A Pictorial History of

St. Patrick Parish



1862-1994

INTRODUCTION AND DEDICATION — MILLENNIUM YEAR 2000

In order to help preserve the history of our homeland, St. Patrick, a collection of pictures, newspaper articles, and memorabilia has been made and put into a six-volume album. This set of books has been donated to St. Michael's Parish of Ft. Loramie, custodian of the St. Patrick property.

Due to the large amount of material gathered, it was impossible to duplicate all of the information collected, so we downsized our project and present the following as a commemorative booklet.

In this publication, the items presented are, for the most part, arranged in chronological order beginning with pictures of some of the early settlers of St. Patrick, as well as the early history of the St. Patrick Church and the St. Patrick School and community. Some of you will find your ancestors dating back to six generations. There are pictures of school children dating back to the 1906 era. Religious personnel of the parish are also featured. Throughout this booklet, you will enjoy the many written articles relating to the community of St. Patrick. There are numerous photographs of the families that made up its history.

Difficult decisions were made in 1954 with the closing of the St. Patrick School, and again in 1994, with the closing of St. Patrick Church. Our school children and parishioners were graciously welcomed by our surrounding communities of Ft. Loramie, McCartyville, Minster, Anna, Hardin-Houston, Sidney, and Newport.

We wish to thank the many people who have contributed to our project by loaning us their material. We especially thank the following for allowing us to reproduce their photos and articles: Sara Eilerman, Ellen Wehrman, Tom Peterson Photography, Couchman Photography, Miller Photography, Photo Creations, United Church Directories, The Dayton Daily News, The Wapakoneta News, The Lima News, The Community Post, The Sidney Daily News, The Columbus Dispatch, and the Catholic Telegraph.

Though this booklet concludes with the year 1994, our six-volume collection at St. Michael's includes items dating 1862-2000 and will remain open for future additions. You are invited to review this entire collection.

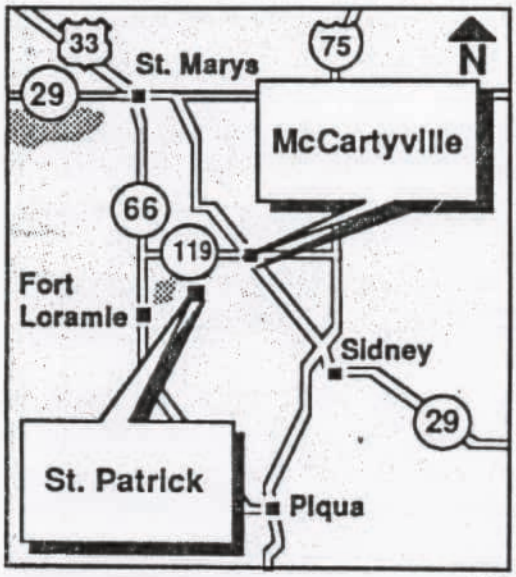
We dedicate this book and our collection to the past and present people of the St. Patrick community. We hope our material has been presented in an accurate way and realize that some errors are inevitable. As the saying goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words." We feel we have a priceless collection and hope it will help recall many of the fond memories you may have of St. Patrick. St. Patrick has been blessed in so many ways. Our job has been a labor of love, and we have thoroughly enjoyed putting it together.

May the hand of a friend always be near you, and may God fill your heart with gladness and cheer you.

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St. Patrick, Ohio





St. Patrick
Picture of Front Stained Glass Window in Sanctuary

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
Amen.
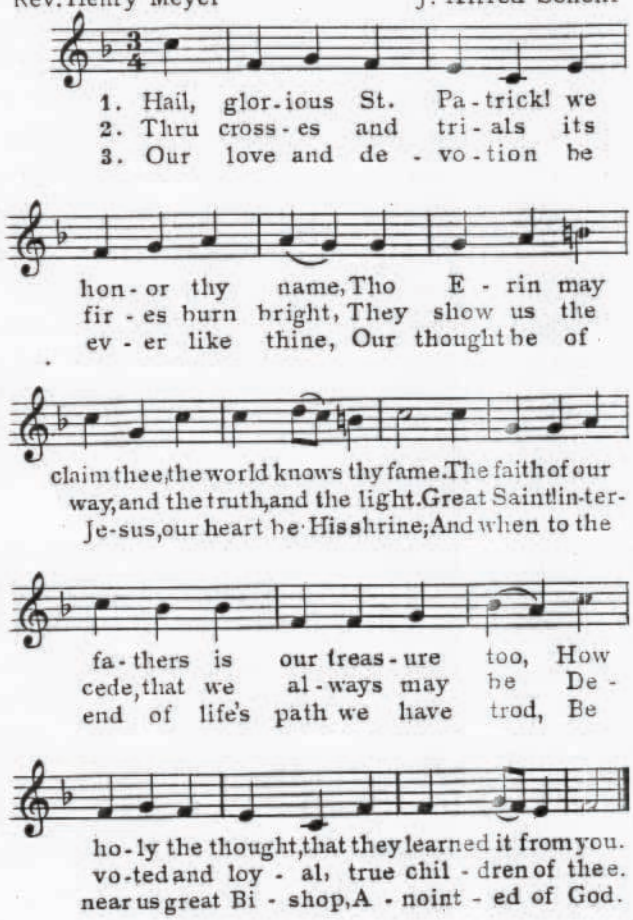
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Song taken from St. Cecilia's Hymnal
(our choir hymnal)

ST. PATRICK

189 Hail, glorious St. Patrick!

Adapted by
Rev. Henry Meyer — J. Alfred Schehl



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St. Patrick

Bishop

- 389? - March 17, 461?
- England, Ireland
- Patron of Ireland, Nigeria

The son of a Roman military officer stationed in Britain, Patrick was more interested in a career than in religion. At the age of sixteen, however, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland. For six years he worked as a shepherd, suffering from cold and hunger as well as his loss of freedom. He finally turned to God, his only hope, as he looked for a way to return to Britain. Eventually he escaped aboard a German vessel, paying his way by taking care of a pack of stolen dogs the crew planned to sell. Back at home, Patrick became a priest.

When the Church discussed sending missionaries to Ireland, Patrick remembered his days of slavery and struggled to decide whether or not to volunteer. Finally, when the first bishop of Ireland died, Patrick asked to go. He had had a dream in which voices of Irish people called to him, "We beg you come and walk with us again." Though Patrick was not well educated, the pope saw in him the qualities of a missionary. In addition, Patrick already knew the language of Ireland and had spent fifteen years in parish ministry. At the age of forty-two, Patrick was ordained a bishop and was sent to northern and western Ireland, where no one had ever preached the Gospel before.

The people of Ireland lived in tribes and clans and worshipped pagan gods. Druids, who were magicians and wizards, kept the people away from any other religion. Patrick started with the most powerful clan: Tara. The chief respected Patrick and was converted. The Druids plotted to do away with Patrick, but Patrick continued to preach the faith, ready for death at any time. It is said that he used a shamrock to teach that there is only one God, but three divine Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People remembered this mystery of faith whenever they saw a shamrock with its three leaves.

One of the Druids' great feasts was the spring festival, celebrated the same night as the Easter Vigil. The day before the feast, people all over the land were ordered to put out their fires. No fire could be lit again until the sacred fire blazed up on the Hill of Tara, where all the pagan leaders met to honor their gods.

Patrick had heard the order, but he knew that Jesus Christ, not the gods of the Druids, was the Light of the World. That evening, as soon as it was dark enough, and before the Druids could light their fires, Patrick and his companions began the great Easter Vigil celebration. They had gathered on the Hill of Slane, directly opposite the Hill of Tara. Patrick knew that the Druids would be angry when they saw the Easter fire. He was right! When the Druids saw the fire, they told their king, "Unless we put out that fire at once, this very night, it will blaze forever in this land." The pagans rushed toward Patrick's Easter fire and tried to put it out and to kill Patrick. But nothing they did could extinguish the fire, and Patrick was kept from harm. He stood by the Easter fire and sang a song that has sounded from Ireland ever since: "Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered." Christ, the Light of the World, has brightened the lives of Irish people and made their land a great Christian nation.

Patrick showed compassion for all classes of people. He set up monasteries and convents, established parishes, adapted Irish celebrations to Christian feasts, and worked to destroy paganism. His prayers kept him calm whenever British priests criticized his way of ministering or when enemies tried to damage his reputation.

In response to his critics, Patrick wrote his *Confessio*, a kind of auto-biography, in which we find the facts of his life. Today Patrick's feast is a worldwide day of celebration. St. Patrick's feast day is March 17th. St. Patrick, pray for us.

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A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough
from years of rugged, outdoor work.
Hands with fingers sensitive to music
but too thick to strike just one key on
the piano, or a single string on a violin.
Hands that are versatile,
simultaneously wielding an ax
and swiping a fistful of pinchberries
from a nearby bush.
Hands that clasp themselves habitually
in prayer ~ giving thanks for food,
for rain, for sun, for late frost,
early springs, good yield, for soil,
for health, for a newborn calf.
Hands that are strong, squeezing out
a pailful of milk in just no time,
pulling strands of barbed wire taut,
carrying mountains of hay and oceans
of water to hungry, thirsty farm creatures.
Hands that are gentle,
marvelling at the softness of a furry kitten,
rescuing a killdeers nest from the path
of the plow, patting the shoulder of
a disappointed child.
Hands that are inventive,
twisting, pounding, pinching until a
machine is fixed, shaping an idea into
something useful.
Hands that are tired
from over a half century of tilling,
planting, weeding, harvesting.
Hands that I love ~
a farmer's hands,
my father's.

Juliette R. Mortenson

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HOYING FAMILY OF SAINT PATRICK

Clemens Hoying (1833-1907) of McLean Township and near Egypt, in keeping with the old German custom of giving one's children their inheritance before the death of the parents, desired to give his seven living sons theirs by giving each a farm. Little land was available in the vicinity of Egypt, however, Clemens did find a tract of virgin forest in Turtle Creek Township near the Irish settlement of Saint Patrick. Clemens purchased this tract of 320 acres for $4,800.00 on 25 April 1868 from John Bates of Cincinnati. Additional land was purchased. From Dennis Hannan 80 acres for $4,000.00 was purchased on 3 October 1881; and from L.W. Angenbroad 105 acres was purchased for $3,150.00 on 21 April 1892. The second youngest of Clemens' sons, Clemens, being his namesake, received the farm at Egypt. The other six sons were to have their farms on the Saint Patrick land. However, only five of these sons - Carl, Henry, Anton, Joseph, and Friedrich, received farms. Carl received 80 acres on 3 October 1881; Henry received 80 acres on 30 November 1885; Anton received 80 acres on 13 June 1888; Joseph received 80 acres on 9 December 1891; and Friedrich received 105 acres on 9 June 1894. The youngest son, Herman, did not desire to live at Saint Patrick, but instead preferred to live at Carthagena. His land was divided amongst four of his brothers. On 9 June 1894, Henry, Anton, Joseph, and Friedrich each received 20 acres from Herman's farm. Carl did not share in this division for he had died already in 1890.

Clemens (1833-1907) had married Maria Catharina Bernadina Winner widow Wehrmann (1831-1896) and with her had eight sons and two daughters. Bernadina had two daughters and two sons from her marriage with Johann Heinrich Wehrmann (1821-1855). The following are the members of the Hoying family who lived at Saint Patrick.

Carl Hoying (1858-1890), married to Agnes Drees (1857-1942), with their children being: Catherine, Bernadine, Sister M. Rosamunda (Josephine), and John.

Henry Hoying (1860-1908), married to Elizabeth Puthoff (1866-1935), with their children being: Mary, Rosa, Amelia (Emma), Bernard, Charles, Mathilda, Matthias (Matthew), Frances, Philomena, Veronica (Verona), Elizabeth, and Adolph.

Anton Hoying (1861-1941), married to Mary Albers (1867-1902), with their children being: Anna, Henry, Louis, Joseph, Magdalena, and Catherine.

Joseph Hoying (1866-1951), married to Rosalia (Rosa) Puthoff (1871-1936), with their children being: Clemens, Frank, William, Father Leo, Cecilia, Margaret, Aloysius, Albert, Clara, Raymond, Theresia, John, Father Joseph, and Father Urban.

Friedrich Hoying (1869-1944), married to Anna Puthoff (1876-1943), had as his children: Clemens, Julius, Alexia (Alice), Rupert (Robert), Pauline, Mary, Estella, and Bernadine.

Fr. David A. Hoying, C.PP.S.
Great grandson of Anton Hoying

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J. Bernard Klein Puthoff
&
Elizabeth (Goeke) Puthoff

Bernard:
Born: Feb. 8, 1828 Damme-Osterfeina, Germany near Oldenburg.
Came to USA between 1828-1838
Settled in St. Patrick 1857
Died: Aug. 11, 1886 St. Patrick, OH, Shelby Co.

Elizabeth:
Born: June 16, 1836
Died: Jan. 7, 1892 St. Patrick, OH, Shelby Co.

Children:

John Puthoff married **Anna M. Ronnebaum**
Born: Jan. 9, 1859 **Died: Mar. 9, 1939**

Henry
Born: 1860 **Died: Dec. 08, 1863 (kicked by horse)**

Mary E. Puthoff married **Bernard J. Wuebker**
Born: June 10, 1861 **Died: April 18, 1927**

Elizabeth Puthoff married **Henry Hoying**
Born: May 13, 1866 **Died: Mar. 03, 1935**

Catherine
Born: Feb. 20, 1867 **Died: Feb. 20, 1867**

Joseph Puthoff
Born: Jan. 31, 1869 **Died: Jan. 31, 1869**

Rosa Puthoff married **Joseph Hoying**
Born: April 1, 1871 **Died: Dec. 12, 1936**

Frank M. Puthoff married **Catherine Ronnebaum**
Born: Oct. 11, 1873 **Died: June 5, 1929**

Anna Puthoff married **Fred Hoying**
Born: Aug. 26, 1876 **Died: Mar. 10, 1943**

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St. Patrick Catholic Church
Frame Church Built in 1874
Pastor: Rev. William H. Sidley

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Herman & Anna (Thaman) Barhorst

Married: 08-26-1886

Herman	Anna
Born: 01-09-1862	Born: 04-27-1868
Died: 03-27-1908	Died: 10-01-1916

Children: Louis, Frank, Henry, Julius, Adolph, Mary, Elizabeth

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The Herman & Anna (Thaman) Barhorst Family (Anna and 6 of her children)
Front Row: (L-R standing) Mary, Anna (in chair), Elizabeth, Grandma Thaman
Frank and Adolph (sitting on ground)
Back Row: (L-R standing) Margaret, Henry and Julius / Absent from photo - Louis
Their home was west of St. Patrick Church

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SISTER FRANCIS JEROME, S.C.
Ida Quinlan
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Quinlan
Entered the Sisters of Charity, Mount St. Joseph
in approximately 1892



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Charles (Carl) & Agnes (Drees) Hoying

Married: April 26, 1892 at St. Patrick

Children:	**Catherine Mary Hoying**	**married**	**Bernard Frank Stang**
	Bernadine Mary Hoying	**married**	**Julius Henry Westerheide**
	Anna Josephine Hoying	**(Sister Mary Rosamunda)**	
	John Anthony Hoying	**died while in the seminary**	



Josephine
(Sister Mary Rosamunda)



Catherine

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Rev. Joseph G. Sailer

Pastor at St. Patrick (1893-1896)

The Magnificat

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for you have looked with favor on the lowliness of your servant,
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for you, the almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.
Your mercy is for those who fear you
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm;
you have scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts,
Your have brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
You have filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
You have helped your servant Israel,
in remembrance of your mercy,
according to the promise you made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever. (Luke 1:47-55)

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Frank M. Puthoff Oct. 11,1873-Jun. 5, 1929
Catharine Ronnebaum Puthoff Aug.15,1873-Sept.11,1952

Frank M. & Catherine M. (Ronnebaum) Puthoff
Married at St. Patrick: October 24, 1893 by Rev. Joseph G. Sailer
Children:

Clara Rose Puthoff	**married**	**John Hilterbrant**
Maria B. Puthoff		
Bernard Leo Puthoff	**married**	**Bertha E. Menker**
Bertha R. Puthoff		
Urban H. Puthoff		
Lewis Puthoff		
Mathew J. Puthoff	**married**	**Leona M. Siedel**
Julius Puthoff		

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Rev. Michael Muehe

Pastor at St. Patrick (1897-1903)

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he give me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and staff
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Only good and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

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A Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.
Amen. (Numbers 6:24-26)





Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Theresa (Schoot) Lauterbur (1900 era)
Children: Mary & Adolph (Ott) (1910)



Frederick Bensman (1881-1965)
Mary (Prenger) Bensman (1884-1912)

Married June 6, 1905



Children: Leo, Hilda, Clara

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Rev. John H. Metzdorf

Pastor at St. Patrick (1906-1910)

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(Fred Stukenborg - Teacher)

St. Patrick School (1906 era)

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ST. PATRICK
SPECIAL SCHOOL DIST.
1906
WATSON & HEILAND BLD.

(This is the inscription that appears on the marking stone of St. Patrick School)



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The Henry & Elizabeth (Puthoff) Hoying Family (1906)

Back Row: Matthias (Matthew), Bernard, Rosa, Mary, Amelia (Emma), Charles

Front Row: Philomenia (Minnie), Frances, Elizabeth, Henry, Elizabeth, Adolph, Verona, Mathilda

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Elizabeth (Sommer) & Anton Eilerman
Married: May 23, 1907

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Anna (Berning) & Albert Plas (1908 era)

Albert - d.o.b. 1880 d.o.d. 1942

Anna - d.o.b. 1885 d.o.d. 1963

Children: John, Bernard (Pete), Clarence (Sie), Mayme, Rosella (Tinky), & Peggy

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1908 - ST. PATRICK SCHOOL (56 PUPILS)

Row 1: Aloys Hoying, Margaret Hoying, Ed Luthman, Mary Stukenborg, Steve Stukenborg, Clara Doseck, Ben Doseck, Frances Zircher, Fred Berning, Alice Hoying, Tony Hoying, Lena Grieshop, Ben Puthoff, Bertha Kaiser, Wilbur Luthman, Mary Puthoff, Julie Luthman, Cecilia Hoying

Row 2: Dora Zircher, James Varno, Tillie Schroder, Mike Berning, Margaret Zircher, Julie Hoying, Rose Puthoff, Frank Grieshop, Nettie Stukenborg, Frank Grieshop, Kate Varno, Aloys Berning, Emma Varno, Tony Schroder, John Zircher, Leo Hoying

Row 3: Louis Berning, Clara Zircher, Ben Luthman, Caroline Grieshop, John Grieshop, Rose Schroder, Adolph Barhorst, Lena Hoying, Christ Doseck, Elizabeth Schroder, Clem Hoying

Row 4: Elizabeth Halpin, Henry Varno, Anna Berning, Ben Grieshop, Caroline Grieshop, Frank Varno, Emma Luthman

Row 5: Laura Luthman, William Luthman, Frank Lachat (teacher), Mary Zircher, Julie Barhorst

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SISTER MARY ROSAMUNDA HOYING, CPPS
Baptismal name: Josephine
Daughter of Charles and Agnes (Drees) Hoying
Entered Sisters of the Precious Blood November 21, 1908

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Clem & Frances (Siegel) Puthoff
Married in Ft. Loramie 1909
Children: Norbert, Bill, Ben, Lawrence, Sally, Clarence (1960)





Rev. Goswin B. Menge

Pastor at St. Patrick (1913-1916)

The Beatitudes

**When he saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside.
After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him,
and he began to teach them:**

**How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.
Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.
Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they
shall have their fill.
Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.
Blest too the peacemakers; they shall be called
children of God.
Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake;
the reign of God is theirs.
Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of slander against you because of me.
Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven;
they persecuted the prophets before you in the very
same way. (Matthew 5:1-12)**

