, Mrs. Stephanie Korytowski, Mrs. Jean Czachor and Mrs. Lillian Adams



*Mr. & Mrs. Edward Janikowski,
 Daughters, Patricia and Diane,
 Son-in-law, Eugene and Daughter, Joan Jagielski*

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The Executive Board of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary in the Jubilee Year:

SITTING at table - l. to r. - Mrs. Novella Niecikowski, Mrs. Esther Bourke, Mrs. Dorothy Pacer, and Mrs. Stephanie Korytowski. STANDING - l. to r. - Mrs. Josephine Quick, Mrs. Lynn Kay, Mrs. Evelyn Nega, Mrs. Lillian Bartel, Mrs. Joan Ziebka, Mrs. Irene Rudolph and Mrs. Cecilia Boruta

SCOUT MOTHERS AUXILIARY

The Scout Mother's Auxiliary was founded to help finance all the scouting activity at St. Wenceslaus. Through the years the ladies have done exemplary work. Above all, their support has made all the efforts of the parish's scout leaders an easier task.

Besides their prime goal of helping the scouts, the Ladies Auxiliary has well exemplified the apostolic spirit in supporting all parish efforts. Their generous contributions to the good Sisters in the annual "Pantry Showers" are overshadowed only by their annual monetary gifts to the parish.

Moreover, the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary satisfies the social want of many of the ladies. Through many projects such as surprise parties; Mothers' Night; Fathers' Night; various demonstrations; cooking schools and the annual Bake Sale, the Auxiliary has been able to raise all the necessary funds for their parochial generosity and has also supplied the moments of relaxation that the ladies look for after hours of domestic chores.



Leaders of the Girl Scouts at St. Wenceslaus in the Golden Jubilee Year:

l. to r. - Mrs. Dorothy Keller, Mrs. Sylvia Wolowiec, Mrs. Mary Stec, Mrs. Florence Szymczyk and Mrs. Ann Hiero

*Mrs. Mary Ciszek and Family,
Irene, Lawrence, Edward, Alice,
John, Eugene and Francis*

Mrs. Mary Jasinski and Daughter, Lillian

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Czachor and Daughter, Frances



Presentation of the "Ad Altare Dei" awards to our Scouts in February of 1954.

Some more pictures of Scouting activity at St. Wenceslaus.

To further emphasize its spiritual purpose as a parish group, the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary does encourage a corporate Communion Sunday several times a year. This together with a monthly address by the Chaplain serves to impress all members with the motto "All for the Honor and Glory of God."

OUR SCOUTING GROUPS

Scouting has been a very popular activity at St. Wenceslaus all through the years. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Explorer Scouts have all had their years of action. The included photos show just a few of the many scouting affairs. Scouting at St. Wenceslaus not only provides the boys and girls with an educational and entertaining program, but it also encourages adult leadership. So many of the men and ladies have spent countless hours in teaching the youngsters the art of scouting; - to all of them the parish is most grateful.

By affiliating the scouts with the diocesan Catholic scouting program the leaders have been able to inspire the boys and girls with a greater love for their church. Scout Communion Sundays and participation in other religious ceremonies and processions have put proper emphasis on the spiritual preeminence in character formation. Like all parochial organizations, scouting too at St. Wenceslaus has one prime goal: namely to help us love God and save our souls.



Mrs. C. Jedrzejowski and Sons

*Mr. & Mrs. Edward Czachorowski,
Theresa, Thomas and Ann Mary*

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley B. Czachorowski



Officers of the Ladies Rosary Sodality of St. Wenceslaus Parish during the Jubilee Year:

I. to r. - Mrs. Adeline Dymarkowski, Mrs. Frances Kroll, Mrs. Anna Nadzieja and Mrs. Lillian Adams

LADIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

The oldest strictly spiritual society of St. Wenceslaus Church is the Ladies of the Holy Rosary Sodality. Father Scieszka fully realized his obligation to bring his people closer to God and so organized the sodality in the latter months of 1912. By fostering a love for our Blessed Lady and Her Rosary the ladies were inspired to follow Mary's example of virtue.

Our branch of the Rosary Sodality was affiliated with the Holy Rosary Sodality of the Dominican Order in Rome by Father Czastka shortly after his arrival at St. Wenceslaus. Because of this affiliation all members shared in all the good works of the Dominican Order and in many rich indulgences attached to certain spiritual exercises. Besides developing a personal love for Mary, every member is asked to recite a full Rosary (fifteen decades) once each week and to re-

ceive Holy Communion in the group every month on the First Sunday. Every member in good standing and under the usual conditions gains a Plenary Indulgence on the day of reception, on the first Sunday of the month and on the various Feast Days of Mary throughout the year as well as at the hour of death while invoking the Name of Jesus.

Even though all emphasis is placed on the spiritual formation of its members, a great loyalty to and love for their church motivates Sodality members to support all parish activities. Moreover, besides the offerings made for Masses for deceased members, the Rosary Sodality also contributed toward all altar furnishings.

The Rosary Sodality through fifty years of love for Mary has brought many graces and blessings to all of St. Wenceslaus Parish.

Mr. & Mrs. Willard Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dudek, Son Eugene and Daughter, Helen

Mrs. Mary Galinski, Ray and Irene

Three more spiritual societies for the ladies at St. Wenceslaus have brought abundant graces to the parish from God.

THE THIRD ORDER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Following the prescription of the Franciscan Fathers a branch of the third order was established at St. Wenceslaus in 1916. In a sincere effort to imitate Saint Francis and his love for God and fellowman the ladies have shared in the numerous indulgences granted to members. It is always an inspiration to all parishioners to see "the general absolution" for members of the Third order granted after Mass on certain feast days.

THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

The Purgatorial Society of the parish is affiliated with the Arch Confraternity of the Souls in Purga-

tory at Rome. In offering Masses and prayers for the souls in purgatory members keep alive in themselves a love for those called to their eternal rest, - they help the souls gain paradise and the members gain indulgences for themselves. One of the greatest conciliations for members of the Purgatorial Society is this: - a soul they have helped to get to heaven will always remember them when they themselves need help to leave purgatory.

THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The Apostleship of Prayer encourages its members to spread devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. By offering daily prayers, sacrifices and monthly Communion (on the first Friday of the month) to the Sacred Heart, members are assured of Christ's love for families and homes as well as the grace of final repentance for themselves. Members also pray each month for some special but definite intention of our Holy Father.

l. to r. - Mrs. Frances Cholewinski, President of the Third Order of St. Francis and the Apostleship of Prayer and Mrs. Apolonia Tomasiak, president of the Purgatorial Society.



Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Jurek and Son, William

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Golly

Mrs. Aniela Filip

THE CHI-RHO CLUB

The youth of St. Wenceslaus parish has always been well organized. In looking through the history of Church organizations, various clubs for teenagers are noted. Throughout the fifty years these groups have carried various titles, from the Catholic Youth Organization to the Young People's Sodality. In the Golden Jubilee year the teenage group of the parish is known as the Chi-Rho Club.

In its very title the Chi-Rho (which are the first two letters for the Greek word for Christ) explains its goal, that is, to bring the teenager to Christ. By means of various religious educational and social activities we hope to help boys and girls mature, with a love for Christ.

The Chaplain's talks, discussions, and monthly Communion Sundays are part of the spiritual training of the youthful souls. The social program

of the Chi-Rho is the most extensive of all parish organizations. Every possible Christian social activity is encouraged. Dancing, Sock Hops, Picnics, Sports, Beachparties, Movies, Pizza Treats and a host of other socials keep the young ladies and young men in the parish in good well chaperoned company. The measure of the Chi-Rho's success is well noticed by a developed sense of responsibility and reverence. A sense of responsibility is taught by placing the obligations for the group's success upon its own officers. It is true that respect is engendered by strict supervision.

The constant changing fads of youth and their own limited physical parochial facilities are a constant challenge to the leaders of youth. That is why St. Wenceslaus has always been proud of what its own young people have done to appreciate their church. They have grown to maturity with Christ in the Chi-Rho.

The Chi-Rho Club of St. Wenceslaus - Jubilee Year:
SITTING - l. to r - Gene Flores and Carol Kanabay.
STANDING - l. to r. - Terry Mielzynski, Adrienne Siwetz and Raymond Wagner



Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Kaczmarek



THE PARISH USHERS

Every parish has it's group of unsung heros, - the parish usher group. Ever since the first Mass at St. Wenceslaus in 1912 right up to the Golden Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving, hundreds of men have loyally served their God and their fellow parishioners as ushers. The usher group includes innumerable men who have made weekly sacrifices without receiving proper acknowledgement. Imagine how many ushers through these past fifty years have sacrificed early morning sleep to get to Church to serve their fellow parishioners at the early Masses. Whether it was early Mass, or the late evening services; whether it was winter or summer; whether it was a dry or wet day, they have always reported to serve their Master.

The St. Wenceslaus Parish Ushers of the Golden Jubilee Year: I. to r. - BACK ROW: Peter Pelke, Mickey Skaja, Bernard Skaja, Patrick Hotton, Chester Matusiak, Jack Skaja, Walter Pack and Eugene Styka. MIDDLE ROW: Andrew Cebelinski, Thomas Stopka, Leo Postelanczyk, Edward Janikowski, Henry Nowak, Walter Skorski, Henry Patzke, Harry Bartnicki and Raymond Wagner. FRONT ROW: James Fleming, Stanley Mach, Joseph Rzepka, Walter Kazmer, John Przyborski, Joseph Tadda, Martin Szymczyk and Richard Andrzejczak

In their zeal to keep proper respect and reverence in God's home, so many times they may have been ridiculed or criticized by the impatient. Yet all this they offer as part of their sacrifice for God's Church. Properly someone referred to the parish ushers as the silent, loyal soldiers of God's Kingdom.

In true tradition of their predecessors the present group continues their great services. They stand as exemplary men to every parishioner at St. Wenceslaus.

Mr. & Mrs. Luke Kaczmarek and Sons

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Gort and Robert

Fox & Fox, Architects and Engineers John Jay Fox, Jr.

THE SAINT CECILIA CHOIR

One of the riches of the Roman Catholic Church is it's music. When this music is used or sung well it serves as another means of inspiration toward greater personal love for God. At St. Wenceslaus music was always a sparkling jewel. Down through it's fifty years the choirs at St. Wenceslaus have been the envy of many Churches in the city. Everyone in Park View (and even throughout Chicago) admired the outstanding ability of Mr. Louis Niespodziany. His various

The St. Cecilia Choir of St. Wenceslaus Church - 1962
 BACK ROW- l. to r. - Ray Holwin Sr., Kaaren Ludtka, Christine Kotowicz, Ray Holwin Jr., Joseph Zygmunt, Allan Kulikowski, John Bronkala, Stanley Styrkowicz, Ronald Siebeck and Mary Annes. 3RD ROW - l. to r. - Thomas Grzesik, Donald Gwynar, Ann Holwin, Evelyn Kasper, Irene Krusinski, Christine Gray, George Grzesik and Bernadette Olichwier
 2ND ROW- l. to r. - Nancy Hunthausen, Roberta Schroeder, Rita Cwynar, Sandra Konieczny, Cathy Donnelly, Lillian Holwin, Mary Agnes Okar, Judy Siebeck and Florence Gray. 1ST ROW- l. to r. - Martin Konwinski, Director, Judith Tucholski, Christine Porwicz, Geraldine Stec, Florence Styka, Wanda Wojciechowski, Helen Brzezinski, Elaine Annes and Estelle Bronkala.

choirs honored God not only with excellent song in Church at Mass and services but also in numerous Sacred Concerts. These early groups had gained citywide attention.

When Mr. Martin Konwinski, the present choir director, took over after Mr. Niespodziany's death the choir's quality remained. Best proof of that was the magnificent rendition of music at the Golden Jubilee Mass. Today every worthy tradition established by the earlier groups is maintained and preserved by the St. Cecilia Choir of St. Wenceslaus Parish.

All choristers spend hours in difficult training and are rewarded with the personal satisfaction of knowing that they have offered to God the best gift possible - the Mass, in the best way possible, - by song.