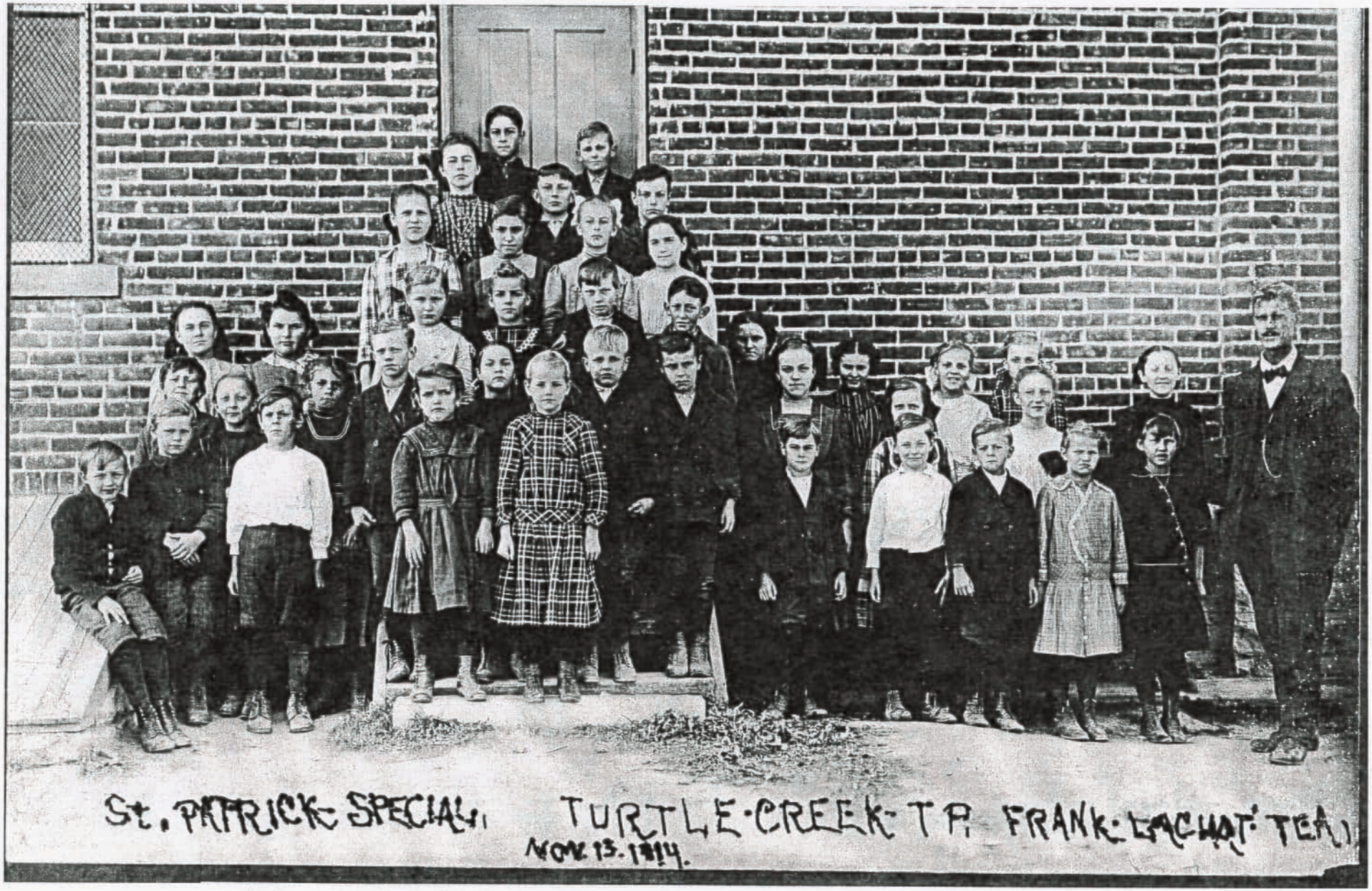
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SISTER MARY BENEDICTA, C.PP.S

Antoinetta Stukenborg
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stukenborg
Entered the Precious Blood Order,
August 15, 1914
Missioned: Academy of the Little Flower,
San Luis Rey, California



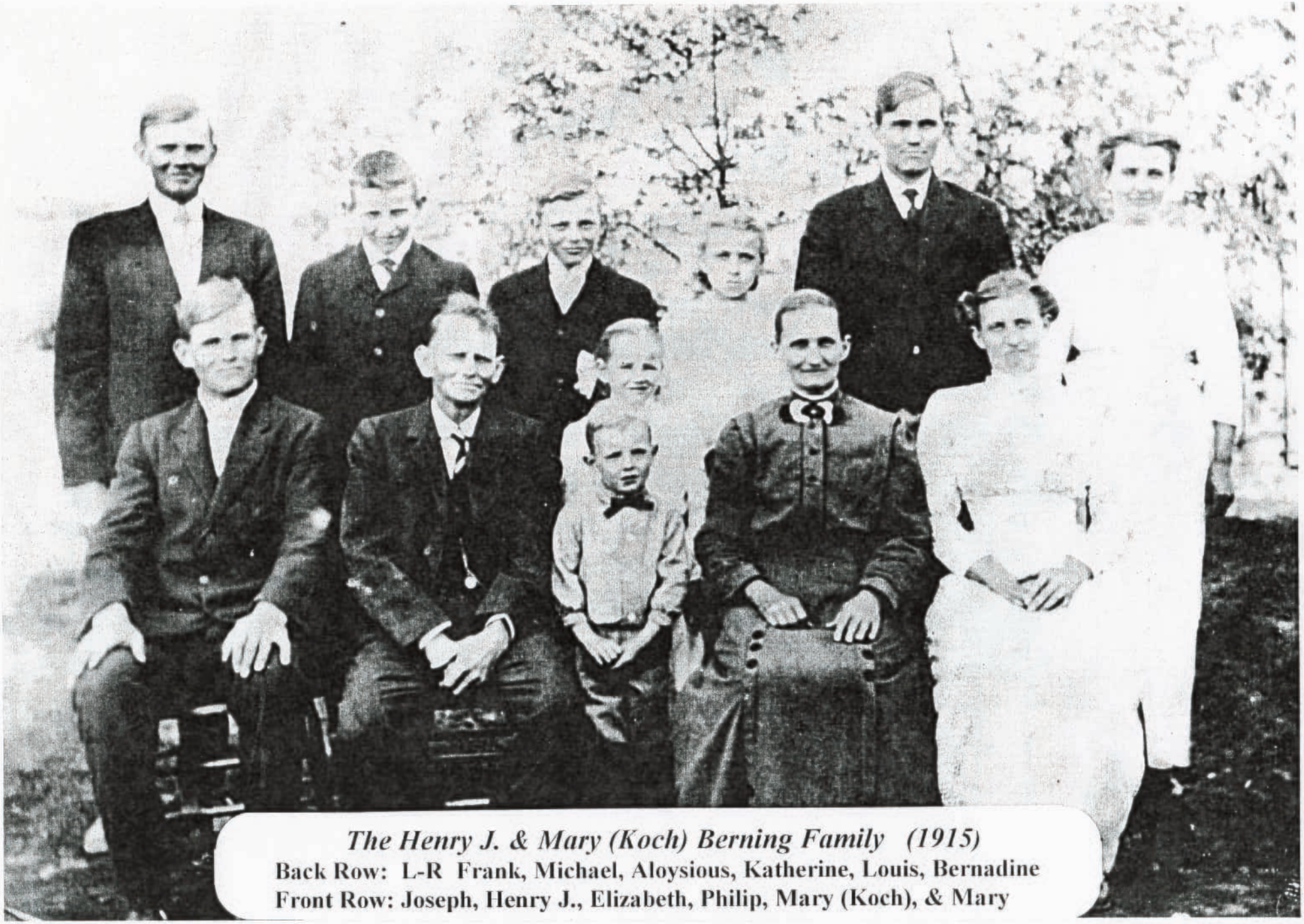
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St. Patrick School - Turtle Creek Township - Frank Lachat, Teacher (Nov. 13, 1914)

(40) pupils

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The Henry J. & Mary (Koch) Berning Family (1915)

Back Row: L-R Frank, Michael, Aloysious, Katherine, Louis, Bernadine

Front Row: Joseph, Henry J., Elizabeth, Philip, Mary (Koch), & Mary

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A Family Prayer

God, we offer You thanks for the gift of our family. Help us to work together in peace.

Give us grace to accept each other. Protect us from harsh words and hurt feelings. Lead us to encourage one another's strengths and capabilities. May we always rejoice in each others' successes and show compassion in failures.

Watch over our family, Dear Lord. Bless us with hearts full of love, patience and kindness.

Amen.

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l-r: Louis Igntaius Hoying, Anna Josephine (Hoying) Raterman, Anton Hoying, Mary Magdalena (Hoying) Westerheide, Henry Herman Hoying, Maria (Albers) Hoying.

The Anton and Maria (Albers) Hoying Family (1915 era)
L-R: Louis Ignatius Hoying, Anna Josephine (Hoying) Raterman,
Anton Hoying, Mary Magdalena (Hoying) Westerheide,
Henry Herman Hoying, Maria (Albers) Hoying
Anton & Maria were married in 1887



"The Hoying and Westerheide Hardware Company"

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CORNER STONE LAYING

St. Patrick, O

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th. 1915

2:30 P. M.

REFRESHMENTS AND SUPPER

will be served by the Ladies Aid Society

WELCOME! **COME!**

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ST. PATRICKS CONGREGATION

Being unable to find any records which might give a history of the congregation, it is known by the older settlers and members, that the first church was built by Rev. Patrick Harmeburg, C. P. P. S. at which time it became a Mission of Minster, later being changed to McCartyville. A acre of ground was donated for church purposes. Patrick McMonigal and Patrick Brannan, each donating one-half acre.

The second church was built by Rev. Wm. Sidley, then Pastor of Holy Angels church at Sidney, who later became Rector of St. Raphael's, Springfield, Ohio.

The present congregation is comprised of 40 families, with Rev. Menge, who resides at Ft. Loramie as their pastor. The new church now being erected and which will be completed before Christmas, will be of brick construction and will seat 285 people. It speaks well for the members of this congregation and the sincerety of St. Patricks in erecting this beautiful church.

The cornerstone will be laid next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Anthony Moeller of Fort Loramie performing the ceremonies.

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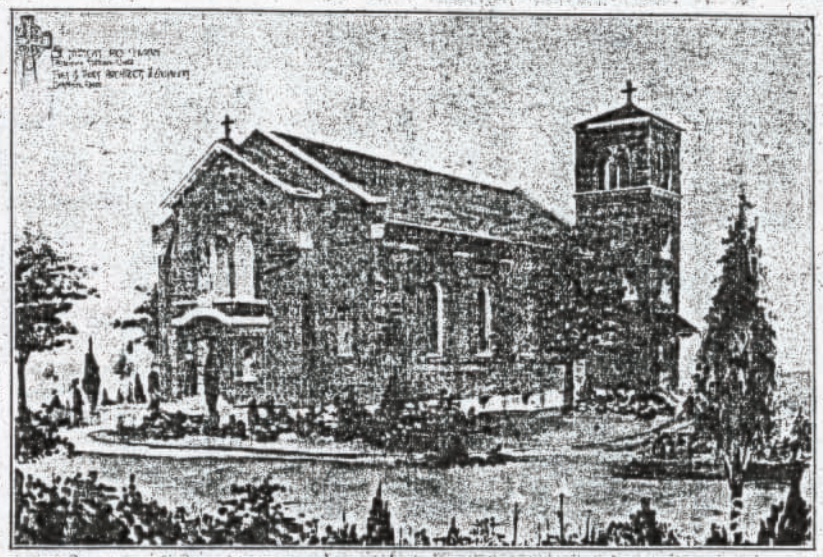
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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1915

THE BEAUTIFUL NEW CHURCH NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ST. PATRICK



The corner stone of the new church of the St. Patricks congregation was laid Sunday afternoon. Despite the heavy rain and wind storm that came up just about time for the services to be held, there was a very large crowd present and the impressive services were carried out after the storm.

The corner stone services were in charge of Rev. Anthony Moeller of St. Michael's church at Ft. Lomie assisted by Rev. Eugene Grimm, C. P, P. S. of Minster, Rev Thomas Meyer, C. P, P. S., of Egypt, Rev. Fausten Ersing, C. P. P. S., of Wendeln, Rev. John Mizer, of Findlay, and Rev. Menge the pastor of the St. Patricks congregation.

There were present for the services practically the entire St. Patricks congregation and many from the various surrounding churches at Ft. Loramie, Minster, Egypt, McCartyville, New Bremen, Newport, Russia and Versailles and other places. There were several hundred people present.

The St. Patricks congregation is comprised of forty families. The new church will be a handsome brick structure. and is located just across the road west from the present frame church. Work on it is being rapidly pushed and it is expected to be completed this fall. It will seat two hundred and eighty-five people and the inside will be finely finished. The St. Patricks congregation is composed practically of prosperous famers and their families of that community and the handsome new church, speaks most highly for the interest and sincerity of the congregation in the church.

The first services in the vicinity of St. Patricks were held in the early sixties, services being held at the various homes of those living there. The first church was a log structure and was built about 1864 under the direction of Rev. Patrick Harmeburg, C. P. P. S., and the logs were cut from the old Quinlin farm. The congregation was conducted as a mission from Minster for several years and later conducted as a mission of McCartyville. The ground on which the church was erected was donated for church purposes by James McMonigal and Patrick Brannon, who lived on adjoining farms each donating one- half acre. The timber in the old log church was sold when torn down to Barney Gauspohl and is now in use in the house on the Gauspohl farm west of McCartyville.

The present frame church was built in 1874 under the direction of Rev. Wm. Sidley, at that time pastor of Holy Angels church in Sidney and later pastor of St. Raphael's congregation at Springfield.

Dinner and supper were served in a large tent erected in the school yard, besides other stands serving fruit, ice cream and soft drinks. The Minster band furnished the music for the occassion The amusement booths were blown down by the storm in the afternoon.

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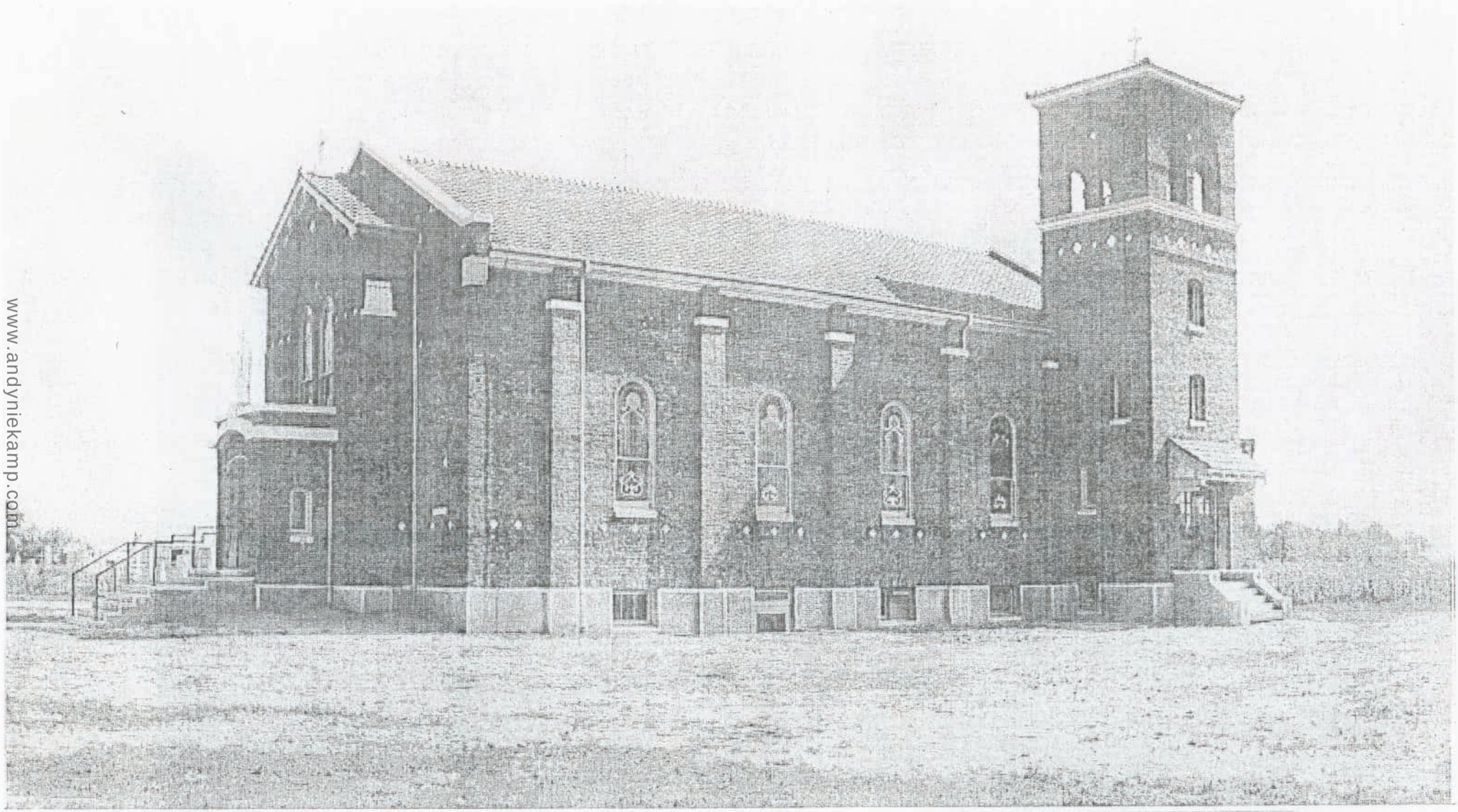
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First log church was built in 1863
Second church (above) was built in 1874

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Third church was built in 1915

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REMEMBRANCE OF THE FIRST

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Held in the New

ST. PATRICKS CHURCH,

St. Patricks, Shelby County, Ohio.

AUGUST 25-27, 1916.

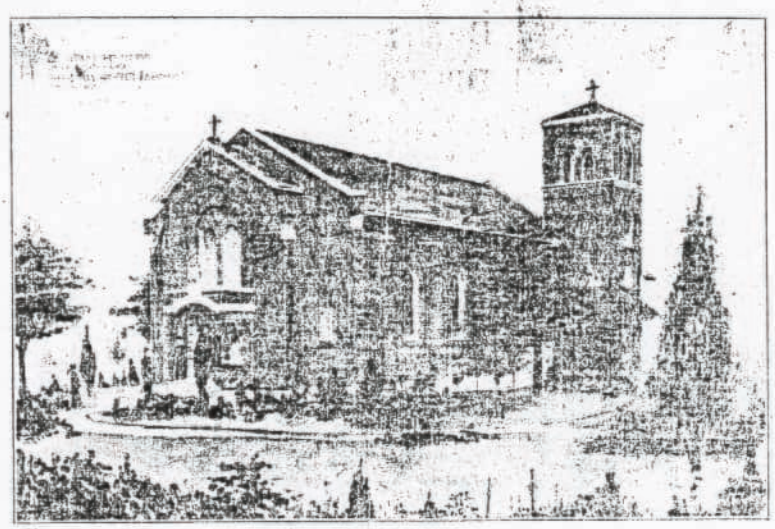
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Philip Halpin
Agnes Hoying
Elizabeth Hoying
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DEDICATION OF NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AT ST. PATRICK'S NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 1



The St. Patricks Parish was organized in 1862 by the Rev. Patrick Henneberry C. PP. S. The ground for the location of the first church which was built the following year was donated by Patrick Brennen and James McMonigal. On October 6, 1874, the old church was torn down and the new church erected by Rev. Wm. Sidley, pastor of Holy Angles Church of Sidney, O., to which parish St. Patridks was attached as a mission. Later the Precious Blood Fathers again took charge and with the erection of the new church at McCartyville St. Patricks became a mission of said place.

In 1906 the secular clergy took charge of St. Patricks and McCartyville, Rev. John Mutzdorf being pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. F. Keunle who in turn was succeeded in 1913 by the now present pastor Rev. G. B. Menge.

The erection of the present church began in 1915, the corner stone being laid on June 13 of said year. The Church was blessed and used for services for the first time on Christmas Day of 1915. The ground for the present church two acres as well as the site for the future parsonage was donated by Mrs. Anna Barhorst.

The new church is Italian-Roman 13th. century architecture. It is frescoed in oil, has a triple system of ventilation and has been declared by the State Inspector to be well nigh fireproof. Louis Ley of Minster was the Contractor. The total cost of the building wa $18,750. Present indebtedness is $1500.

The new church will be dedicated by the Most Rev. Henry Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati, next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m., with John Mutzdorf, former pastor offering high mass, assisted by many of the neighboring clergy.



Rev. G. B. Menge, the present Pastor

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Layout of windows at St. Patrick Church

(Sanctuary)

Lamb upon book with seven seals
>Gift of Philip & Mary Halpin

St. Patrick

Ave Maria with roses
>Gift of John & Margaret Dundon

(Body of Church)

Monstrance with host
>Gift of Henry Liening

Sheaf of wheat
>Gift of John Puthoff

Pelican
>Gift of Bernard & Caspar Luthman

Harp with star
>Gift of Clara Ronnebaum

Bunch of grapes
>In Honorem Str. Antonii Et Caroli.

Jesus' image on cloth
>Gift of Herman Barhorst

Cross, crown of thorns, spear, whip
>Gift of Frank Thaman

Eye of God
>Gift of John Berning

(Choir Loft)

Cross & Crown
>Gift of Bernard Wuebker

Cross, Anchor, & Heart
>Gift of James Quinlan & Others

Explanation of window symbols

Lamb upon book with seven seals: from the Book of Revelations, opening the book with the seven seals is the signal for the final judgement and the day of wrath, only the Lamb (Jesus) has the right to open the seals. Seals one through four are the four horsemen of the Apocalypse; the fifth seal is the martyrs who demand justice for spilt blood; the sixth seal represents massive upheavals such as earthquakes and blackening of the sun; the seventh seal is the final day. The flag represents the victory of the cross

St. Patrick: our patron saint

Ave Maria with roses: Holy Mary, Mother of God

Monstrance with host: adoration of the blessed sacrament, true presence of Jesus in the blessed sacrament.

Sheaf of wheat: symbolic of the bread of life, the blessed sacrament - could also be symbolic of the farming life.

Pelican: the pelican swallows the fish it catches in its throat pouch and then feeds its young ones by regurgitating the half-digested food. In the 2nd or 3rd century, this tale was fashioned: One day, the father pelican was looking after his fledglings when they started assailing him with such vigor that they caused him pain. He retaliated by killing them. The mother bird returned after three days, stabbed herself in the breast with her beak and poured her blood over her dead babies, and revived them. The story parallels with Christ who gave His blood at the Passion to save humanity.

Harp with star: the harp is associated with David, the great king of Israel, and also with music.

Bunch of grapes: symbolizes the wine, the Blood of Christ, the first fruits of redemption.

Jesus' image on cloth: the shroud with Christ's head with crown of thorns symbolizes Christ's death.

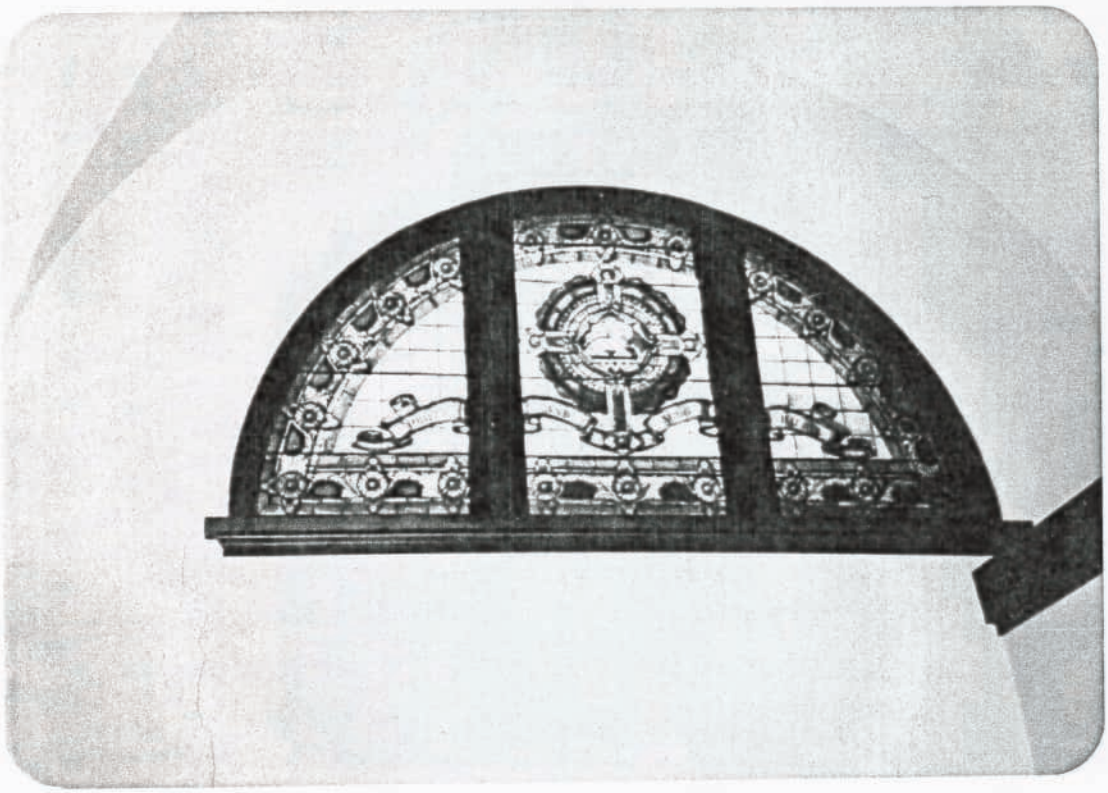
Cross , crown of thorns, spear, whip: all instruments in the passion of Christ

Eye of God: omniscient God - all knowing God

Cross & Crown: Cross = Christ's Crucifixion, Crown = Victory - symbolizes the victory of the cross, salvation and redemption from sin.

Cross, Anchor, & Heart: Cross = faith, Anchor = Hope, Heart = Charity or Love - symbolizes the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

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Lamb Upon Book With Seven Seals

(East side sanctuary window)

- **Gift of Philip & Mary Halpin**

Symbolic explanation:
From the Book of Revelations -
Opening the book with the seven seals is the signal for the final judgement and the day of wrath.
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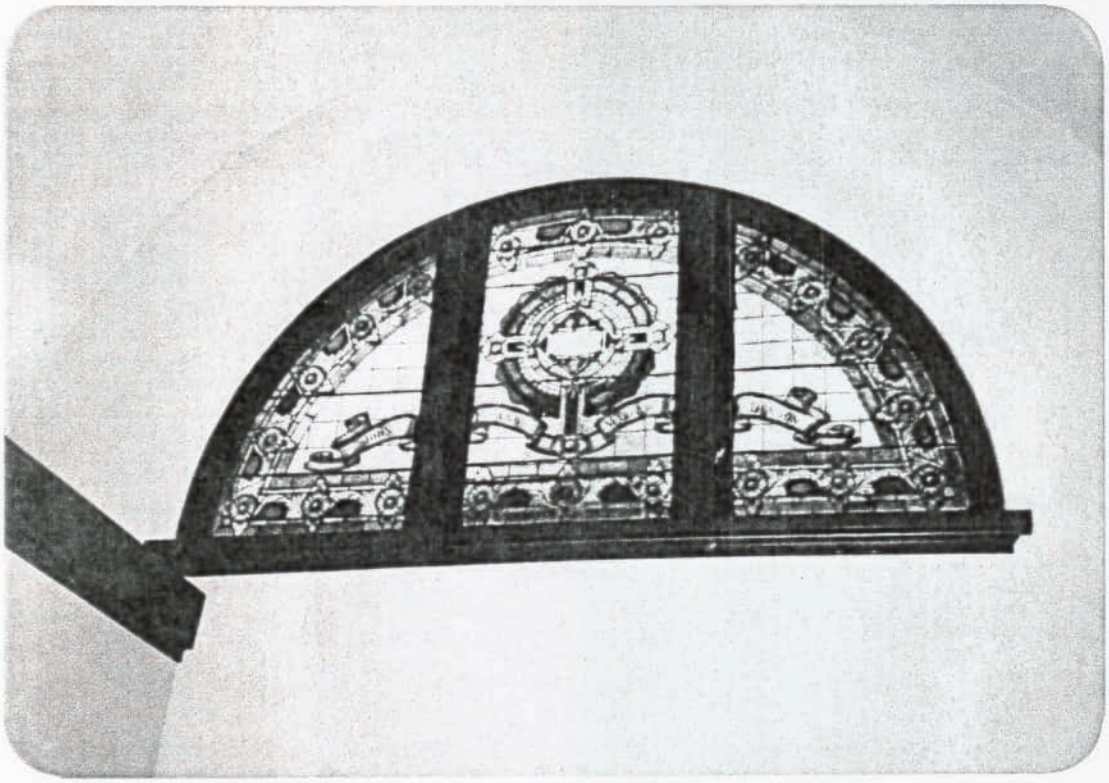


St. Patrick

(Middle sanctuary window)

Patron Saint

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Ave Maria With Roses

(West side of sanctuary window)

- **Gift of John & Margaret Dundon**

Symbolic explanation:
Holy Mary, the Mother of God

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Monstrance With Host

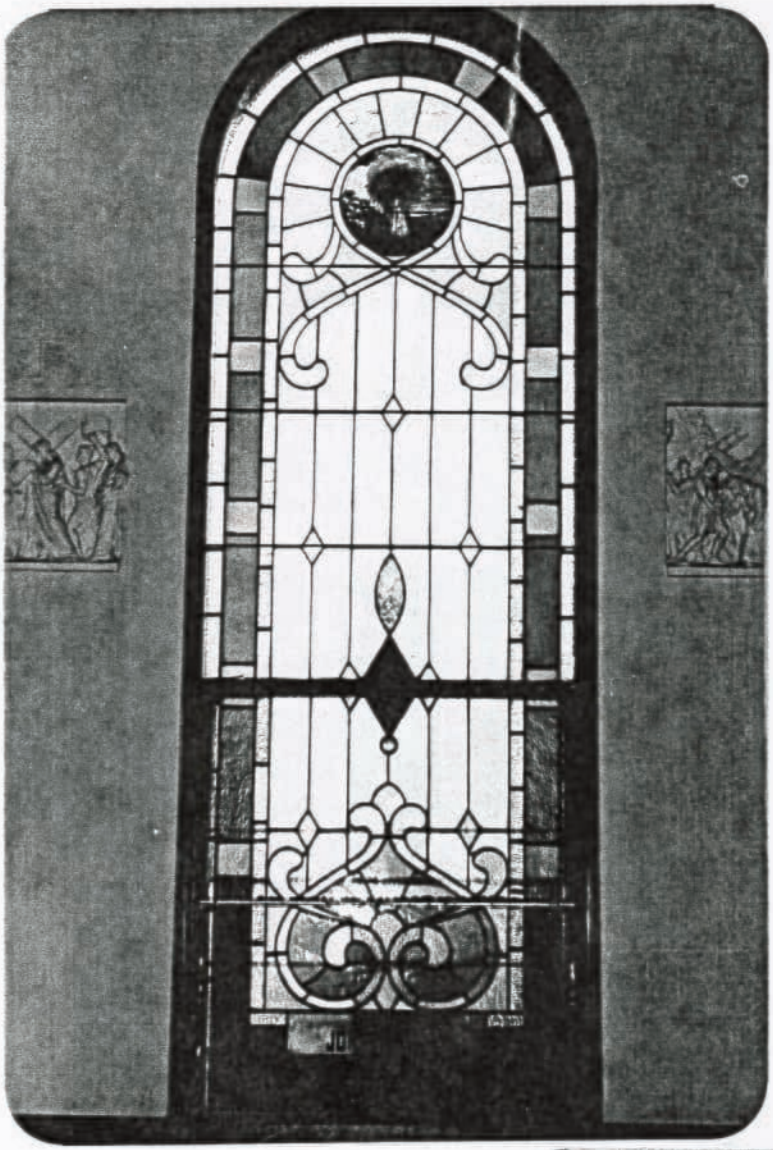
(East window in body of church)

- Gift of Henry Liening

Symbolic explanation:
Adoration of the blessed sacrament
True presence of Jesus in the blessed sacrament



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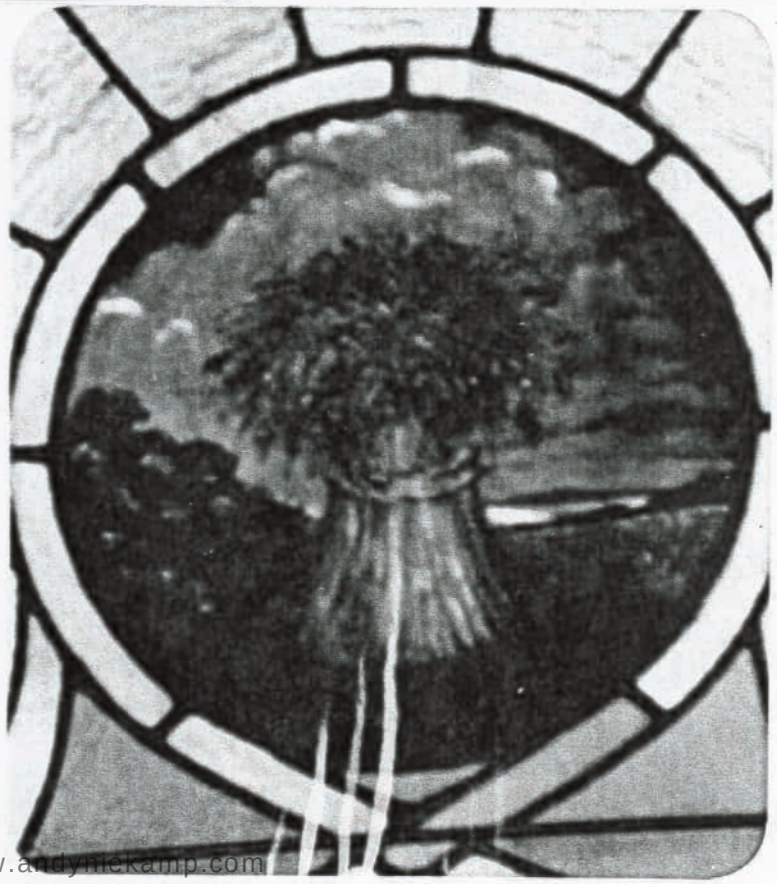


Sheaf Of Wheat

(East window in body of church)

- **Gift of John Puthoff**

Symbolic explanation:
Symbolic of the bread of life, the blessed sacrament and farming life.



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Pelican

(East window in body of church)

- **Gift of Bernard & Caspar Luthman**

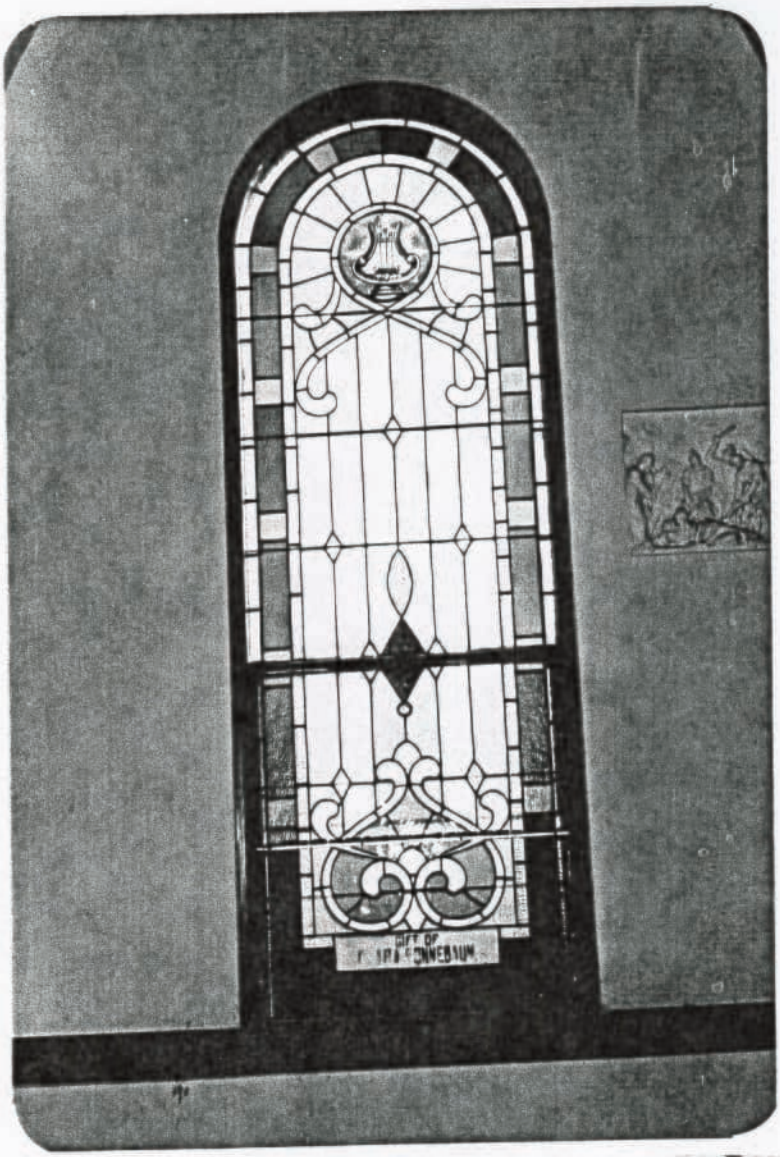
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Harp With Star

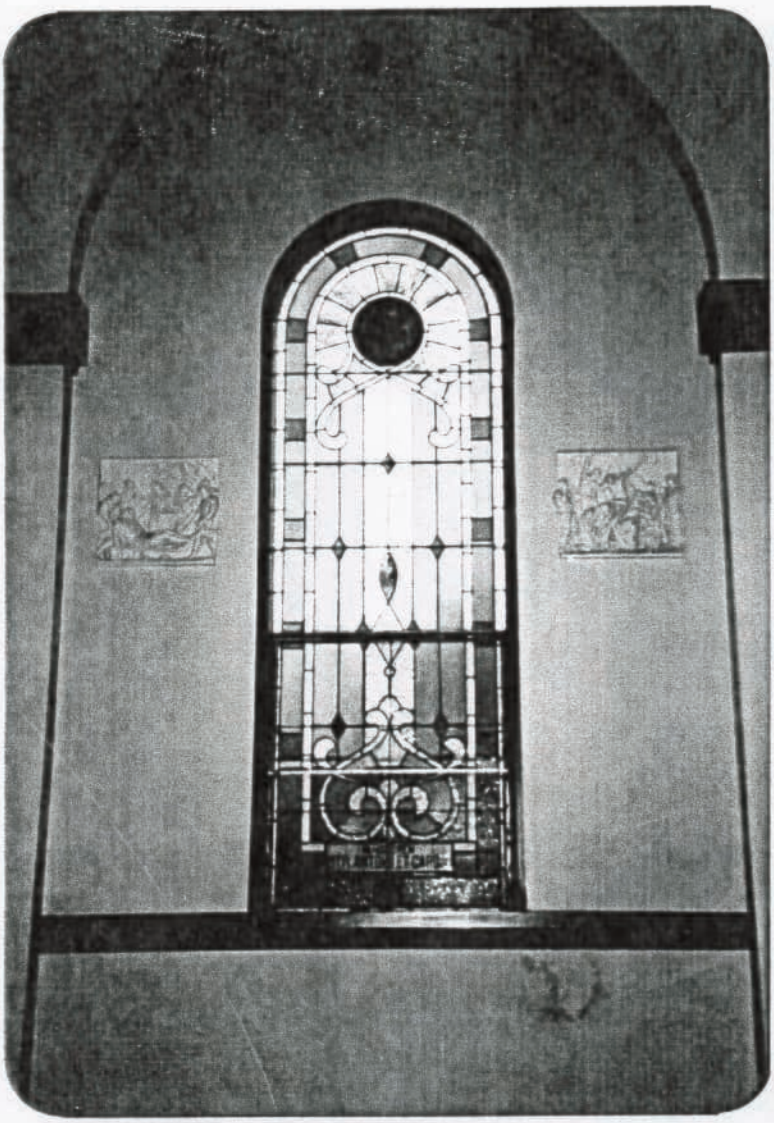
(East window in body of church)

- **Gift of Clara Ronnebaum**

Symbolic explanation:
The harp is associated with David, the great king of Israel.
It is also a symbol of music.