We know that through all these years, and especially today, St. Cecilia, the patroness of the choir, was and is mighty proud of her songsters at St. Wenceslaus. This is the group that has given it's heart to God in song.



Mr. & Mrs. Walter C. Kazmer and James



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

One of the most recent activities at St. Wenceslaus is one of the most important - The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. One of the biggest reasons for "fallouts" in the Catholic Church is the failure to learn more about Christ's teachings. So many graduates from the parochial school terminated their religious instruction when they entered a public high school. That's why the church insisted that special classes be held for Catholic students in Public Schools, but the obligation to teach these students fell upon the shoulders of the lay people.

An appeal was made to the parishioners of St. Wenceslaus. Their response was most gratifying - the volunteer teachers, secretaries, home visitors and monitors were forthcoming. After completing a training course, classes began. The students were inspired even by the very presence of lay

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of 1962 -

1ST ROW: Richard Skonie, Lois Zyks, Terry Pietrzak, Darlene Parypinski, Joan Swiebocki and Beatrice Waltz. 2ND ROW: Chester Luka, Martin Szymczyk, Marie Richlowski, Mildred Behnke, Chester Matusiak, Edward Jagielko and John Olichwier. 3RD ROW: Paul Warren, Donald Kula, Charles Freiberg, Walter Simanowicz, Edward Marcinek, James Lewandowski, Walter Pudelek and William Markowski

teachers. To hear Christ's truths explained by one of their own made it seem even more important than ever before.

Even though it is still in it's infancy at St. Wenceslaus The CCD has had marvelous results. It is wonderful to know that the boys and girls of the parish, attending public high schools are continuing their religion course but even more satisfying to see the adult lay people accepting the obligation of Christ to go forth and teach all nations. They have truly become Christ's lay apostles. Moreover, they are answering today's call of the Bishops that they participate in the work of the hierarchy.

Mr. & Mrs. Marion J. Kaminski, Thomas and Mary

Mr. & Mrs. John Gulanowski and Family

Mr. & Mrs. Bruno and Louise Guzik

Mr. & Mrs. Edmund and Virginia Rydz



The Executive Board of the Good Counsel Auxiliary of St. Wenceslaus Church in the Jubilee Year:
 SITTING - l. to r. Mrs. Frances Kroll, Mrs. Pearl Paszkiet, Mrs. Rose Postelanczyk and Mrs. Novella Niecikowski. 2ND ROW - Mrs. Agnes Chmura, Mrs. Pearl Przyborski, Mrs. Angela Konkol and Mrs. Helen Babiarz.

THE GOOD COUNCIL AUXILIARY

To express gratitude for all the sacrifices the good Felician Sisters of St. Wenceslaus have made as teachers in the elementary school, the Good Council Auxiliary was established.

This ladies group banded together to solicit funds for the building program of the Felician Sisters Motherhouse at Peterson Road. They had invited all mothers of school children to join their group. Besides quarterly meetings, the Good Council Auxiliary sponsors an annual fund raising affair. Together with Auxiliaries throughout the city they help conduct the Felician Sisters annual festival every summer.

Even though the Auxiliary's activities are quite limited, the parish is proud of their accomplishments. This is a truly Christian way of showing appreciation for 50 years of loyal and devoted service as teachers by the Felician Sisters at St. Wenceslaus school.

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OUR SCHOOL AND CONVENT

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Through all the fifty years of St. Wenceslaus Parish our good Felician Sisters have always staffed our school. During these years thousands of children have been taught by them not only to become well educated young men and young ladies, but, most of all, have been taught and inspired to love their God and Church. No one but God can fully reward our Sisters for the hours of patience, kindness, perseverance, interest, prayer and labor they have spent in preparing our students for their particular goals in life.



Our principal, Sister Mary Claudette, C.S.F.,
in the newly built school office.

OUR PRINCIPAL

From its humble beginning in side rooms of our original frame church, right up to the present day, our school building has always been one of the best. Both pastors, Father Scieszka and especially Msgr. Czastka wanted St. Wenceslaus School to meet all approved educational standards. When first built, and when enlarged, the school was the finest of its day. Moreover, through the years continual remodeling has kept it a "modern" school.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward and Bernice Karinski

The most recent program of modernization began in 1960. The "church-section" of our combination church and school building was closed and completely rebuilt. A new main front entrance on Lawndale Avenue leads into an entirely modern wing of our school; including a reception room, the principal's office, the doctor's office, an audio-visual room, three class-rooms, a faculty lounge, four new washrooms and two large storage rooms. New windows, modern recessed lighting, a tile floor, ceramic tile walls and lowered acoustical ceilings have really added a new life to our school. In accordance with city regulations full protection was provided for our children by installing an automatic fire-sprinkler system throughout the building. This recent initial remodeling and re-furbishing is but the model for the rest of the school. It is our wish, shortly after the Golden Jubilee to complete the task of again making St. Wenceslaus School building one of the best in the city.

During our Golden Jubilee Year these Felician Sisters and lay teachers staffed our school.

Principal: - Sister Mary Claudette

- Sister Mary Humiline
- Sister Mary Martinez
- Sister Mary Hermenigilde
- Sister Mary Joesetta
- Sister Mary Flavia
- Sister Mary Leoncia
- Sister Mary Dulcis
- Sister Mary Aquilla
- Sister Mary Rosalie

- Miss Patricia Klug
- Miss Rosella Park
- Miss Roberta Kalb
- Miss Kathleen Kasmirs

In the newly remodeled section of our school, Father Chester inspires our children with a greater love for Mary, the Mother of Christ.



Mrs. Harriet Pietrzak serves as the school clerk and the principal's secretary.

*Tonti Council #1567
Knights of Columbus*

Mrs. Charlotte Kofron and Son, Joseph

*Korytowski Family
Henry, Stephanie, Thomas, Susan, Ronald, Donald,
and Bonita and Sadowski Family, Mrs. Mabel and
Son, Eugene*



Our "Golden Jubilee" kindergartners with their teacher, Miss Kathy Kasmirs.

Sister Mary Dulcis with her 1st and 2nd graders . . .