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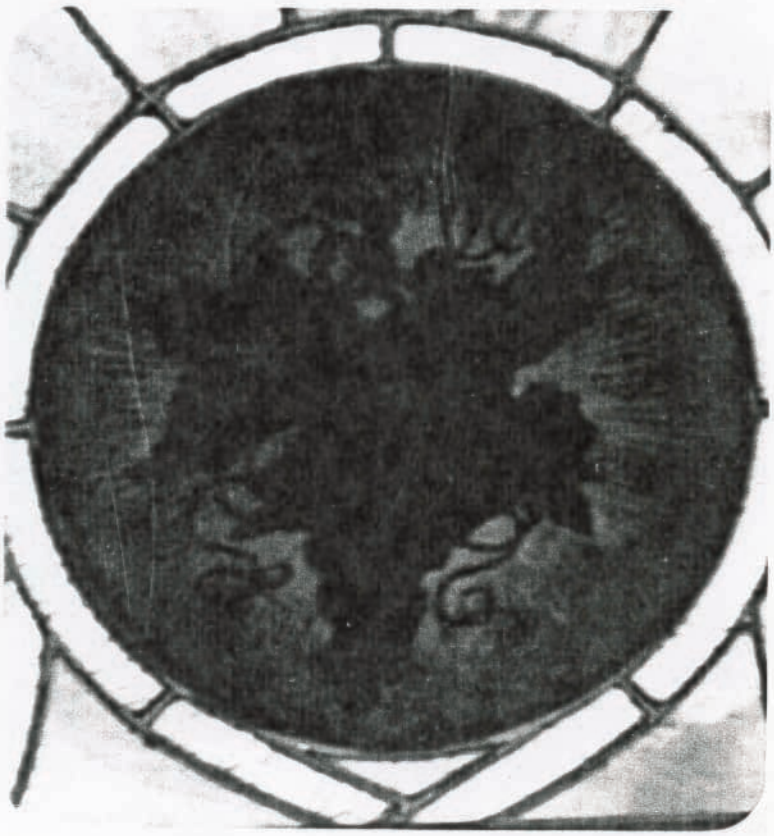


Bunch Of Grapes

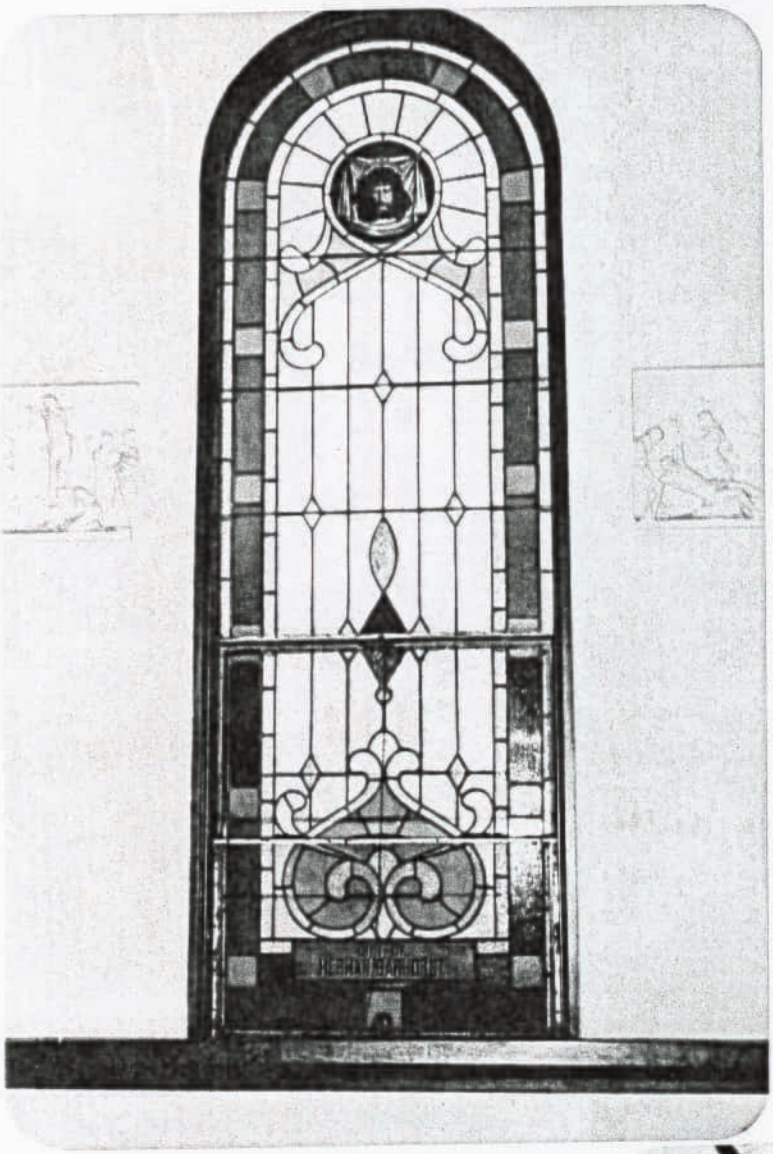
(West window in body of church)

- In Honorem Str. Antonii Et Caroli.

Symbolic explanation:
Symbolizes the wine, the Blood of Christ, the first fruits of redemption.



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Jesus' Image On Cloth

(West window in body of church)

- **Gift of Herman Barhorst**

Symbolic explanation:
The shroud with Christ's head with crown of thorns symbolized Christ's death.



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Cross, Crown Of Thorns, Spear, And Whip

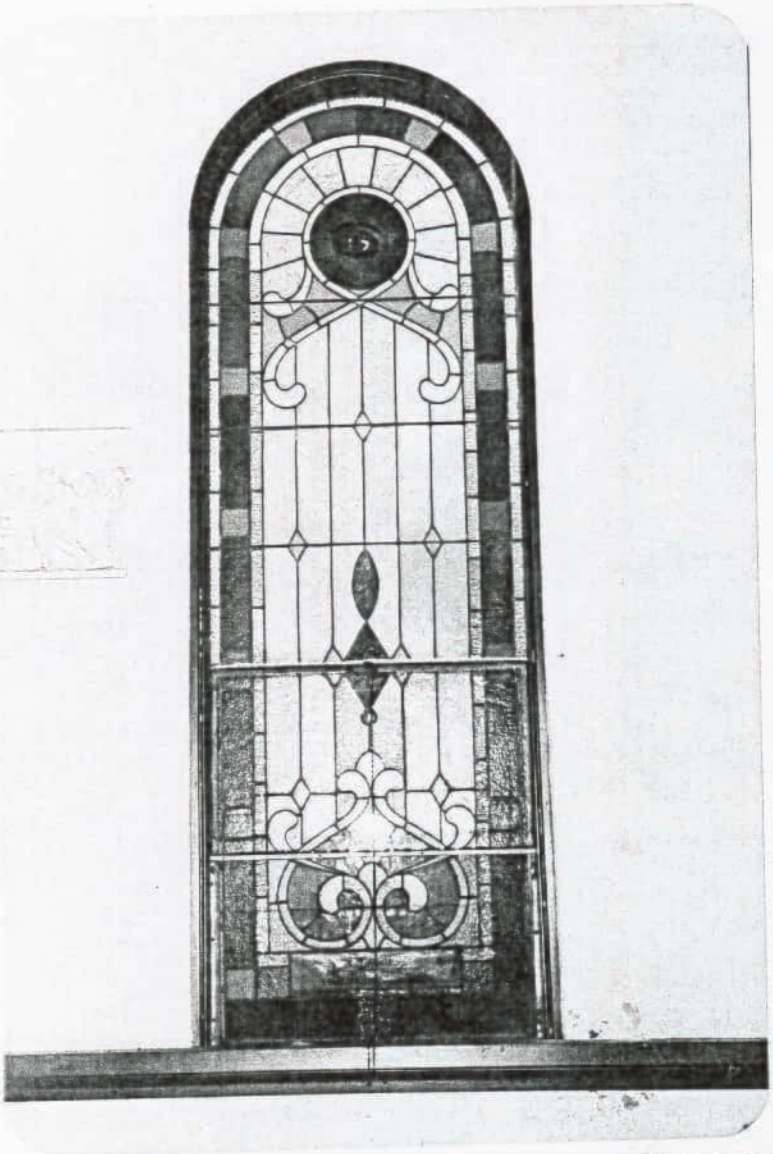
(West window in body of church)

- **Gift of Frank Thaman**

Symbolic explanation:
All instruments in the passion of Christ.



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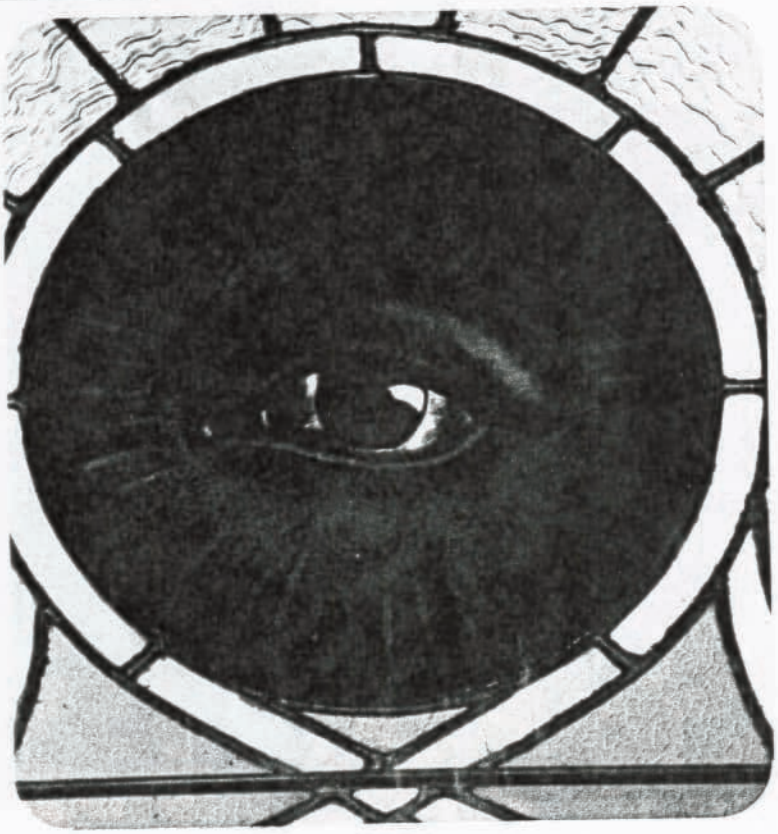


The Eye of God

(West window in body of church)

- **Gift of John Berning**

Symbolic explanation:
Omniscient God - all knowing God



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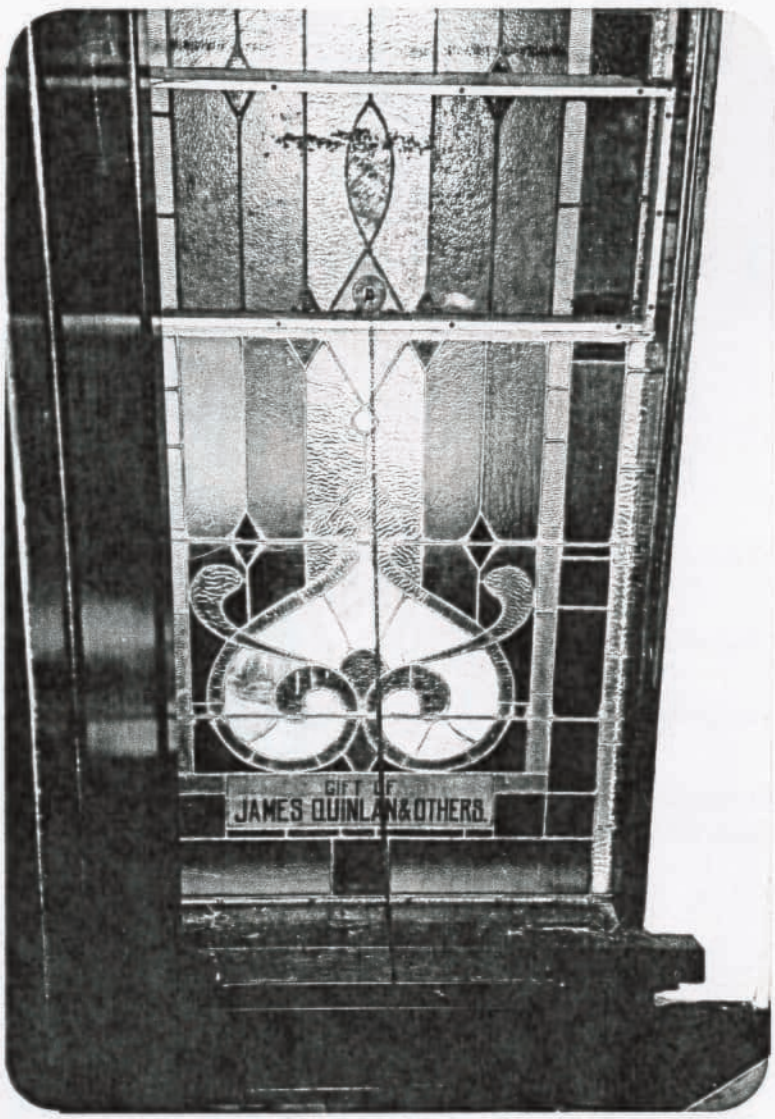


Cross, Anchor, & Heart

(northwest window in choir loft)

- Gift of James Quinlan & Others

Cross - faith
Anchor - hope
Heart - charity or love
Symbolizes the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.



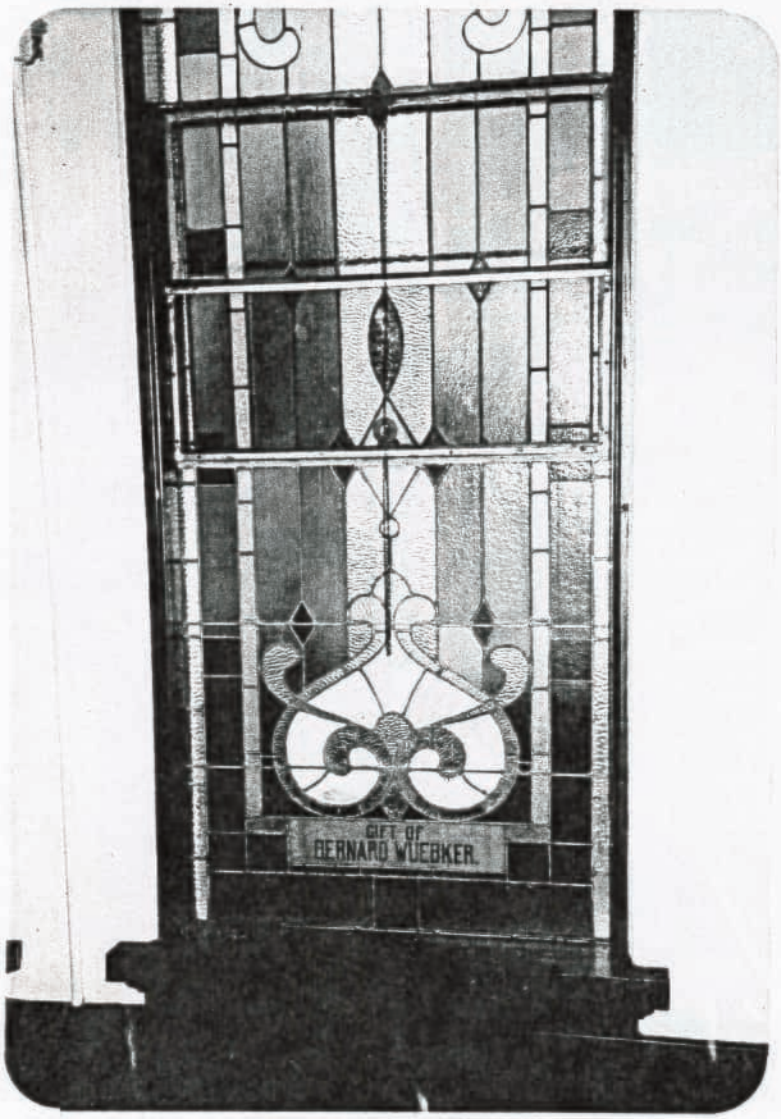
Cross and Crown

(northeast window in choir loft)

- Gift of Bernard Wuebker

Symbolic explanation:
Cross - Christ's crucifixion
Crown - victory
Symbolizes the victory of the cross, salvation and redemption from sin.





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Parishioners of 1916 per St. Patrick Records

Barhorst, Anna
Barhorst, Louis
Behr, Albert
Benanzer, Benedict
Benanzer, Frederick
Bensman, Joseph
Berning, Henry
Berning, Margaret
Brokamp, Ben
Buettner, Michael
Costolo, Patrick
Dundon, James
Dundon, Patrick
Dundon Family
Dundon, Mary
Eilerman, Anthony
Gaier, Ferdinand
Gaier, Albert
Gaier, Bernard
Gaier, Edward
Gaier, Raymond
Grieshop, Anthony
Hoying, Agnes
Hoying, Elisabeth
Hoying, Frederic
Hoying, Henry
Hoying, Joseph
Halpin, Philip
Hunter, Zina
Kaiser, Henry, Sr.
Kaiser, Henry, Jr.
Kaiser, Oliver
Kinninger, John
Kinninger, Mary
Lachat, Frank
Lauterbur, Peter
Liening, Charles
Liening, Henry
Liening, Louis
Liesner, John
Luthman, Caspar
Luthman, Bernadine
Marshal, Louis
Plas, Albert
Plas, Henry
Pleiman, Robert
Quinlin, James
Raterman, Louis
Schroeder, Bernadina
Schroeder, Joseph
Stueve, Joseph
Stukenborg, Frederick
Thaman, Henry
Thaman, Herman
Varno, Ferdinand
Varno, Henry
Westerheide, Julius
Zircher, Jacob
Zircher, Rinehart
Zumberger, Joseph
Costolo, Thomas
Greater Dayton Association
Puthoff, Frank
Puthoff, John
Quinlisk, Martin
Thiedieck, I.
Wuebker, Bernard
Hoying, Anthony
Doseck, Samuel

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The Frederick & Anna (Puthoff) Hoying Family (1916 era)
Back Row: Pauline, Anthony (Tony), Julius, Clem, Alice
Front Row: Fred, Stella, Mary, Bernadine, Anna

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Joseph Wehrman
1916 era
with his "touring car"

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St. Patrick School (1917 era)

Frank Lachat - Teacher

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St. Patrick Sewing Group (1917)

Standing: L-R Hilda Stukenborg, Elizabeth Luthman, Katie (Katherine) Berning, Sophia Behr, Mary Barhorst

Sitting: Elizabeth Barhorst, Clara Hoying, Lizzie Hoying, Pauline Hoying, Mary Etgen

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St. Patrick Church
St. Patrick, Ohio

The St. Patricks Parish, Shelby Co., Ohio, was organized in the year 1862 by the Rev. Patrick Henneberry C.PP.S. The ground for the location of the church was donated by Patrick Brennen and James McMonigal, and in 1863 the first church building was erected. On October 6, 1874, the old church was torn down, and a new church was erected by Rev. William Sidley, the pastor of Holy Angels Church, Sidney, Ohio, to which St. Patricks was attached as a mission. Later the Precious Blood Fathers again took charge and with the erection of the new church at McCartyville, St. Patricks became a mission of said place.

In 1906 the secular clergy took charge of St. Patricks and McCartyville, the Rev. John Metzdorf being the pastor, who remained there until 1910 when Rev. Francis Kuenhle was appointed pastor. The congregation being in a flourishing condition, the members of St. Patricks, feeling that they could support a pastor, petitioned the Most Rev. Henry Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio for a resident priest. The request found favor with His Grace, and the Rev. Goswin B. Menge was appointed Pastor in 1913.

About this time some of the members of the congregation circulated a petition to change the location of the church, but after a great deal of deliberation and discussion, it was decided to remain at St. Patricks, Ohio and to build a new edifice.

The ground for the new church, as well as that for the new parsonage, was donated by Mrs. Anna Barhorst. The building of the present church began in 1915, the corner stone being laid on June 13 of said year. The church was blessed and used for services for the first time on Christmas day of 1915. The church was dedicated by the Most Rev. Henry Moeller, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio on the first Sunday of October, 1916. The total cost of the church was about $19,000.00 and at the time of the dedication there was an indebtedness of $1500.00. At the present time the church is free from debt.

Too much can not be said in favor of Father Menge for the zeal and fervor he displayed, and amount of good he accomplished during the short time he was pastor of St. Patricks, and it was with the deepest regret that the members of the congregation parted with him.

From October 1916 to June 1917, St. Patrick was attended to by the Rev. Anthony Moeller with the assistance of Rev. Albert Von Hagel, the pastor and assistant of St. Michael's Church, Loramie, Ohio.

The present pastor was appointed June 24, 1917.