Miss Florence Kozerski



Sister Mary Hermenigilde with her 6th graders and their Science project.

Miss Rosella Ann Park, one of our lay teachers instructing her 5th grade class.



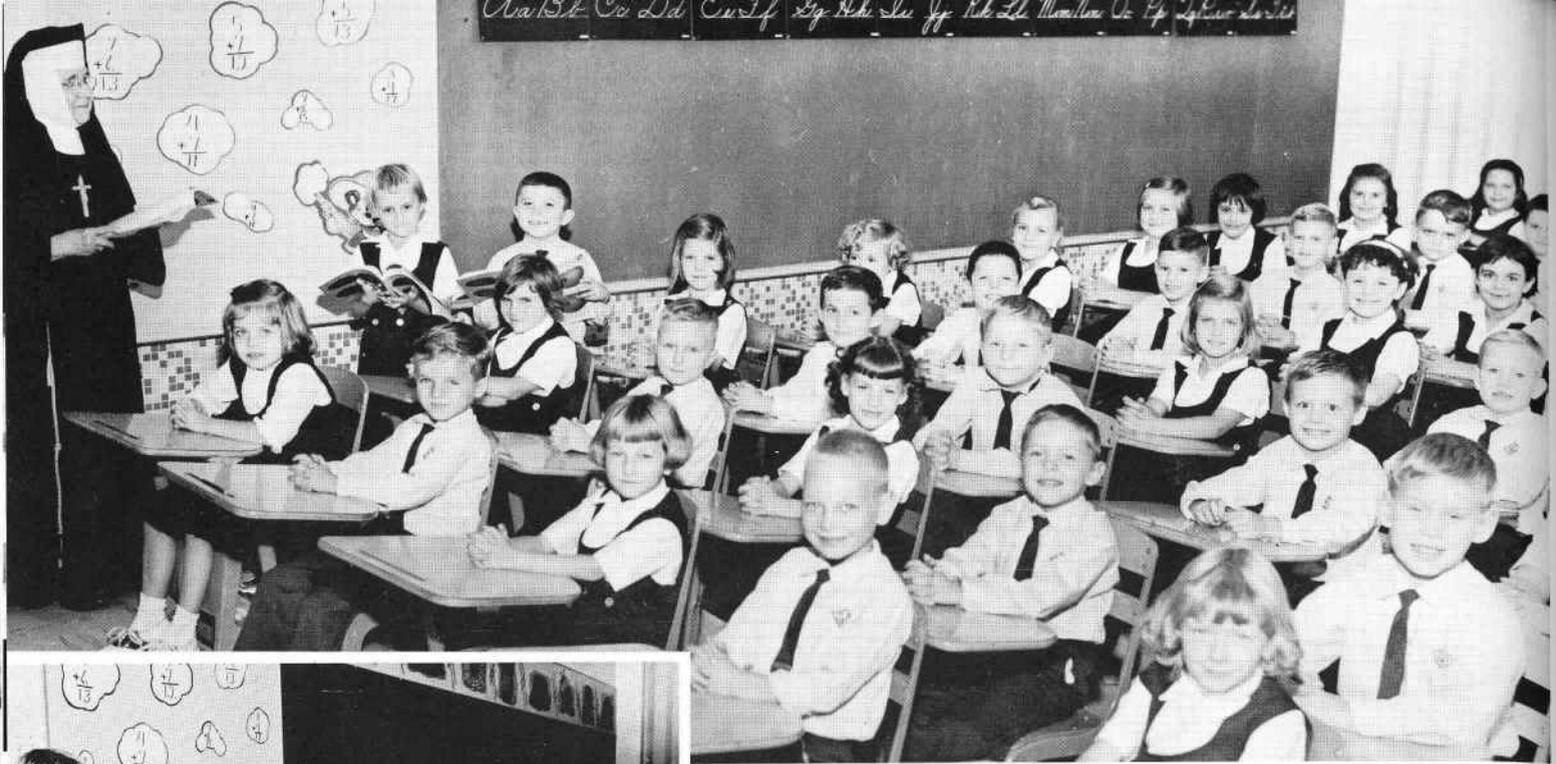
Miss Patricia Ann Klug, another lay teacher with some of her 6th graders



Mr. Fred Kozerski

*The Frank Koziol Family
and Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Sobczak
and Mrs. Irene Krusinski*

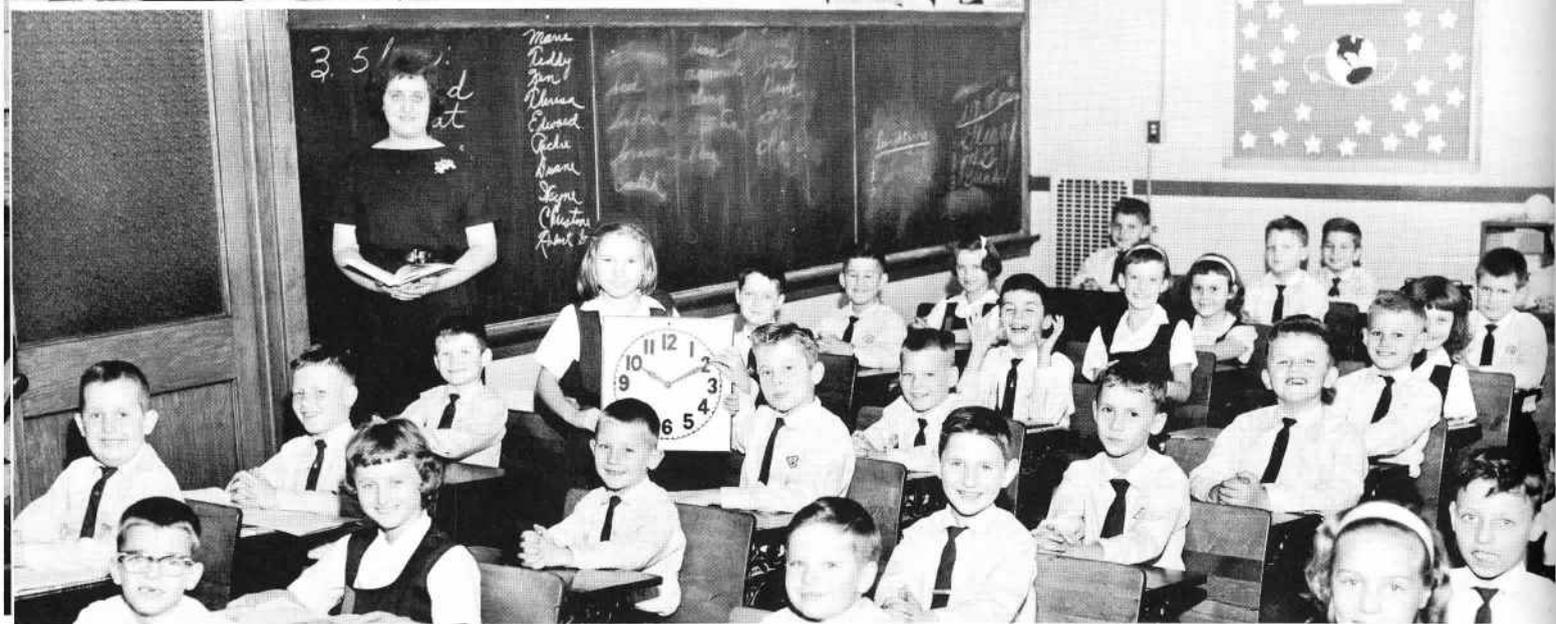
*Mr. & Mrs. John Kryca
and Daughters, Cynthia and Charlene*