(This article was written by Rev. Joseph Koch)



Rev. Joseph Koch
Pastor at St. Patrick (1917-1919)

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The Joseph & Rosa (Puthoff) Hoying Family (1917 era)
Back Row: L-R Aloys, Margaret, Leo, Frank, Cecilia, William
Front Row: L-R Theresia, Rose, Ray, Albert, Joseph, Clara
Standing front and center: Urban & Joe

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Caspar & Mary (Tebbe) Luthman (1917)

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Frank & Mary (McFarland) Mertz
Moved to the St. Patrick in 1917 from the Osgood area.
Son: John Mertz also lived in the St. Patrick area

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Students of St. Patrick School - 1920

First Grade:
Raymond Barhorst
Leona Westerheide
Joseph Hoying
Veronica Raterman
Bernard Plas
Regina Hoying
Bernadine Hoying
Mary Bensman
Marie Stueve

Second Grade:
Irene Westerheide
Mary Plas
Hilda Bensman
Ann Barhorst

Third Grade:
Philip Berning
Ludwica Raterman
Stella Hoying
Rosa Behr
Ursula Stueve

Fourth Grade:
Frederick Stukenborg
John Plas
Theresia Hoying
Elmer Etgen
Frank Zircher
Louis Zircher
Louis Stueve

Fifth Grade:
Leo Bensman
Joseph Mertz
Henry Raterman
Raymond Hoying
Mary Raterman

Sixth Grade:
Albert Stukenborg
Charles Berning
Jane Zircher

Seventh Grade:
Stella Etgen
Elizabeth Berning
August Varno

Eighth Grade:
Isidore Stukenborg
Anthony Mertz
Pauline Kaiser
Joseph Behr
Mary Hoying
Clara Hoying
Elizabeth Barhorst

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SISTER MARY MARINA BERNING, CPPS
Baptismal name: Irene Elizabeth
Daughter of Henry and Mary (Koch) Berning
Entered Sisters of the Precious Blood December 7, 1922

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The John & Anna (Ronnebaum) Puthoff Family (1922)
Standing: Katherine, Cecelia, Elizabeth, Clara, Louise

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John & Catherine (Behr) Mertz

Married June, 1923

Children: Anna Marie (Sr. Adeline), Theresa, Bob, Charles, Bernard, Margaret, Tom & Pat

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First Row: L-R Alfred Carity, Herbert Bensman, Joseph Raterman, Nick Zumberge, Joseph Hoying, Urban Hoying, Joseph Westerheide
Second Row: Joseph Mertz, Lawrence Carity, Philip Berning, Henry Raterman, Frank Zircher, Bernard (Pete) Plas, Ray Barhorst.
Third Row: Margaret Zumberge, Irene Westerheide, Leona Westerheide, Mary Bensman, Regina Hoying, Verona Raterman, Anna Marie Hoying
Fourth Row: Teresa Hoying, Ludwica Raterman, Mary Raterman, Hilda Bensman, Mayme Plas, Annie Barhorst
Fifth Row: Louis Zircher, Clara Bensman, Leo Bensman, Ray Hoying, Steve Stukenborg, Unidentified, John Plas, Frank Lachat - Teacher



St. Patrick School Year (1922-1923)

St. Patricks school 2/7-1923

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St. Patrick Parishioners (1923)

Abt, Rev. Louis (Pastor)
Abt, Frances
Abt, John
Arling, Henry
Barhorst, Elisabeth
Barhorst, Henry
Barhorst, Louis & Mrs.
Baumer, Rosetta
Bensman, Clara
Bensman, Frank
Bensman, Fred
Bensman, Joseph
Berning, Catherine
Berning, Joseph
Berning, Louis
Berning, Margaret
Berning, Mary
Berning, Michael
Carity, Joseph
Costlo, Pat
Daniel, Clem
Dressman, Henry
Dundon, Mary
Dundon, Pat
Dundon, William
Eilerman, Anthony
Eilerman, William & Mrs.
Fortman, Bernard
Gaier, Bernard
Gaier, Ferd
Gaier, Ray
Gebhardt, Joseph
Halpin, Julia
Halpin, Philip
Hoying, Agnes
Hoying, Albert
Hoying, Aloys
Hoying, Anthony
Hoying, Clara
Hoying, Clem, Jr.
Hoying, Clem, Sr. (Egypt)
Hoying, Frank
Hoying, Henry
Hoying, Joseph
Hoying, Julia
Hoying, Julius
Hoying, Leo
Hoying, Margaret
Hoying, Matt.
Hoying, Ray
Hoying, William
Kinninger, Harry
Kinninger, Leo
Lachat, Frank
Lauterbur, Adolph
Lauterbur, Margaret
Lauterbur, Peter & Mrs.
Liening, Charles
Liesner, Albert
Liesner, John
Luthman, Caspar & Mrs.
Luthman, Charles
Luthman, Ed
Luthman, Wilbur
Mertz, Anthony
Mertz, Frank
Mertz, Joseph
Mertz, Margaret
Meyer, William
Plas, Albert
Plas, Henry
Pleiman, Robert
Poeppelman, Bernard
Puthoff, Bernard L.
Puthoff, Clem
Quinlin, James
Raterman, Louis
Schroeder, Anthony & Mrs.
Stukenborg, Fred
Varno, August
Varno, Elisabeth
Varno, Fred
Varno, Henry
Wehrman, Joseph
Westerheide, Julius & Mrs.
Zircher, Jacob
Zircher, Johanna
Zircher, John
Zircher, Magdalen
Zumberge, Joseph

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Rev. Louis Abt
(Pastor at St. Patrick (1923-1931)

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy;
it does not boast;
it is not proud.
It is not rude;
it is not self-seeking;
it is not easily angered;
it keeps no record of wrongs,
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.
Love never fails.
(1 Cor 13)

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Sister Ann Magdalen, S.C.
Magdalena Zircher
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Zircher
Entered the Sisters of Charity, September 8, 1924
Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Mount St. Joseph, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio

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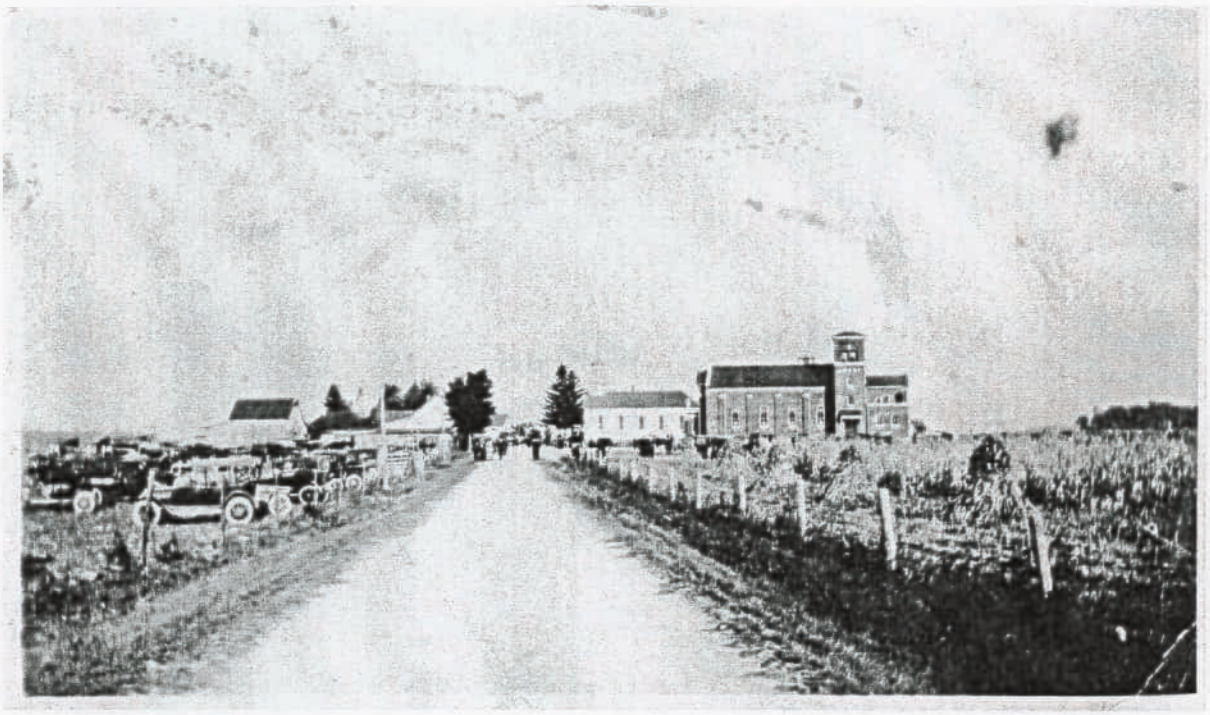
The Jacob & Theresia Zircher Family

Back Row: L-R Louie, Margaret, John, Mary, Victoria (Dora), Clara

Front Row: L-R Frank, Jane, Jacob, Theresia, Magdalene (Lena), Frances

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(1925-1927) era

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Aloysious & Rosetta (Baumer) Berning (1926)

Witnesses: Philip Berning & Lillian Sommer

Children: Georgine, Maurice (Morris), Ruth, Mary Ann, Tom, & Dorothy

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Love must be completely sincere,
Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good.
Love one another warmly as Christians,
and be eager to show respect for one another.

Work hard and do not be lazy,
Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion.
Let your hope keep you joyful,
be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times.

Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians,
and open your homes to strangers,
Ask God to bless those who persecute you -
yes, ask him to bless, not to curse.

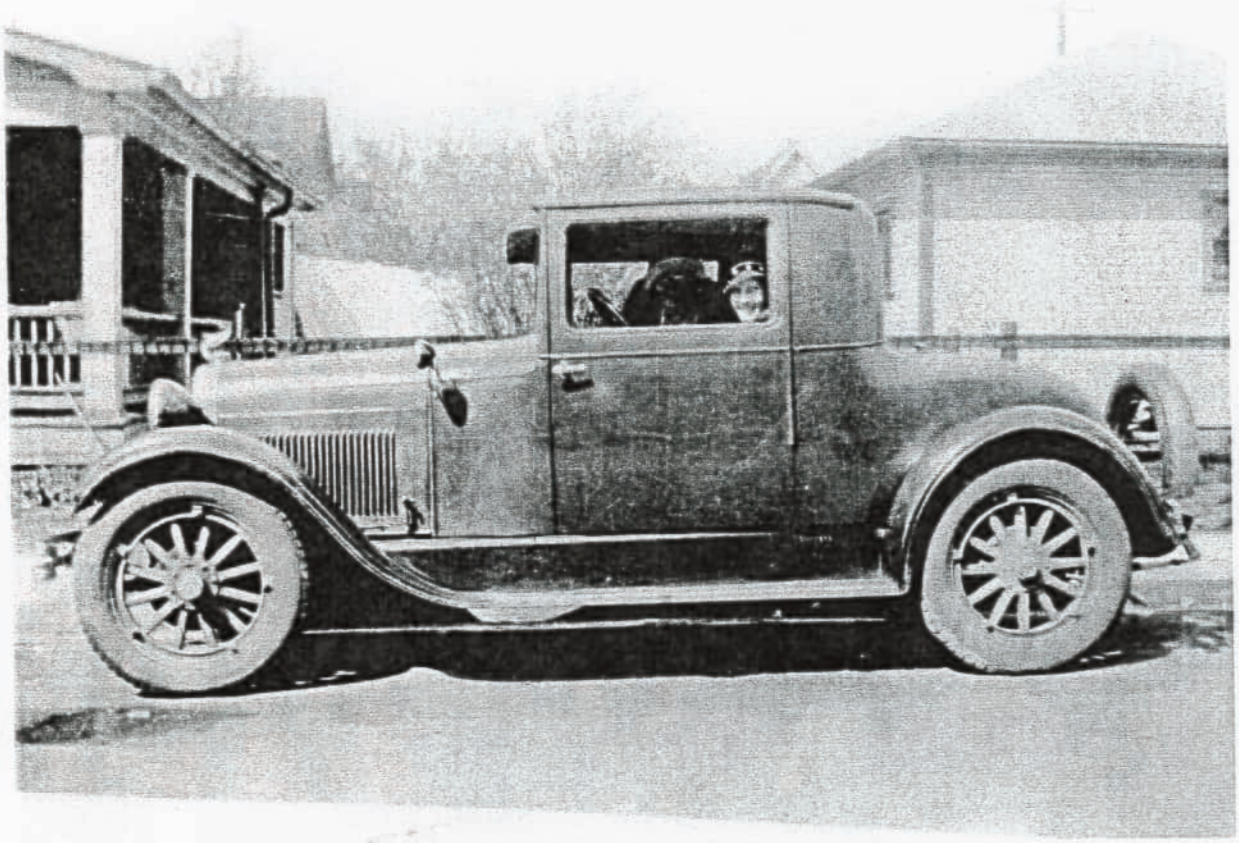
Be happy with those who are happy,
weep with those who weep,
Have the same concern for everyone,
Do not be proud, but accept humble duties.

Do not think of yourselves as wise.
If someone has done you wrong,
do not repay him with a wrong.
Try to do what everyone considers to be good.

Do everything possible on your part
to live in peace with everybody.

Romans: 12: 9-18

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Late 1920's at the Fred Bensman Farm



41. Ray Barhorst
31. Regina Hoying
23. Angela Varno
13. Maurice Westerheide
6. Norman Pleiman
1. Louis Raterman

42. Joseph Hoying
32. Luetta Bensman
24. Henrietta Fortman
14. Alma Hoying
7. Alfred Carity
2. Ray Raterman

43. Ann Barhorst
33. Verona Raterman
25. Juliana Raterman
15. Dorothy Pleiman
8. Norbert Bensman
3. Fred Bensman

44. Mary (Mayme) Plas
34. Anna Marie Hoying
26. Louise Hoying
16. Louise Raterman
9. Edwin Hoying
4. Henry Hoying

45. Mary Bensman
35. Urban Hoying
27. Marie Zumberge
17. Irma Carity
10. Clarence Plas
5. Leonard Varno

Teacher-Frank Lachat
36. Lawrence Carity
28. Joseph Westerheide
18. Bernadette Hoying
11. Alfred Westerheide

46. Irene Westerheide
37. Herbert Bensman
29. Leonard Hoying
19. Henrietta Liening
12. Andrew Hoying

47. Hilda Bensman
38. Leona Westerheide
30. Nick Zumberge
20. Elizabeth Bensman

48. Margaret Zumberge
39. Bernard (Pete) Plas
21. Lorena Bensman

40. Joseph Raterman
22. Rosella Varno

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St. Patrick 8th Grade Graduation Class (1927)

Standing: Joseph Hoying, Hilda Bensman, Annie Barhorst, Mary Bensman, Mary Plas
Sitting: Irene Westerheide, Frank Lachat (teacher), Verona Raterman

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Parishioners of 1927 per St. Patrick Records

Rev. Louis J. Abt
Arling, Henry and Mrs.
Barhorst, Louis and Mrs.
Barhorst, Frank
Bensman, Frank and Mrs.
Bensman, Fred and Mrs.
Bensman, Joseph and Mrs.
Bensman, Clara
Bensman, Leo
Berning, Mrs. Mary
Berning, Mrs. Marg.
Berning, Louis and Mrs.
Berning, Jos. and Mrs.
Berning, Aloys and Mrs.
Berning, Catherine
Berning, Philip
Berning, Charles
Berning, Cecilia
Brunswick, Walter
Carity, Jos. and Mrs.
Carroll, Mrs. Mat
Costolo, Pat
Dreesman, Henry and Mrs.
Dundon, Pat
Dundon, William
Eilerman, Anth. and Mrs.
Eilerman, Wm. and Mrs.
Eilerman, Loretta
Eilerman, Adolph
Fortman, Bern. and Mrs.
Gaier, Bern. and Mrs.
Gaier, Ferd
Hausfield, Frank
Halpin, Philip and Mrs.
Halpin, Julia
Hoying, Jos. and Mrs.
Hoying, Anth. (Minster)
Hoying, Frank and Mrs.
Hoying, Clem and Mrs.
Hoying, Julius and Mrs.
Hoying, Henry and Mrs.
Hoying, Wm. and Mrs.
Hoying, Mrs. Agnes
Hoying, Margaret
Hoying, Mat. and Mrs.
Hoying, Leo
Hoying, Clara
Hoying, Albert
Hoying, Raymond
Hoying, Theresia
Kinninger, Harry and Mrs.
Kinninger, Leo and Mrs.
Lachat, Frank and Mrs.
Lauterbur, Peter and Mrs.
Lauterbur, Mary
Lauterbur, Adolph
Liening, Chas. and Mrs.
Liesner, John and Mrs.
Liesner, Marie
Luthman, Mrs. Caspar
Luthman, Mrs. Bern.
Luthman, Wilbur
Luthman, Edw. and Mrs.
Luthman, Charles
Mertz, Frank and Mrs.
Mertz, John and Mrs.
Mertz, Marie
Mertz, Margaret
Mertz, Anthony
Mertz, Joseph
Meyer, Joseph
Plas, Albert and Mrs.
Plas, Henry and Mrs.
Plas, John
Pleiman, Rob. and Mrs.
Poeppelman, Bern. and Mrs.
Puthoff, Bern. and Mrs.
Puthoff, Clem and Mrs.
Puthoff, Frank (Minster)
Quinlin, James
Raterman, Louis and Mrs.
Raterman, Mary
Raterman, Henry
Raterman, Ludovica
Schafer, Mrs. Alice
Schafer, Margaret
Schipper, Albert and Mrs.
Schroeder, Anth. and Mrs.
Sherman, Wm. and Mrs.
Tebbe, Bern. and Mrs.
Tebbe, Paul
Tebbe, Marie
Varno, Henry and Mrs.
Wehrman, Jos. and Mrs.
Westerheide, Julius and Mrs.
Wissman, Jos. and Mrs.
Zircher, Jacob and Mrs.
Zircher, Mary
Zircher, John
Zircher, Jane
Zircher, Louis
Zircher, Frank
Zumberge, Joss. and Mrs.
Zumberge, John (Loramie)
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Children Parishioners of 1927 per St. Patrick Records

Barhorst, Anna
Barhorst, Ray
Bensman, Hilda
Bensman, Anna M.
Bensman, Arthur
Bensman, Norbert
Bensman, Elis.
Bensman, Mary
Bensman, Herb
Bensman, Luetta
Bensman, Fred Jr.
Carity, Alfred
Carity, Lawrence
Carity, Irma
Eilerman, Thecla
Eilerman, Albert
Eilerman, Paul
Eilerman, Verona
Fortman, Henrietta
Hoying, Regina
Hoying, Urban
Hoying, Anna M.
Hoying, Jos. Jr.
Hoying, Louise
Hoying, Andrew
Hoying, Leonard
Hoying, Edwin
Hoying, Bernadette
Kinninger, Cath.
Kinninger, Edna
Kinninger, Esther
Kinninger, Gus
Kinninger, Alvina
Kinninger, Mildred
Kinninger, Andrew
Plas, Clarence
Plas, Mary
Plas, Bernard
Meyer, Vernon
Liesner, Urban
Liesner, Hilda
Liening, Henrietta
Pleiman, Norman
Pleiman, Dorothy
Puthoff, Norbert
Puthoff, Bernard
Puthoff, Clarence
Raterman, Juliana
Raterman, Joseph
Raterman, Verona
Raterman, Raymond
Raterman, Louis
Raterman, Louise
Siegrist, Jerome
Tebbe, Henry
Varno, Angela
Varno, Rosella
Westerheide, Irene
Westerheide, Leona
Westerheide, Joseph
Westerheide, Alfred
Westerheide, Maurice
Zumberge, Marg.
Zumberge, Nicholas
Zumberge, Marie

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SISTER MARY LEONITA, C.PP.S.

Irene Westerheide

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide

Entered the Precious Blood Order, January 21, 1928

Missioned: Superior at the Academy of the Little Flower and Principal of the High School, San Luis Rey, California



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ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

OFFICE OF VICAR GENERAL
225 EAST HIGH STREET
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

April 30, 1928.

The Reverend Louis J. Abt,

Swanders, Ohio.

Reverend and Dear Father Abt:

You are authorized to purchase the public school at St. Patrick's,Ohio, for the sum of $300.00 and to spend $6,000.00 improving it.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel A. Buckley, V.G.

ST. PATRICKS CONGREGATION,
St. Patricks, Ohio
R. F. D. No. 1, Swanders, Ohio

No. 26.

Fort Loramie, Ohio, June 1st. 1928.

Pay to the order of St. Patrick Board of Education $300.00

Three Hundred and no/100 Dollars

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LORAMIE, OHIO

To LORAMIE BANKING COMPANY, 56-1025
FORT LORAMIE, OHIO

ST. PATRICKS CONGREGATION
Rev. Louis J. Abt — Pastor
Jos Gumbinger — Treasurer

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32. Herbert Bensman
21. Juliana Raterman
11. Bernadette Hoying
1. Adrian Kinninger

33. Urban Hoying
22. Mildred Kinninger
12. Henrietta Liening
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23. Elizabeth Bensman
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35. Bernard (Pete) Plas
25. Alma Hoying
15. Norbert Bensman
5. Leonard Hoying

36. Nick Zumberge
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6. Louis Raterman

37. Leona Westerheide
27. Louise Hoying
17. Angela Varno
7. Maurice Westerheide

38. Regina Hoying
28. Clarence Plas
18. Lorena Bensman
8. Fred Bensman

39. Margaret Zumberge
29. Henrietta Fortman
19. Marie Zumberge
9. Leonard Varno

40. Anna Marie Hoying
30. Andrew Hoying
20. Rosella Varno
10. Henry Hoying

31. Edwin Hoying

St. Patrick School Year 1927-1928

(Picture dated May 7, 1928)

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St. Patrick 8th Grade Graduation Class (1928)

Standing: **Leona Westerheide, Margaret Zumberge, Bernard Plas**
Sitting: **Ray Barhorst, Frank Lachat (teacher), Regina Hoying**

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
325 WEST EIGHTH STREET

July 7, 1928.

Reverend Louis J. Abt,
St. Patrick Rectory,
R.R. #1, Swanders,
Ohio.

Reverend and dear Father:

Permission is hereby granted to expend the sum of $9,500.00 to remodel the school of St. Patrick parish by adding two additional rooms as per your recent application.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

R. Marcellus Wagner

Chancellor.
A.

RMW:M

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St. Patrick 8th Grade Graduation (1929)

Standing: Urban Hoying, Joseph Raterman, Herbert Bensman, Nick Zumberge
Sitting; Luetta Bensman, Frank Lachat (teacher), Anna Marie Hoying

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Back Row: L-R Arthur Bensman, Jerome Siegrist, Teacher Frank Lachat, Norman Pleiman, Mary Ann Bensman, Louise Hoying, Juliana Raterman, Angela Varno, Marie Zumberge.
Front Row: L-R Norbert Bensman, Ray Raterman, Alfred Westerheide, Bernadette Hoying, Henrietta Fortman, Mildred Kinninger, Elizabeth Bensman
St. Patrick School Year 1929-1930 (Partial School Enrollment) (Picture dated April, 1930)

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St. Patrick 8th Grade Graduation (1930)

Standing: Henrietta Fortman, Norbert Bensman, Juliana Raterman
Sitting: Norman Pleiman, Louise Hoying

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The Plas Store (East of St. Patrick School - - 1930's)

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Souvenir



At Close of School

St. Patrick's School

Turtle Creek Twp., Shelby Co., Ohio

1930-1931

Mary D. Gigandet,

Teacher

Pastors

Rev. Louis J. Abt,

Rev. Henry Meyer,

J. H. Henke — Co. Supt.

School Board

Louis A. Barhorst — Henry Arling
Joseph Wehrman — Joseph Bensman
Joseph Zumberge
Albert Plas — Clerk

Pupils

FOURTH GRADE

Lorena Bensman — Werner Bensman
Alma Hoying — Henry Hoying
Leonard Varno

THIRD GRADE

Walter Arling — Vernon Barhorst
Clarence Hoying — Vernon Hoying
Jerome Hoying — Mildred Hoying
Gustwin Kinninger — Adrian Kinninger
Alfreda Hoying — Alfred Hoying
Rita Liening — Lawrence Meyer
Francis Puthoff — Florence Ratermann
Robert Wehrman — John Westerheide

SECOND GRADE

Elmer Arling — Edna Barhorst
Juliana Bensman — Helen Bensman
Dorothy Bensman — Dolores Bensman
Roman Fortman — Paul Hoying
Herbert Hoying — Edna Hoying
Rose Mary Hoying — Viola Kinninger
Joseph Pleiman — Elvira Puthoff
La Verne Varno

FIRST GRADE

Andrew Berning — Robert Hoying
Ethel Hoying — Sylvester Hoying
Leo Liening — Rosella Meyer
Homer Ratermann — Henrietta Varno
Ralph Wehrman — Rosalinda Westerheide
Rose Mary Westerheide

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Anton Hoying with his grandchildren (1931)

Fourth Row: Regina Hoying, Joseph Raterman, Henry Raterman, Ludwika Raterman, Mary Sophia Raterman

Third Row: Jerome Hoying, Henry Hoying, Louis Hoying, Louis Raterman, Edwin Hoying, Raymond Raterman, Juliana Raterman, Verona Raterman, Louise Hoying, Anna Marie Hoying

Second Row: Donald Hoying, Homer Raterman Linus Hoying, James Hoying, Anthony Hoying, Anton (Bess Pop), Adele Hoying, Louise Raterman, Florence Raterman, Mary Catherine Westerheide, Bernadette Hoying

First Row: (children seated) Eugene Hoying, Marie Agnes Hoying, Bess Pop holding Patricia Raterman and Charles Hoying, Thomas Raterman, Mary Magdalene Raterman

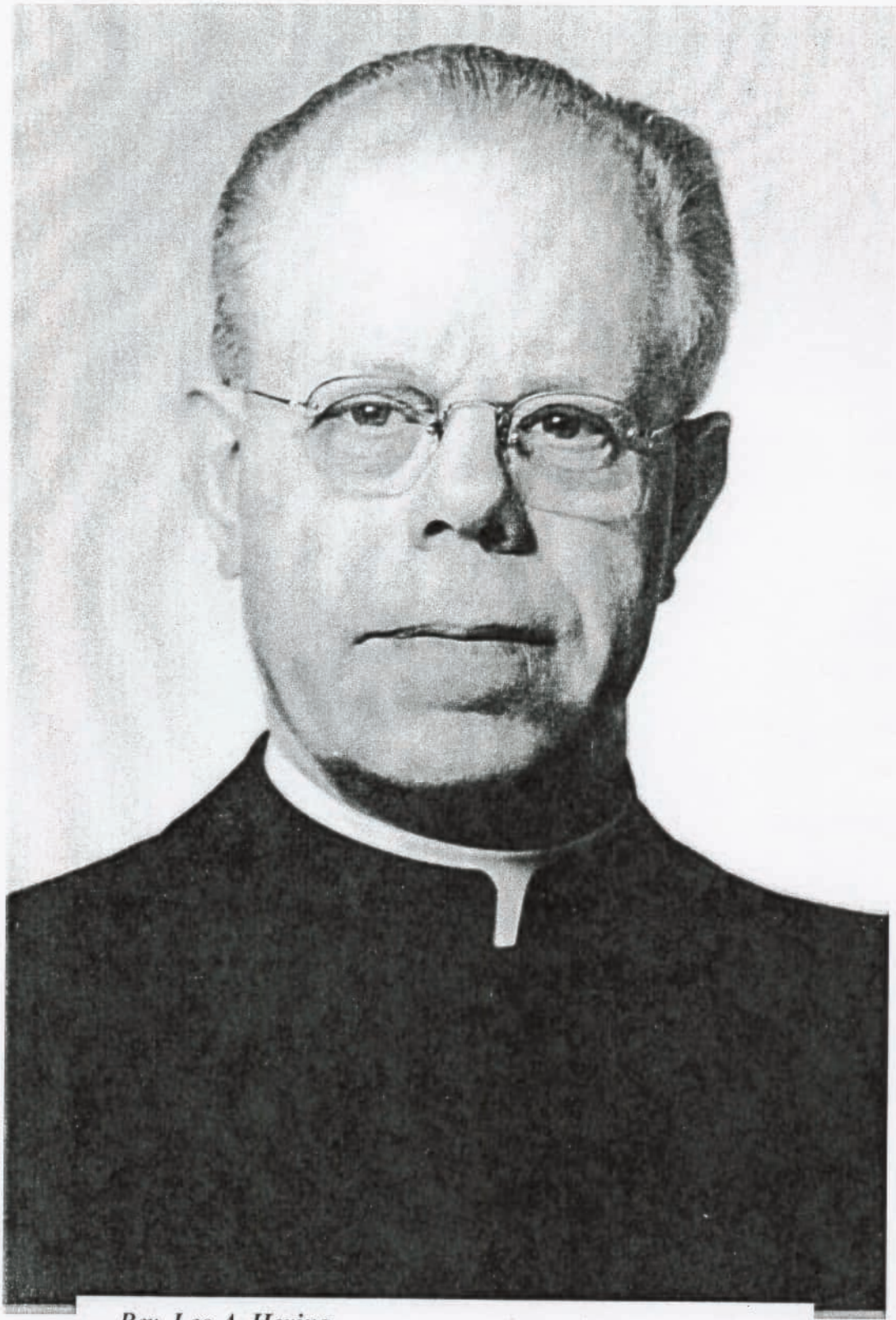
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The Louis & Anna (Hoying) Raterman Family (1931)

Back Row: Louis Sr., Mary, Joseph, Ludwica, Henry, Anna
Middle Row: Ray, Florence, Louise (Lil), Juliana, Louis Jr., Verona
Front Row: Mary Magdalene, Homer, Pat, Tom

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Rev. Leo A. Hoying

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hoying
Born December 5, 1896
Ordained May 14, 1933 at St. Charles Seminary
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick
Celebrated Silver Anniversary at St. Patrick, May 21, 1958
Died October 1, 1980

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St. Patrick School Year (1936-1937) Teacher - Marie Freytag - Grades 1 thru 4

First Row: Pat Raterman, Mary Puthoff, Ruth Luthman, Rita Luthman

Second Row: Tom Hoying, Ivo Hoying, Viola Meyer, Jeanette Pleiman, Irene Meyer, Dorothy Hoying, Virginia Fortman, John Bensman, Bill Puthoff

Third Row: Vernon Eilerman, Eugene Hoying, Alvin Hoying, Ann Barhorst, Lillian Hoying, Margaret Plas, Lawrence Puthoff, Cliff Hoying, Tony Heilers

Fourth Row: Louise Barhorst, Lawrence Meyer, Mary Ann Hoying, Victor Bensman, Agnes Hoying, Tom Raterman, Lucy Puthoff, Don Wehrman, Dorothy Wehrman, Dorothy Arling.

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Twins at St. Patrick School (1936-1937)

Back Row: **Delores & Dorothy Bensman, Alfreida & Alfred Hoying**
Middle Row: **Donald & Dorothy Wehrman, Rose Mary & Rosalinda Westerheide**
Front Row: **Rita & Ruth Luthman**

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Rev. Warren G. Hook
Pastor at St. Patrick (1937-1955)

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled, as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

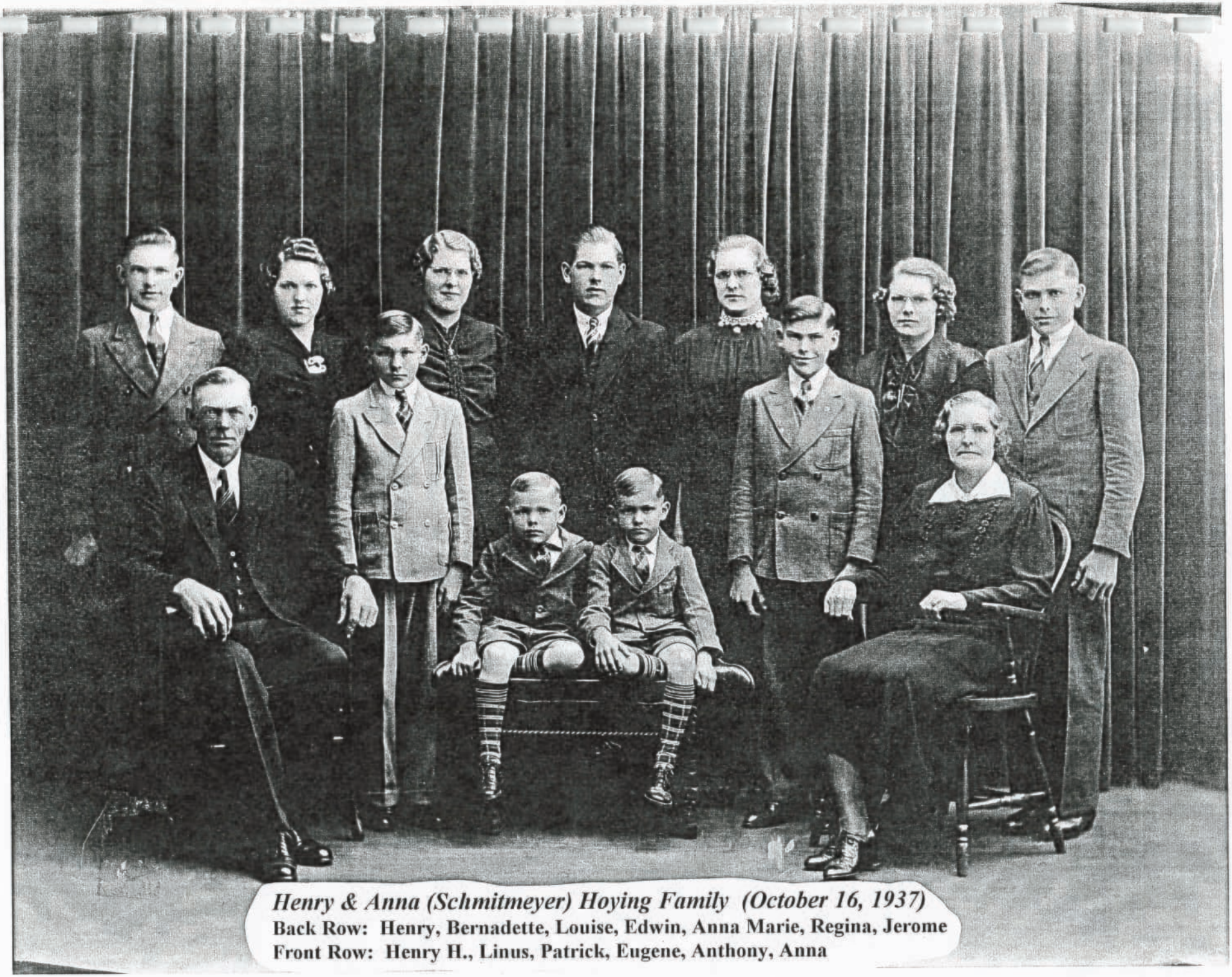
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Sister Mary Edmund, S.C.

Mary Bensman
Daughter of Joseph and Emma Bensman
Entered Sisters of Charity, September 7, 1937, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Mount St. Joseph, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio

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Henry & Anna (Schmitmeyer) Hoying Family (October 16, 1937)
Back Row: Henry, Bernadette, Louise, Edwin, Anna Marie, Regina, Jerome
Front Row: Henry H., Linus, Patrick, Eugene, Anthony, Anna

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Adult Parishioners at St. Patrick in 1937 per St. Patrick Records

Arling, Henry
Barhorst, Ann
Barhorst, Anthony
Barhorst, Louis
Barhorst, Ray
Bensman, Arthur
Bensman, Frank
Bensman, Fred
Bensman, Fred, Jr.
Bensman, Hilda
Bensman, Joseph
Bensman, Leo
Bensman, Lorena
Bensman, Luetta
Bensman, Norbert
Berning, Charles
Berning, Fred
Berning, Mrs. Mgt.
Burmeister, Anna
Doseck, Christ
Dundon, Catherine
Dundon, James
Dundon, Mary
Dundon, Pat
Dundon, William
Eilerman, Adolph
Eilerman, Albert
Eilerman, Mrs. Eliz.
Eilerman, Mary
Eilerman, Paul
Eilerman, Teckla
Eilerman, William
Eilerman, Wilma
Fortman, Ben
Fortman, Henrietta
Gaier, Ben
Gaier, Ed
Gaier, Ferd
Hackett, Ann
Heilers, Ben
Hoying, Agnes
Hoying, Alma
Hoying, Aloys
Hoying, Bernadetta
Hoying, Clara
Hoying, Clem
Hoying, Edwin
Hoying, Frank
Hoying, Henry
Hoying, Joseph
Hoying, Julius
Hoying, Rev. Leo
Hoying, Louise
Hoying, Mat
Hoying, Ray
Hoying, Regina
Hoying, William
Kloecker, George
Lachat, Frank
Lauterbur, Adolph
Lauterbur, Peter
Liening, Charles
Liesner, John
Luthman, Ed
Luthman, Wilbur
Maier, Clarence
Mertz, Frank
Mertz, John
Mertz, Joseph
Meyer, Margaret
Meyer, Joseph
Meyer, Rose
Meyer, Vernon
Plas, Albert
Plas, Bernard
Plas, Bernadine
Plas, John
Pleiman, Frank
Pleiman, Robert
Poeppelman, Albert
Poeppelman, Ben
Puthoff, Ben
Puthoff, Bernard
Puthoff, Clem
Puthoff, Norbert
Quinlan, James
Raterman, Henry
Raterman, Louis
Raterman, Ray
Siegrist, Jerome
Stukenborg, Steve
Varno, Angela
Varno, Henry
Varno, Rosella
Wehrman, Joseph
Westerheide, Alfrd
Westerheide, John
Westerheide, Julius
Westerheide, Leona
Westerheide, Maurice
Wuebker, Ben
Wuebker, Robert
Zircher, Frank
Zircher, Jacob
Zircher, John
Zircher, Louis
Zircher, Mary
Zumberge, Joseph
Zumberge, Margaret
Zumberge, Marie

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Children of the parish in 1937 per St. Patrick Records

Arling, Dorothy
Arling, Elmer
Arling, Walter
Barhorst, Edna
Barhorst, Louise
Barhorst, Vernon
Bensman, Dolores
Bensman, Dorothy
Bensman, Helen
Bensman, John
Bensman, Joseph
Bensman, Juliana
Bensman, Victor
Bensman, Werner
Doseck, Robert
Doseck, Sam
Eilerman, Anthony
Eilerman, Bertha
Eilerman, Cletus
Eilerman, Dolores
Eilerman, Edna
Eilerman, John
Eilerman, Norbert
Eilerman, Rita
Eilerman, Vernon
Fortman, Roman
Fortman, Virginia
Gaier Children
Hoying, Agnes
Hoying, Alfred
Hoying, Alfreda
Hoying, Alvin
Hoying, Andrew
Hoying, Anthony
Hoying, Catherine
Hoying, Clarence
Hoying, Clifford
Hoying, Dolores
Hoying, Dorothy
Hoying, Edna
Hoying, Edward
Hoying, Elizabeth
Hoying, Ethel
Hoying, Eugene
Hoying, Frederick
Hoying, Henry
Hoying, Herbert
Hoying, Irene
Hoying, Ivo
Hoying, Jerome
Hoying, Leo
Hoying, Leonard
Hoying, Lillian
Hoying, Linus
Hoying, Mary Ann
Hoying, Mildred
Hoying, Patrick
Hoying, Paul
Hoying, Robert
Hoying, Rose Mary
Hoying, Ruth
Hoying, Sylvester
Hoying, Thomas
Hoying, Vernon
Liening, Alberta
Liening, Leo
Liening, Rita
Liesner, Paul
Luthman, Rita
Luthman, Ruth
Mertz, Anna Marie
Mertz, Bernard
Mertz, Charles
Mertz, Robert
Mertz, Theresa
Meyer, Cleona
Meyer, Irene
Meyer, Kenneth
Meyer, Lawrence
Meyer, Norbert
Meyer, Viola
Meyer, Wilma
Plas, Clarence
Plas, Margaret
Plas, Rosella
Pleiman, Elizabeth
Pleiman, Jeanette
Pleiman, Dorothy
Pleiman, Joseph
Pleiman, Rose Mary
Poeppelman, Alvin
Poeppelman, B.
Poeppeman, Dorothy
Poeppelman, Edna
Poeppelman, Esther
Poeppelman, Gen.
Poeppelman, Hilda
Poeppelman, Lester
Poeppelman, Mgt.
Poeppelman, Ruth
Puthoff, Corinne
Puthoff, Elvira
Puthoff, Francis
Puthoff, Lawrence
Puthoff, Lucille
Puthoff, Mary
Puthoff, Rosella
Puthoff, Wilbur
Raterman, Florence
Raterman, Homer
Raterman, Louis
Raterman, Louise
Raterman, Mary M.
Raterman, Patricia
Raterman, Thomas
Stukenborg, Robert
Varno, Henrietta
Varno, La Verne
Varno, Leonard
Wehrman, Carl
Wehrman, Donald
Wehrman, Dorothy
Wehrman, Robert
Wehrman, Ralph
Westerheide, R. M.
Westerheide, Mary
Westerheide, Rosa

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MISS RUTH CARTER.

Ruth Carter
Teacher at St. Patrick
1936-1937
1937-1938
Grades 5-8

In 1937, at St. Patrick's School while we were having a writing lesson one morning, the plaster started falling down from the ceiling and wall over my desk As the janitor was having trouble with the furnace, we assumed it had exploded. As we made a quick exit, one frightened child clung to me and I had to carry him out. It seemed that we were walking up a very high hill. It was a earthquake! Boys and girls in grades 5-6-7-8 were thrown from their seats onto the floor. Many ink pen points were pulled out of the floor where they had been jabbed by the force of the quake. Rosemary Pleiman had her arm broken in two different places. Later the roar and movement of the coal, as it was emptied from the truck to the basement had the same sound as the earthquake. Panic was written all over their faces again.

Two St. Patrick students, Pat Hoying and Carl Wehrman later grew up and were school board members of the Ft. Loramie School while I was teaching there.

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1938 Ten Twins in St. Patrick School of 70



ST. PATRICK, O., March 28.—Of the 70 students in the St. Patrick school, 10 are twins, which at first proved quite perplexing for Miss Ruth Carter, principal, and Miss Marie Freytag, teacher.

The twins shown above are, left to right, first row: Rosalinda and Rose Mary Westerheide, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide, R. R. 2, Anna; Ruth and Rita Luthman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Luthman, R. R. 1, Minster; Dorothy and Delores Bensman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bensman, R. R. 2, Anna. Second row: Alfred and Alfreda Hoying, children of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hoying, R. R. 2, Anna, and Dorothy and Donald Wehrman, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wehrman, R. R. 2, Anna.