Sister Mary Leontia and her 2nd graders . . .



Miss Roberta M. Kalb and her class of 3rd graders.



Dr. & Mrs. A. V. Kujawski



Sister Mary Martinez in her 7th grade class room.



Sister Mary Humiline and the 8th graders.



Sister Mary Aquilla, in above photo, keeping some of her 1st graders well informed on work-book projects.

Below, some of our 3rd and 4th graders showing their appreciation and joy with Sister Mary Flavia their teacher.



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The "main entrance" of our school on Lawndale Avenue, showing the newly remodeled entrance and vestibule.



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*Mrs. Emily Madej
and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jagielko, Wayne and Ronald*

*Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Luta, Stanley, Stephen and
Judith*



The "Before" and "After" pictures of our school. Lowered ceilings, with ceramic tile walls, modern fixtures and a new entrance lobby make this tremendous change.



Mr. Mike Mazur



The Sisters' Convent at 3425 N. Lawndale Avenue.

OUR SISTERS' CONVENT

In September 1923, as our parish history revealed, Father Czastka had initiated a building program that finally included a convent, school addition, rectory and the new Church. Father Czastka's prime desire was to give our generous Felician Sisters a new home. Once completed the convent was a model for many others in the city at that time. Besides the individual rooms for each Sister, it included a chapel, a community room, a sewing room, work rooms, a dining room, kitchen and spacious storage rooms. Through all these years it has served as a comfortable home for all of our sisters.

Once again in his desire to give our Sisters the comforts of a modern home, - as a partial reward for their many sacrifices, - in 1961 Msgr. Czastka completely remodeled and re-decorated the Sisters' home. Acoustical ceilings were added to the chapel, community room and dining room. A new and completely modern kitchen was installed. A new altar and new pews made the chapel an even more fitting home for Our Lord. New beds and furnishings and modern washrooms have added toward making our convent a fitting home for our self-sacrificing Sisters.

Everyone at St. Wenceslaus feels this is the least we can do to show our appreciation to our devoted Felician Sisters.

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Sister Mary Leontia, the Sacristan at St. Wenceslaus for over 40 years.



The newly remodeled altar in the Sisters' Convent.



Mrs. Frances Nasluchacz and Daughters



Our Sisters in a moment of recreation . . .

l. to r. - Sister Mary Hermenigilde, Sister Mary Rosalie, Sister M. Aquila, Sister M. Josetta, Sister M. Claudette, Sister M. Martinez and Sister M. Humiline.



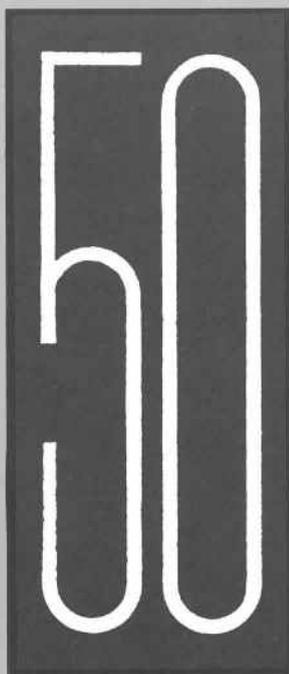
A "Songfest" always helps to lift the spirits of our Sisters.



Working in the newly remodeled kitchen of the Convent, -- Sister M. Josetta, Sister M. Rosalie and Sister M. Hermenigilde.

Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Orloff

1912



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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

1962

"I have come so that they may have life, and have it more abundantly."

John 10:10

Besides his biological and physiological life, man also had a higher divine life which he lost by Original sin. Christ, by His death on the Cross brought back this divine life to man. This higher life which is divine and distinct from human is called Grace. Through Grace Christ gives us Himself, - and in a way we are made one with Him.

The Sacraments, instituted by Christ, are the chief means of sharing this divine life of God. The wealth of every parish is its Sacramental Life; - for it means that we are leading a personal Christ-life. We are spiritually born to this Christ-

life by Baptism; --- we nourish divine life in the soul by the Holy Eucharist; --- we grow to a spiritual maturity as members of the spiritual army of the Church by Confirmation; --- we heal our wounds of sin in Confession; --- the anointing of the sick drives out the traces of the diseases of sin; --- we live under the spiritual government of the Church through Holy Orders; --- and we prolong and propagate the Kingdom of God on earth in the sacrament of Matrimony.

Each Sacrament is a channel by which the soul shares the God-life. Obviously, there is no ruler wherewith to measure the spiritual growth of an individual or a parish. However, we include this sacramental summary as an indication of how the people of St. Wenceslaus made use of or shared the Sacraments of the Church. These limited statistics do prove that the wealth of St. Wenceslaus Parish was the life of God in our souls.

BAPTISM

"Amen, Amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John - 3:3

By Baptism all these souls were made members of the Church of Christ and thus became partakers of the divine nature and sharers in divine life. In the first fifty years at St. Wenceslaus Church these souls were adopted as children of the eternal Father.



<i>Year</i>	<i>Souls Baptized</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Souls Baptized</i>
1912	27	1938	65
1913	124	1939	75
1914	150	1940	84
1915	112	1941	97
1916	118	1942	93
1917	114	1943	103
1918	110	1944	87
1919	110	1945	103
1920	144	1946	117
1921	104	1947	123
1922	106	1948	127
1923	114	1949	110
1924	140	1950	120
1925	134	1951	120
1926	140	1952	142
1927	119	1953	178
1928	113	1954	133
1929	129	1955	144
1930	118	1956	167
1931	92	1957	139
1932	93	1958	130
1933	61	1959	128
1934	64	1960	143
1935	65	1961	136
1936	63	1962	151
1937	60		

Grand total of Baptisms in fifty years: 5, 739

"But all those who did welcome Him, He empowered to become the children of God."

John 1:12

Mr. & Mrs. Walter and Sue Palczynski

"I myself am the living bread that has come down from heaven."

John 5:51

Man's soul being spiritual demands a spiritual food. This divine food is the Eucharist, or the communion of man with Christ and Christ with man. Every year Holy Communion is given to a number of souls for the first time. These souls include our children as well as adult converts. Our records show these "First Holy Communicants".

Note: Communion records were not kept during the first twelve years.

<i>Year</i>	<i>First Communicants</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>First Communicants</i>
1924	69	1944	66
1925	103	1945	52
1926	100	1946	61
1927	131	1947	58
1928	144	1948	60
1929	123	1949	65
1930	136	1950	71
1931	96	1951	73
1932	62	1952	98
1933	90	1953	91
1934	150	1954	83
1935	90	1955	74
1936	89	1956	90
1937	63	1957	88
1938	76	1958	82
1939	70	1959	151
1940	84	1960	162
1941	79	1961	96
1942	85	1962	105
1943	47		

Total First Communions recorded at St. Wenceslaus in the first fifty years: 3, 513 (plus those of the first 12 years)

"... unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you. He that eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life; and I will raise him up in the last day."

John 6:50

HOLY EUCHARIST



CONFIRMATION

" . . . Peter and John . . . prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. For he was not as yet come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them: and they received the Holy Ghost."

Acts 8:15-17

We all learned much of Christ from our Catechism and by reading the Gospels. However, it was only when we had received His Spirit that we saw the deeper meaning of His words and knew Christ more completely. By Confirmation we are summoned to share in the apostolate of the Church; to be witnesses to Christ throughout the world.

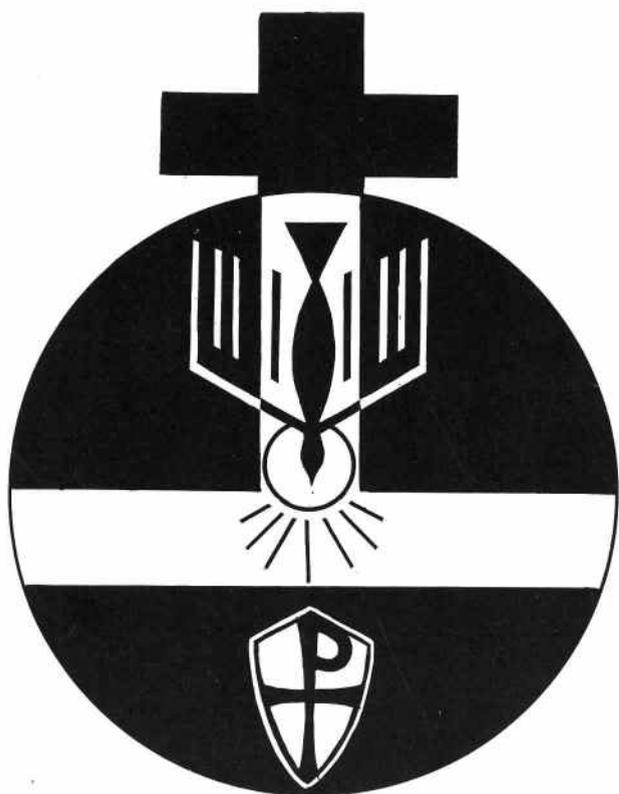
Through these first fifty years our records show these souls were confirmed as soldiers in the Army of Christ:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Souls Confirmed</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Souls Confirmed</i>
1914	68	1942	224
1918	171	1944	138
1923	282	1946	150
1925	217	1948	141
1927	225	1950	159
1929	267	1952	180
1931	250	1954	198
1933	184	1956	203
1935	252	1958	196
1938	203	1960	342
1940	136	1962	246

Total number confirmed: 4, 432

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people God means to have for Himself; it is yours to proclaim the exploits of the God Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9



"I came upon an errand from my Father, and now I am sending you out in my turn. With that, he breathed on them, and said to them, receive the Holy Spirit; when you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven, when you hold them bound, they are held bound."

John 20:21 -23

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, understood us perfectly. He knew that our robe of innocence given at Baptism would not always be kept immaculate. Holy Scripture warns that the "just man falleth seven times a day." Hence in His mercy Christ gave us the Sacrament of pardon. Penance or Confession as we more commonly call it, is the sacrament of spiritual healing. Every Catholic has enjoyed the happiness of Confession. All the fear, guilt and worry a penitent suffers as he prepares to kneel before the confessor dissolves into the peace and joy of a soul sharing God's life, when he hears the words: "I absolve thee of thy sins, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

Naturally, no accurate account or record has been kept of confessions heard at St. Wenceslaus. However, even an "estimate" would have to run into millions during these past fifty years.

The priests at St. Wenceslaus have always been most generous in spending many hours in the confessional. If we but consider our confession schedule and remember that at most of these times at least three and as many as five priests are hearing confessions, we immediately project the number of times Christ's whisper was heard: "Go sin no more, your sins have been forgiven you."

---- Daily Confessions are heard following the 7 o'clock Mass.