St. Patrick Twins (1915 thru 1960)	*Parents*
Albert & Alfred Eilerman	*Anton & Elizabeth (Sommer) Eilerman*
Alfred & Alfrieda Hoying	*Matt & Marie (Reinders) Hoying*
Dorothy & Delores Bensman	*Frank & Appolonia (Mader) Bensman*
Louis & Lester Varno	*Henry & Louise (Romie) Varno*
Louis & Louise Raterman	*Louis & Anna (Hoying) Raterman*
Lester & Esther Poeppelman	*Ben & Alice (Gariety) Poeppelman*
Rosalinda & Rose Mary Westerheide	*Julius & Bernadine (Hoying) Westerheide*
Don & Dorothy Wehrman	*Joseph & Katherine (Puthoff) Wehrman*
Rita & Ruth Luthman	*William & Viola (Gariety) Luthman*
Helen & Ellen Pleiman	*Ed & Margaret (Shafer) Pleiman*
Wilbur & Gilbert Sturwold	*John & Mary (Dwenger) Sturwold*
Rita & Martha Puthoff	*Ben & Bertha (Menker) Puthoff*
Bob & Bonnie Puthoff	*Ben & Bertha (Menker) Puthoff*
Bob & Bill Zircher	*Louis & Sally (Sommer) Zircher*
Don & Dan Eilerman	*Paul & Victoria (Poeppelman) Eilerman*
Daniel & Debbie Bensman	*Werner & Euleta (Bertke) Bensman*
Mary & Margaret Hoying	*Ivo & Georgiana (Larger) Hoying*

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This picture was taken at a music recital held at the home of William & Regina Hoying.
The music teacher was Alma (Miller) Knasel. (1938)

1. Leo Hoying 2. Ed Hoying 3. Mary Puthoff 4. Betty Hoying 5. Jeanne Meyer
6. Ethel Hoying 7. Tinky Plas 8. Corrine Puthoff 9. Edna Hoying 10. Irene Hoying
11. Peg Plas 12. Rita Meyer 13. Alvin Hoying 14. Ivo Hoying
15. Rosemary Hoying 16. Vera Puthoff 17. Unidentified 18. Marie Meyer
19. Unidentifed 20. Kathryn Hoying 21. Vera Meyer 22. Henrietta Varno 23. Mildred Hoying
24. Rita Bensman 25. Unidentified 26. Lucille Puthoff

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REV. JOSEPH HOYING, C.PP.S.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoying
Born February 8, 1913
Ordained May 14, 1939 at St. Charles Seminary
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, May 17, 1939

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Sister Mary Josephine, S.C.

Elizabeth Bensman
Daughter of Joseph and Emma Bensman
Entered the Sisters of Charity, September 7, 1939, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Little Flower Convent, Cincinnati, Ohio

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Interior of St. Patrick Church (1940)



The Julius & Bernadine (Hoying) Westerheide Family (1940)

Standing: Leona, Alfred, Rosalinda (Sister Mary Ann), John, Maurice, Rosemary (Mary), Irene (Sister Leonita)

Sitting: Julius, Mary Agnes (Ike), Bernadine

Lower right hand corner: Joseph



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Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he notices two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

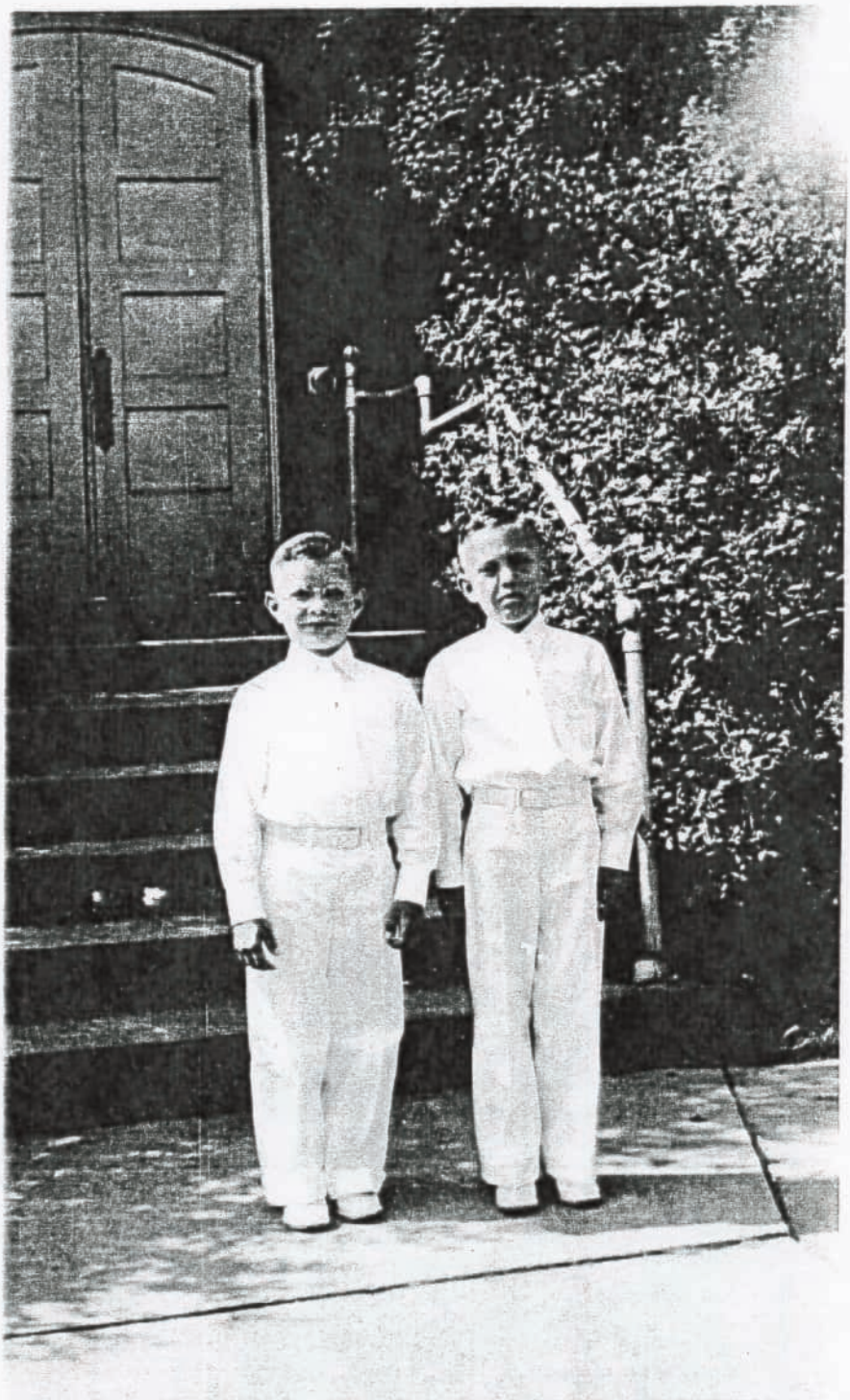
The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



The Rook Card Club (1940)

Standing: Joe Meyer, Frank Pleiman, Clem Hoying, Ed Luthman
Sitting: Henrietta Meyer, Genevieve Pleiman, Frances Hoying, Ann Luthman

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First Communion at St. Patrick (April, 1941)
Melvin Puthoff and Carl Pleiman

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The Robert & Emma (Wuebker) Pleiman Family (1941)

Standing: Dorothy, Joseph, Norman, & Rosemary

Sitting: Robert & Emma

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SISTER MARY ANN, C.PP.S.
Rosalinda Westerheide
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide
Entered the Precious Blood Order, July 26, 1941
Missioned: Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio

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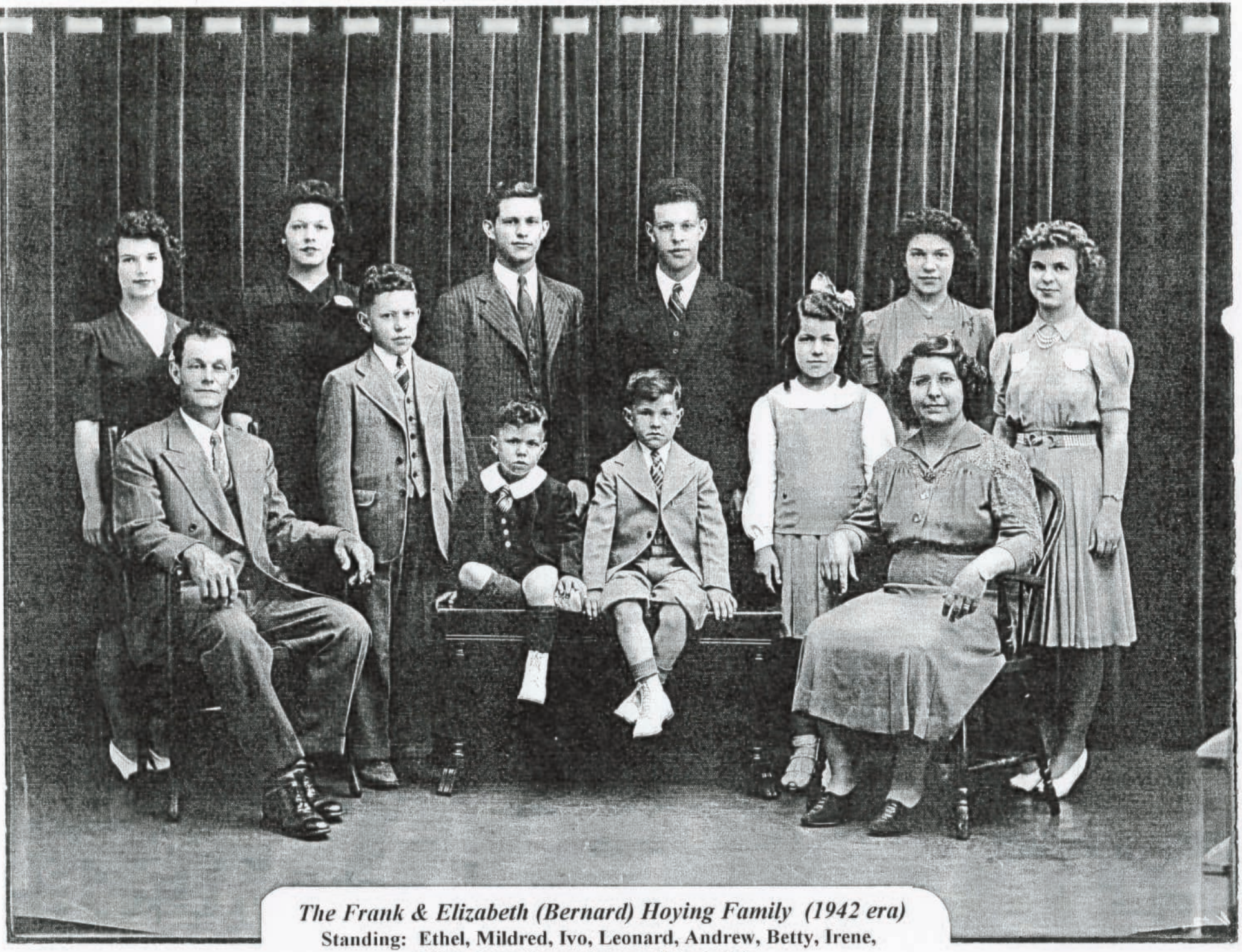
Sister Francis Elizabeth, S.C.
Edna Rose Hoying
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hoying
Entered the Sisters of Charity, August 15, 1941, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Guardian Angel Convent, Detroit, Michigan

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Rev. Urban J. Hoying
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hoying
Born: March 7, 1915
Ordained: March 8, 1942 at
St. Charles Seminary
First Solemn Mass: St. Patrick,
March 17, 1942
Died: January 8, 1966

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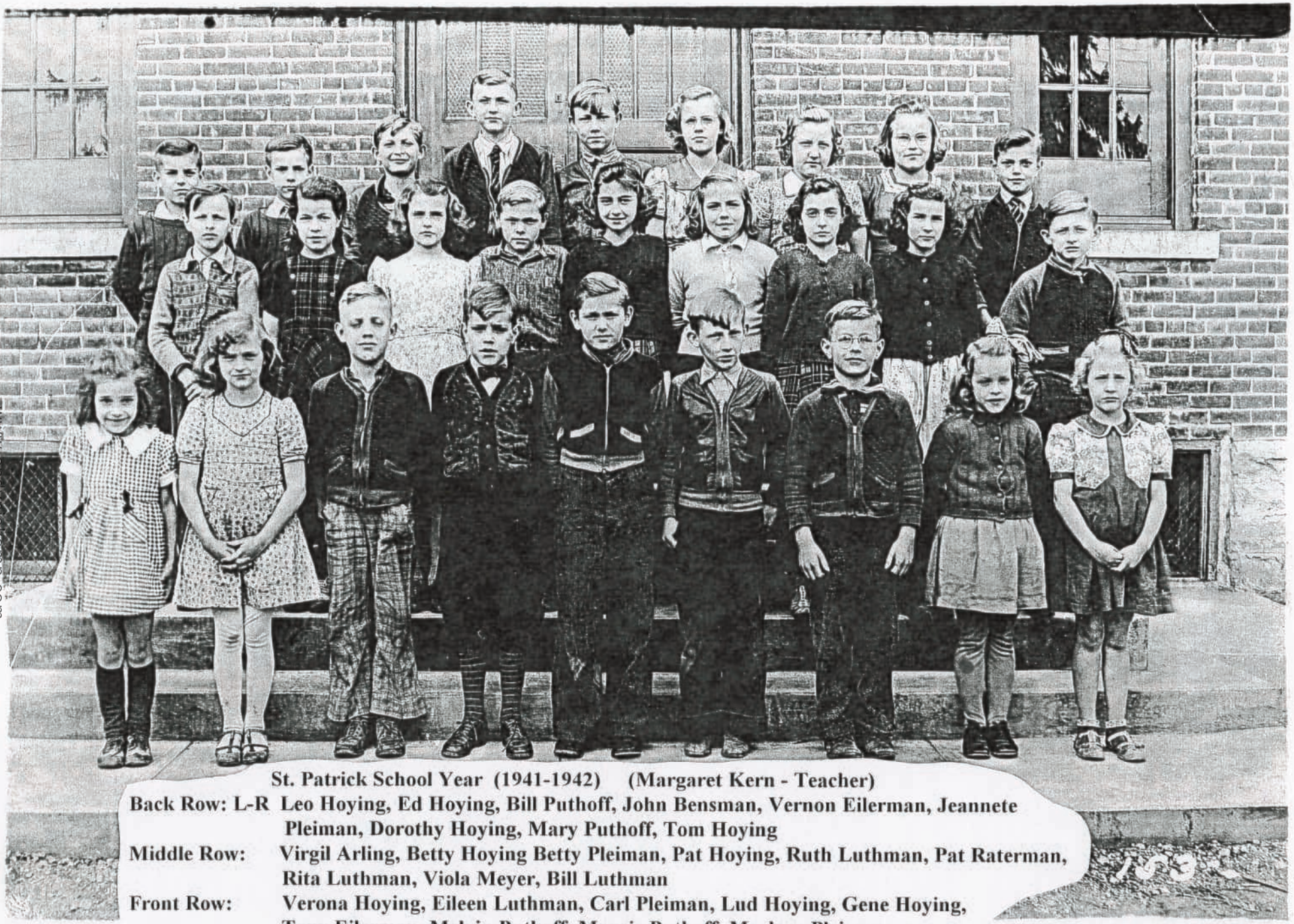


The Frank & Elizabeth (Bernard) Hoying Family (1942 era)

Standing: Ethel, Mildred, Ivo, Leonard, Andrew, Betty, Irene, Edna Rose (Sister Frances Elizabeth)

Sitting: Frank, Carl, Francis, Elizabeth

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St. Patrick School Year (1941-1942) (Margaret Kern - Teacher)

Back Row: L-R Leo Hoying, Ed Hoying, Bill Puthoff, John Bensman, Vernon Eilerman, Jeannete Pleiman, Dorothy Hoying, Mary Puthoff, Tom Hoying

Middle Row: Virgil Arling, Betty Hoying Betty Pleiman, Pat Hoying, Ruth Luthman, Pat Raterman, Rita Luthman, Viola Meyer, Bill Luthman

Front Row: Verona Hoying, Eileen Luthman, Carl Pleiman, Lud Hoying, Gene Hoying, Tony Eilerman, Melvin Puthoff, Margie Puthoff, Marlene Pleiman

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1941-1942 School Year (Margaret Kern - Teacher)

1st Grade
Marlene Pleiman
Margie Puthoff

2nd Grade
Verona Hoying
Eileen Luthman

3rd Grade
Carl Pleiman
Melvin Puthoff

4th Grade
Virgil Arling
Lud Hoying
Bill Luthman

5th Grade
Tony Eilerman
Betty Hoying
Ed Hoying
Pat Hoying
Betty Pleiman

6th Grade
Dorothy Hoying
Gene Hoying
Leo Hoying
Tom Hoying
Rita Luthman
Ruth Luthman
Mary Puthoff
Pat Raterman

7th Grade
John Bensman
Viola Meyer
Jeanette Pleiman
Bill Puthoff

8th Grade
Vernon Eilerman

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Sister Joseph Maria, S.C.

Lorena Bensman
Daughter of Joseph and Emma Bensman
Entered the Sisters of Charity, September 7, 1943, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Seton High School, Cincinnati, Ohio

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The Clem & Frances (Baumer) Hoying Family (1943)

Standing: Herb, Frances, Clem, & Vernon

Sitting: Fred & Lillian

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The Julius & Johanna (Wuebker) Hoying Family (1943)
Standing: Lud, Tom, Cliff, Bob, & Paul
Sitting; Ruth, Julius, Johanna, & Alma

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Symbol on Tabernacle

A ship shaped like a fish with seagulls:

The ship symbolizes Christianity or the church. It provides food for the hungry, safety on stormy seas, etc.

Preparing the altar for Father Andrew Hoying's First Mass Celebration at St. Patrick Church.



DECORATING THE ALTAR are Margaret, right, and Rosella Plas.

Remember when Rosella, eh?

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Rev. Andrew J. Hoying
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hoying
Born January 3, 1919
Ordained December 18, 1943, Cincinnati, Ohio
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, December 19, 1943

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Preparing for the first mass celebration.

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THE POTATO PEELING CIRCLE. These farm women know how to do this job and have a good time at it at the same time. Left to right: Mrs. Joseph Bensman, Mrs. Ben Poeppteman, Mrs. Bernadine Plas, Mrs. Wilbert Luthman, Mrs. Henry Hoying and Mrs. Robert Pleimann.

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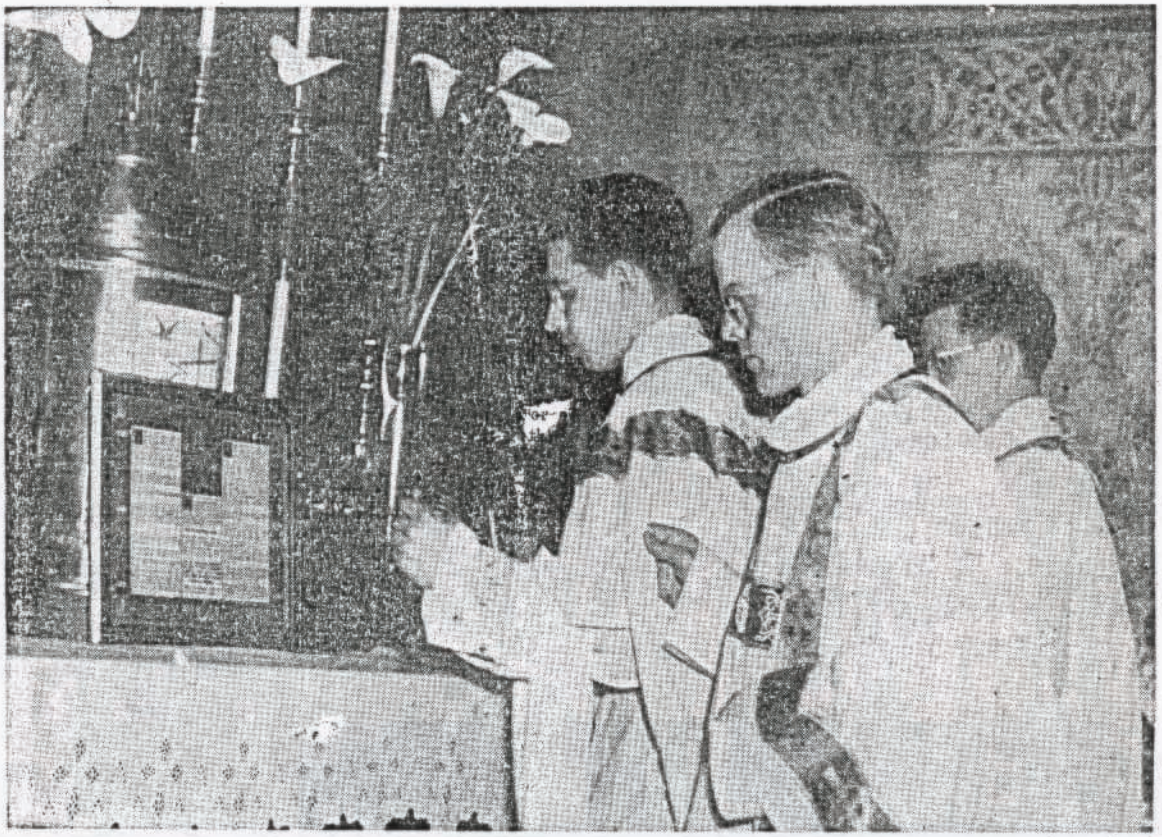
THE PROCESSION, preceding the first mass, just entering the church.