---- Weekly Confessions are heard every Saturday from three to five in the afternoon and from seven to nine in the evening.

---- Monthly Confessions are heard on the Thursday before the First Friday from two thirty to five in the afternoon and from seven to nine in the evening.

PENANCE



---- Throughout the year, - before each Holy Day of Obligation, -- confessions are heard in the afternoon from two thirty to five and in the evening from seven to nine.

---- Before Christmas and before Easter extra days and extra priests are assigned to make confessions available for everyone.

---- We must also consider the extra hours spent in hearing confessions before weddings, before First Holy Communions, before Confirmation and whenever troubled souls seek peace of soul.

Only God and the penitent souls involved know how many times they have begged and tasted God's mercy and forgiveness.

"Be not ashamed to confess thy sins."

Ecclesiasticus 4:31

"He that hideth his sins shall not prosper: but he that shall confess and forsake them shall obtain mercy."

Proverbs 28:13

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK . . .



"Is one of you sick? Let him send for the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil and the Lord's name. Prayer offered in faith will restore the sick man, and the Lord will give him relief; if he is guilty of sins, they will be pardoned."

James 5:14, 15

We already saw that the Sacrament of Penance was the sacrament of healing spiritual illness. For healing physical illness, Christ instituted the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or Extreme Unction. Even though so many feel it is the sacrament for those at the point of death, in the liturgy of this sacrament, the priest does not mention death, but prays for a return to health of body and soul. On the other hand, Christians seek not only a happy life but also a happy death. This is why we pray all through our life that we may be fortified by this sacrament of the sick and that being fully conscious when we receive these last rites, we may be able to peer through the door of heaven to our eternal reward.

This Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is always available. Our priests have been called at every hour of the day and night to bring God's graces to the sick. Rather than list the number of times this Sacrament of Anointing was administered by our priests during the past fifty years, we feel that a more meaningful statistic is the listing of the number of burials at St. Wenceslaus since 1912. -- These figures serve not only as a petition for prayers for the souls of the faithful departed; - but also as a sober reminder to pray that when God calls us, we may be fortified by His Sacrament for the Sick.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Burials</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Burials</i>
1912	2	1938	49
1913	27	1939	59
1914	35	1940	55
1915	38	1941	41
1916	26	1942	55
1917	52	1943	58
1918	63	1944	47
1919	35	1945	58
1920	35	1946	50
1921	44	1947	52
1922	30	1948	58
1923	41	1949	49
1924	36	1950	48
1925	44	1951	59
1926	57	1952	62
1927	67	1953	57
1928	66	1954	58
1929	53	1955	73
1930	53	1956	48
1931	48	1957	72
1932	50	1958	56
1933	42	1959	74
1934	55	1960	68
1835	43	1961	75
1936	49	1962	59
1937	56		

Total of burials during the first fifty years: 2, 587

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Psalm 64

"The purpose for which any high priest is chosen from among his fellow-men and made a representative of men in their dealings with God, is to offer gifts and sacrifices in expiation of their sins."

Hebrews 5:11

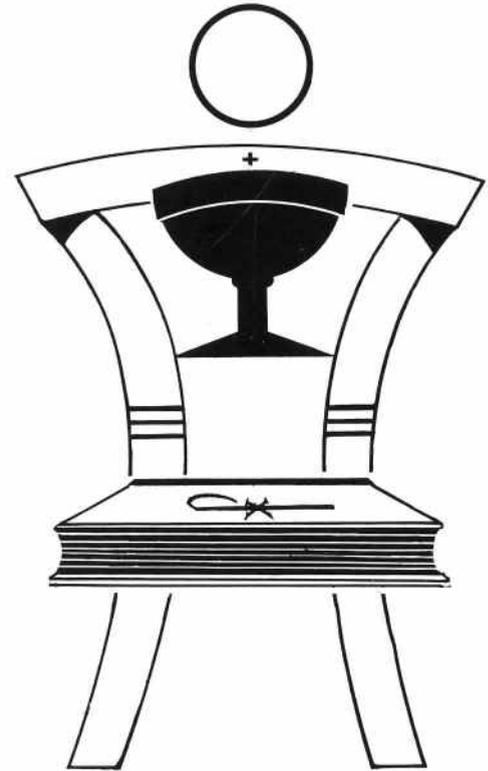
Jesus Christ was the first Christian priest. Christ chose his successors, - his Apostles, - because He desired human instruments between Himself and the world to be the ministers and dispensers of the Mysteries of God. A priest today is another Christ, an "alter Christus". The Sacrament of Holy Orders was instituted by Christ to make a man a Catholic priest and grant him the power and grace to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. For nineteen hundred and thirty years the Priesthood of Christ has been passed down through the Bishops of the Catholic Church. All through these years the hand of Christ fell upon the shoulders of young men throughout the world, asking them to "come follow Me." This great privilege of being ordained another Christ was given to a number of young men at St. Wenceslaus. These following priests offered their first Solemn Mass at our church:

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| Rev. Thomas Bradtke | Rev. Marion Matlak |
| Rev. Thaddeus Cocot | Rev. Richard Podgorski |
| Rev. Casimir Czapllicki, C.S.C. | Rev. Edward Sobczyk |
| Rev. Louis Handzel | Rev. John Stempien |
| Rev. Aloysius Komosa | Rev. Gregory Sulgit |
| Rev. Francis Koziol | Rev. Henry Swider |
| Rev. John Koziol | Rev. Thaddeus Szczerbicki |
| Rev. Felix Lata | Rev. Joseph Wisniewski |
| Rev. Floyd Lewandowski, C.S.C.J. | Rev. Norbert Zawistanowicz |
| Rev. Ronald Luka | Rev. Aloysius Zielinski |
| Rev. Menceslaus Madaj, Ph. D. | Rev. Medard Zywicki, M.S.C. |

Another list of Christ's priests whom we all learned to love and appreciate is the list of priests who served God and His people here at St. Wenceslaus: (and the year of arrival).

Pastors:			
Ferdinand C. Scieszka,	1912	Theodore J. Czastka,	1923
Assistants:			
James Szprenga,	1914	Chester Konsowski,	1940
Joseph Sehnke,	1919	Jerome Brzozowski,	1940
Edward Przybylski,	1923	Edward Mika,	1941
William Paschke,	1923	Stephen Bialas,	1941
Ladislaus Jasinski,	1927	Clement Jagodzinski,	1947
John Owczarek,	1928	John Boreczky,	1948
Vincent Sekulski,	1928	Leonard Felczak,	1949
Stanley Ryzner,	1932	Chester Konsowski	1952
John Koziol,	1935	Alexander Baranowski,	1955
Casimir Kuszynski,	1936	Frank Wachowski,	1957
Joseph Mytych,	1939	Edward Brzozowski,	1961

HOLY ORDERS



"Jesus said, 'Thou has sent me into the world on thy errand, and I have sent them into the world on my errand' ".

John 17:18

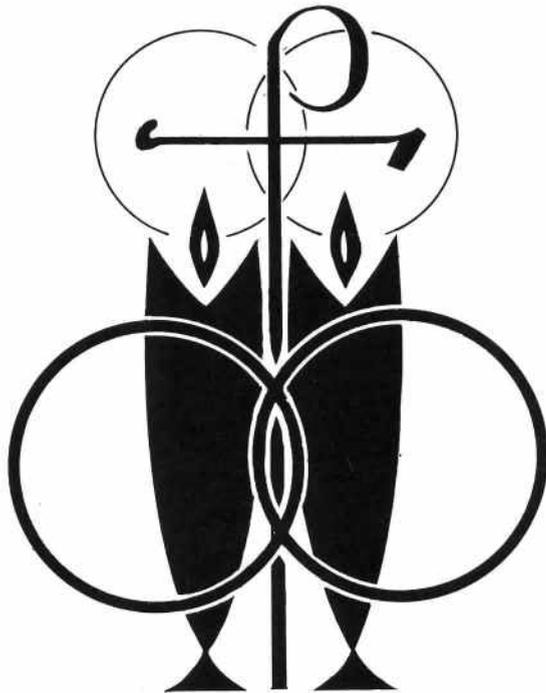
In conjunction with the listing of vocations to the priesthood we are equally proud of the young ladies who accepted God's call to the Sisterhood. Even though the Sisterhood is not a Sacrament instituted by Christ, - it is a Sacramental of the Church whereby young ladies dedicate their lives to the service of Christ.

These are the Sisters who call St. Wenceslaus their "home parish":

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| Sister M. Agnestine | Sister M. Leonoria |
| Sister M. Albinetta | Sister M. Presentatia |
| Sister M. Annunciata | Sister M. Reginetta |
| Sister M. Celine | Sister M. Stephanette |
| Sister M. Christine | Sister M. Teresine |
| Sister M. Gilbert | Sister M. Virgilia |
| Sister M. Irene | |

Harry's Tap

HOLY MATRIMONY



"Male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying: Increase and multiply, and fill the earth."

Genesis 1:27, 28

The call to marriage is a vocation from God. In the Sacrament of Marriage Christ had elevated the mere human bond of a man and woman and it became one of the channels of His graces.

Like all the other Sacraments, the Church has endowed marriage with a special solemnity. It is one of the few Sacraments which is celebrated in the very sanctuary, - before the Altar of God.

Through Marriage man and woman share with God in the creation of human beings and hence in the continuation of the human race. Through Marriage man and woman help each other live as children of God, living for that day when both can earn God's eternal home in heaven.

Through the fifty years of St. Wenceslaus Parish, all these couples have pledged to accept each other for better or for worse; for richer or for poorer; in sickness or in health until death. In turn, through this Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, Christ has promised the life long support of His graces so that they may find mutual happiness here on earth and in the end eternal happiness with God in heaven.

Year No. of Marriages Year No. of Marriages

1912	4	1938	40
1913	26	1939	49
1914	21	1940	47
1915	27	1941	63
1916	28	1942	45
1917	39	1943	36
1918	13	1944	26
1919	45	1945	37
1920	37	1946	56
1921	37	1947	83
1922	35	1948	67
1923	35	1949	51
1924	39	1950	40
1925	36	1951	54
1926	47	1952	46
1927	48	1953	29
1928	42	1954	39
1929	42	1955	35
1930	50	1956	32
1931	40	1957	27
1932	25	1958	40
1933	34	1959	39
1934	46	1960	27
1935	42	1961	34
1936	42	1962	47
1937	42		

Total number of Marriages through the fifty years: 2,011.

"What God, then, has joined together, let no man put asunder."

Matt. 19:6

Peter and Marie Richlowski

1912



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OUR PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . .

To enumerate all who were responsible for these fifty wonderful years of St. Wenceslaus Parish is an impossible task; on the other hand, not to express our sincere gratitude would be extreme selfishness. For these reasons we feel it most fitting to express our appreciation to everyone with these prayers of the Church taken from the Mass of Thanksgiving:

"O God, whose mercy is beyond telling, and whose goodness an infinite treasure, we give thanks to thy sovereign kindness for the gifts we have received, and beg for thy continued favour. Do not forsake us, thou who answerest our petitions, but prepare us for the rewards to come.

Accept, Lord, this fragrant sacrifice with our thanksgiving. Keep from all harm in time to come those whom thou hast deigned to heed and preserve and let them ever love thee and serve thee more and more."

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, descend upon all of you and remain for ever. Amen.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. Czastka, P.A., Pastor

Rev. Chester P. Konsowski,
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Rev. Frank E. Wachowski . . . Assistants

GOLDEN PATRONS

The generosity of the majority of St. Wenceslaus parishioners is attested by the various buildings and property of the parish. Through all fifty years our people would always donate with a spirit of full realization that what they gave in the God's name would be returned a hundredfold. The Golden Jubilee provided another proof of their generosity as the following lists indicate.

To help defray all the expenses connected with our Golden Jubilee celebrations, especially the cost of this commemorative book, our parishioners and friends have made generous contributions. The most generous were our Patrons, - then our Sponsors, - Donors and Friends. All of them made our Jubilee celebrations possible.

The Golden Patrons are listed throughout this book on the pages dedicated to their generosity.

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