THE NEW PRIEST, Rev. Andrew J. Hoying, may be seen in the center of the group before the altar, saying his first mass.

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St. Patrick Greets The New Minister



REV. ANDREW J. HOYING, celebrant, with the two deacons, at the beginning of the mass.



AN UNUSUAL GROUP. Four of the five priests in the picture are related. Left to right: Rev. Leo Hoying, C.PP.S.; Rev. Warren Hook, pastor of St. Patrick; Rev. Andrew Hoying; Rev. Joseph Hoying, C.PP.S. and Rev. Urban Hoying, C.PP.S. Revs. Leo, Joseph and Urban Hoying are uncles of the new priest.



THE NEW PRIEST gives an old neighbor his first blessing following benediction at the church.

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Sister Mary Adeline, C.PP.S.
Anna Marie Mertz
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Mertz
Moved to Holy Angels Parish, Sidney,
shortly before entering Sisters of the Precious Blood, August 15, 1944

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The Matt & Marie (Reinders) Hoying Family (1944-1945)

Standing: Alfreida, Marie, Matt, Alfred, Sylvester

Sitting: Dorothy, Mary Ann

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The Stockyard Gang (1945)

L-R: Pete Hoying
Muggs Westerheide
Tinky Plas
Sie Plas
Peg Plas



L-R: Muggs Westerheide
Tinky Plas
Pete Hoying
Unidentified (standing)
Sie Plas (sitting)

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PLAS STORE 1945



Standing in front of the Plas Store (1945)
Rosella "Tinky" Plas
The store was owned and operated by
Henry & Bernadine Plas

St. Patricks Livestock

No Commission — Net Prices

Top Hogs, 140-400	$14.60
Roughs	13.85
Stags	13.75

Calves and Lambs bought on Saturday.

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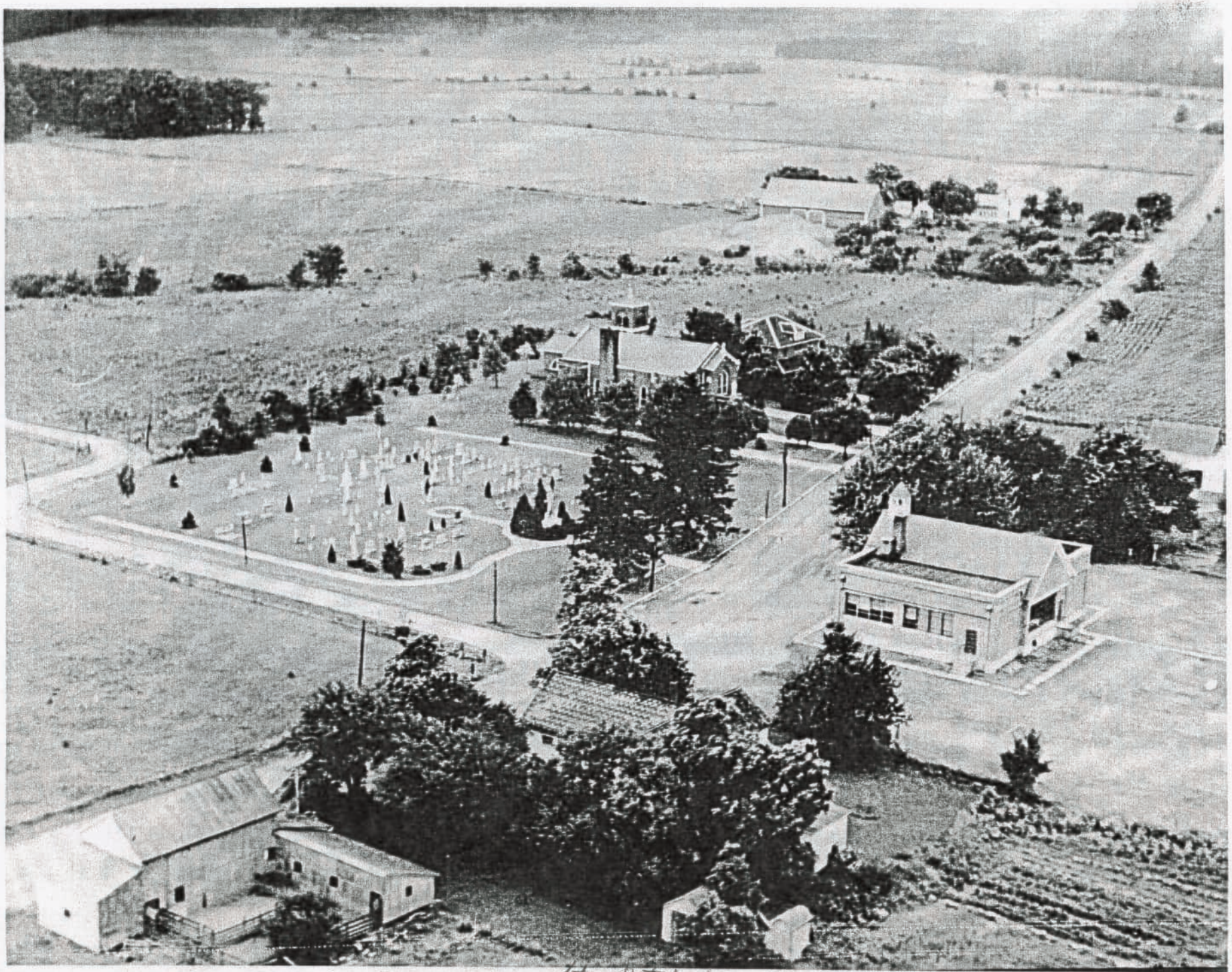


The Adolph & Verona (Kuether) Eilerman Family (1945)

Back Row: Verona, Adolph

Front Row: Pat, Tom

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Aerial view of the St. Patrick area taken in 1947

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Children of Aloysious & Rosetta (Baumer) Berning (1946)

Back Row: L-R Georgine, Morris (Maurice), Ruth

Front Row: Mary Ann, Tom, Dorothy

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A Promise Prayer

I'm promising, Dear Jesus,
to follow you today,
and to obey your every rule
in all I do or say;
to always be a loving child,
helpful, kind, and sweet;
to give the love you give to me
to everyone I meet.
But if this promise I should break
or if I bring you sorrow,
then help me to begin again
and keep my promise tomorrow.

- MARCH 19, 1948 -

The Tornado on March 19th, 1948

Farm Owners, Insurance Firms Survey Storm Loss

Livestock, Farm Buildings, Equipment Are Lost In Trail Of Devastation Wrought In Storm

Farmers of the Ft. Loramie-St. Patricks-McCartyville community, one of the hardest hit of areas struck by last Friday's slashing wind and rainstorm, today were digging out from under an avalanche of debris.

With lumber yards sold out of shingles and most other materials needed in rebuilding and repair of farm buildings, and with insurance companies, particularly local mutual firms, still wondering whether final figures would leave them in healthy condition, owners of destroyed buildings are at a loss as to when and where and how they will get materials and carpenters to rebuild their barns and other buildings.

A surprising characteristic of last Friday's storm was the fact that few residence properties were heavily damaged. In some cases barns were flattened within short distances of residences with dwellings left untouched.

Minster escaped with practically no damage. A plate glass window at the Fischer Bros. Market was sucked out and shattered in the 90-mile gale. Two chimneys and a shutter were sliced off the John Ritter dwelling and a chimney was felled at the Leo Frericks residence.

Some slight damage was reported at Fort Loramie. Several trees were torn out at the roots and the tops were torn from others in Bender park.

At McCartyville the plate glass pane of the front door of the Ed Bohman tavern was blown out and the noise of breaking glass, added to a driving rain that splattered in through the opening, combined to thoroughly frighten Mrs. Anthony Watercutter, an employe and the only person in the building at the time.

Probably the hardest hit financially of the farmers struck by the storm, described by some as a tornado but by most as a "pushing, shoving, encircling" wind of near-hurricane proportions, was Ben Otting of east of Fort Loramie.

Nearly the entire east side of the barn on the farm proper was ripped out and the structure was damaged nearly to extent of needing rebuilding. Mrs. Otting lost her chicken house and at least 100 of her laying hens when the smaller structure was picked up and smashed into the south side of the barn, completely demolishing the chicken house and damaging that otherwise untouched side of the barn.

Adding insult to injury, the rampaging storm snatched up a brooder house and turned it upside down, then slashed at the second barn on the Otting farm, some distance west of the main farm plant, dropping it in a complete shambles. Otting said at least half his farm tools, all in repair and ready for the spring work, was heavily damaged or ruined.

The entire top was ripped off a 44x75-foot bank barn at the farm of Julius Boerger, southwest of Ft. Loramie. Farm tools in the barn were damaged but livestock in the lower part escaped injury as the winds lashed around the farmyard and leveled a machine shed and brooder house, twisted the hog house from its base and caused considerable minor damage.

Joe, an 11-year-old son, was called out of the barn about 15 minutes before it was leveled as the family noted mounting velocity of the wind. Mr. Boerger, returning from Ft. Loramie, wondered at having been able to see his residence from a much greater distance than ordinarily. He soon found out why: the barn previously had obstructed the view.

In the same neighborhood three cattle were killed as the barn was demolished on the William Holthaus farm, five cattle died in debris of the cement block barn on the Aloys Ernst farm tenanted by Ben Shafer, the Emma Eilerman barn was destroyed, a chicken house and barn of Leo Schulze were damaged, the top was ripped off the Charles Berning barn and a machine shed was twisted off its concrete foundation at the Paul Boerger place.

A silo and wind pump were blown down on the Henry Boerger farm and roofs of the barn and outbuildings were damaged. The top was torn from a hog house and hurled over the road at the Ben Aselage place, while the brooder house of John Ase-

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Farmers Survey Storm Damage

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lage was snatched from its base and hurled across a ditch into the yard fronting the residence. A small building was turned upside down at the F. J. Danzig farm. The William Daniels barn was twisted from its base.

Windows were shattered in the brick residence which was otherwise damaged, a chimney was slashed off the dwelling and heavy damage resulted to the roof and one side of the granary on the farm of Mrs. N. F. Raterman tenanted by Jerry Marchal.

Heavy damage resulted at the Sacred Heart church edifice in McCartyville where the lower half of the west side of the roof was ripped off. A section of brick was torn out at the front of the structure near where the brick met the wooden steeple. Considerable damage was caused to the interior of the structure.

Parishioners reportedly had accumulated a tidy sum and were adding to it steadily, for use in remodeling the church edifice. Although no decision has been made as to whether or not to repair the present structure, many citizens of the community are of the opinion a new church will be needed. Church services are being held in the auditorium of the school.

William Koverman, east of McCartyville, lost his barn and outbuildings as did Joseph Watercutter. Part of the barn of John Albers was blow over and machinery damaged. The John Frilling barn at the west edge of the village was demolished and a cow killed. Barns were flattened and livestock killed on farms of Ferd Naseman, William Schmitmeyer, Albert Heitman and George Venerable.

Barns of August Poeppelman, Charles Hoying and Ben Hoying, and on the Pat Mulligan farm where the Herbert Berning family resides, were twisted out of shape. Roof of the Henry Schemmel garage in the village was lifted off without damaging the trailer of Ed Bohman stored inside.

A chicken stable was left standing on end at the Matt Hoying place and the roof was off a chicken stable at the Ray Buehler farm. A brick school building along State Route 119 west of McCartyville had its front and rear slashed off. Buildings on the Frank Hoying and Edward Luthman farms were either ruined or badly damaged. The barn at the Wilbert Luthman farm was leveled and considerable damage was caused to the residence.

Barns of Ben Puthoff and Mrs. Joe Plieman were left in ruins. A cement block barn went down at the Josephine Schafer farm tenanted by Ben Schafer, with loss of seven cows. A wind pump blew over and dropped on the truck of Elmer Schafer whose wife was seated in the cab at the time.

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Henry & Bertha (Kaiser) Arling (1948-1950)
Children: Elmer, Walter, Virgil, Dorothy, Irene

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Organists Through The Years

Gertrude Behr, Sophia Raterman, Anna (Hoying) Raterman, Tillie Hoying, Mary Raterman, Lucille Puthoff, John Buehler,Vicki (Poeppelman) Cotrell, Mary Grilliot, Karen Albers, Rhonda Hoying, Andy Eilerman, and Sharon Holthaus



The St. Patrick Church Choir (1948-1952 era)

Back Row: Paul Hoying, Adolph Eilerman, Werner Bensman, Joe Mertz, Clarence Plas, Frank Zircher
Front Row: Ruth Hoying, Lucy Puthoff, Martha Plas, Dorothy Wehrman, Lillian Hoying

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The St. Patrick Church Choir (1948-1952 era)

Back Row: Adolph Eilerman, Annie Raterman, Frank Zircher, Louis Raterman
Middle Row: Paul Hoying, Joe Mertz, Werner Bensman, Martha Plas, Clarence Plas
Front Row: Ruth Hoying, Dorothy Wehrman, Lucy Puthoff, Ann Siegrist

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Joseph & Anna (Kuck) Zumberge (1948)

Children: Marie, Nick, Margaret



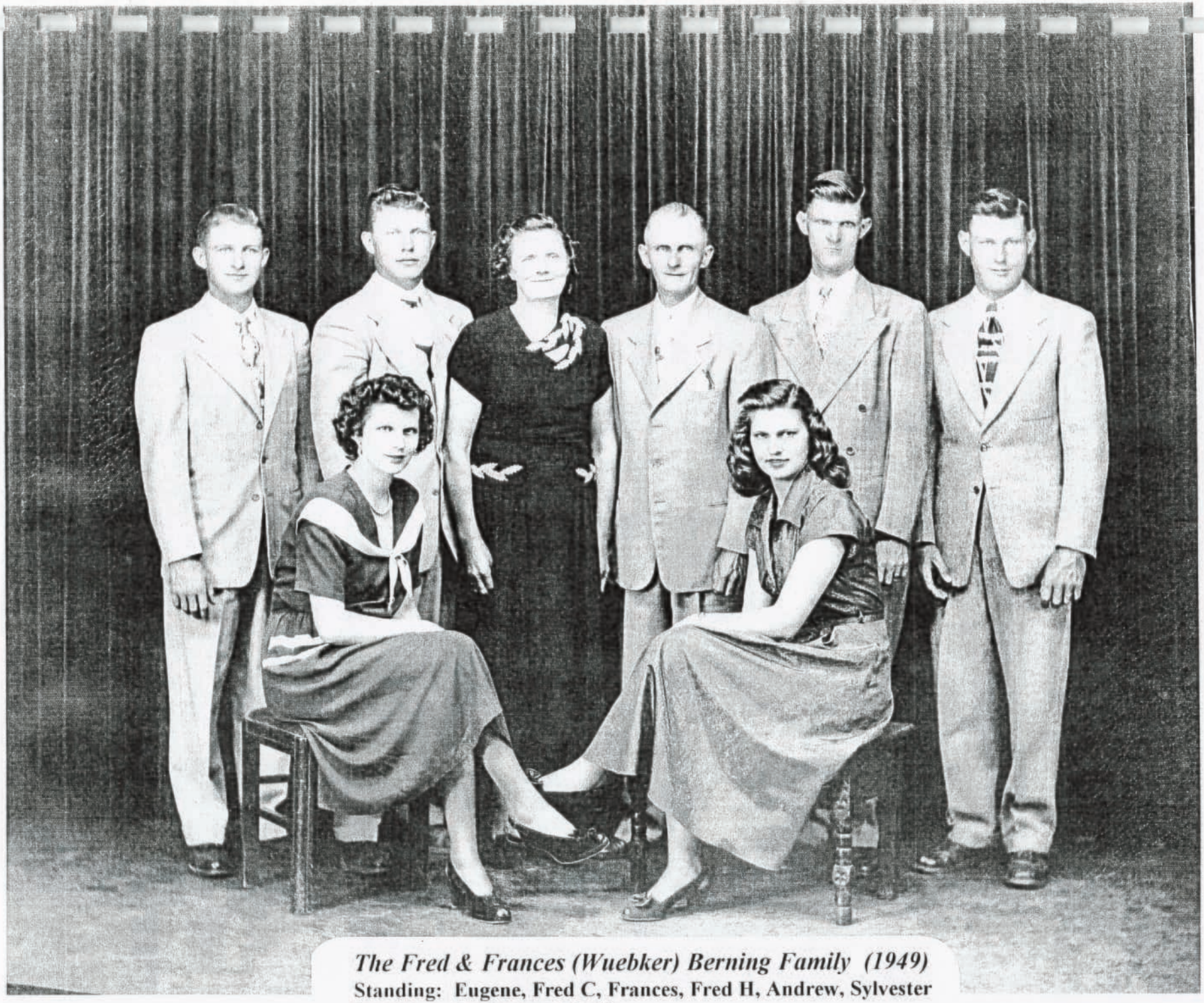
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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1949)

Back Row: **Student Helpers - Barbara Graffam & Margie Puthoff**
Middle Row: **Patrick Mertz, Carol Shepard**
Front Row: **Lucille Hoying, Margie Hoying, Rita Zircher, Mary Wuebker**

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The Fred & Frances (Wuebker) Berning Family (1949)

Standing: Eugene, Fred C, Frances, Fred H, Andrew, Sylvester

Sitting: Norma and Marie

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The Joseph & Henrietta (Altermatt) Meyer Family (1949)
Standing: Lawrence, Irene, John, Cleona, Vernon, Wilma, Kenny
Sitting: Viola, Henrietta, Joseph, Joe Jr.

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Sister Francis Elizabeth Hoying, Sister Mary Assunta Stang, Sister Mary Edmund Bensman, Sister Kathleen Stang, Sister Mary Josephine Bensman, Sister Joseph Maria Bensman



Ann & Ed Luthman (1950)

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The St. Patrick School Year (1950-1951) **(26 students)**

First Grade:	Diane Hoying, Alvin Luthman, Susan Hoying, Ralph Zircher
Second Grade;	Janet Bensman, Ronald Eilerman
Third Grade:	Bonnie Puthoff, Linda Bensman, Bob Luthman, Kenny Eilerman, Jim Plas, Bob Puthoff
Fourth Grade:	Lucy Hoying, Margie Hoying, Mary Wuebker, Carol Shepard, Rita Zircher
Fifth Grade:	Joan Bensman
Sixth Grade:	Norma Luthman, Don Puthoff
Seventh Grade:	Don Bensman, Robert Wuebker, Mary Jean Hoying, Irene Arling
Eighth Grade:	Cyril Hoying, Mary Jane Luthman.
Teacher:	Henrietta Evers

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Rev. Ignatius Joseph Behr, S.D.S.
Lived during his early years at St. Patrick
Ordained a Salvatorian Father, June 5, 1951
First Solemn Mass, St. Michael Church, June 10, 1951
Parents: Albert and Mary Christine (Carity) Behr



(Sons of Albert & Mary Behr)
Henry Behr, Rev. Ignatius Behr, Bill Behr, Matt Behr

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The William & Regina (Bernard) Hoying Family (1951)

Standing: Veronica, Rosemary, Leo, Clarence, Alvin, Catherine, Edward
Sitting: William, Susan, Cyril, Margie, Regina



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The Louis & Anna (Hoying) Raterman Family (1951-1952)

Standing: Louis Sr., Raymond, Thomas, Joseph, Louis Jr., Homer, Henry, Annie

Sitting: Florence, Mary, Louise, Ludwica, Patricia, Mary Magdalene, Juliana, Veronica

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John & Emma (Marshall) Beaver Family (1952)
Standing: Emma, Sister DeChantal, John
Sitting: Remy, Augustine, Stanley

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Come! Glorify the Lord with me,
together let us praise God's name.
(Psalm 34:1-4)

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Wehrman Family
War Veterans



World War I (1914-1918)
Veteran: Joseph Wehrman





World War II (1941-1945)
Veterans: Ralph, Bob, & Carl Wehrman



Korean War (1950-1953)
Veteran: Donald Wehrman

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Seven Sons of Henry & Anna (Schmitmeyer) Hoying
World War II Veterans: L-R Edwin (Navy), Hank (Naval Air Force), Lindy (Army), Jerry (Coast Guard), & Tony (Navy)



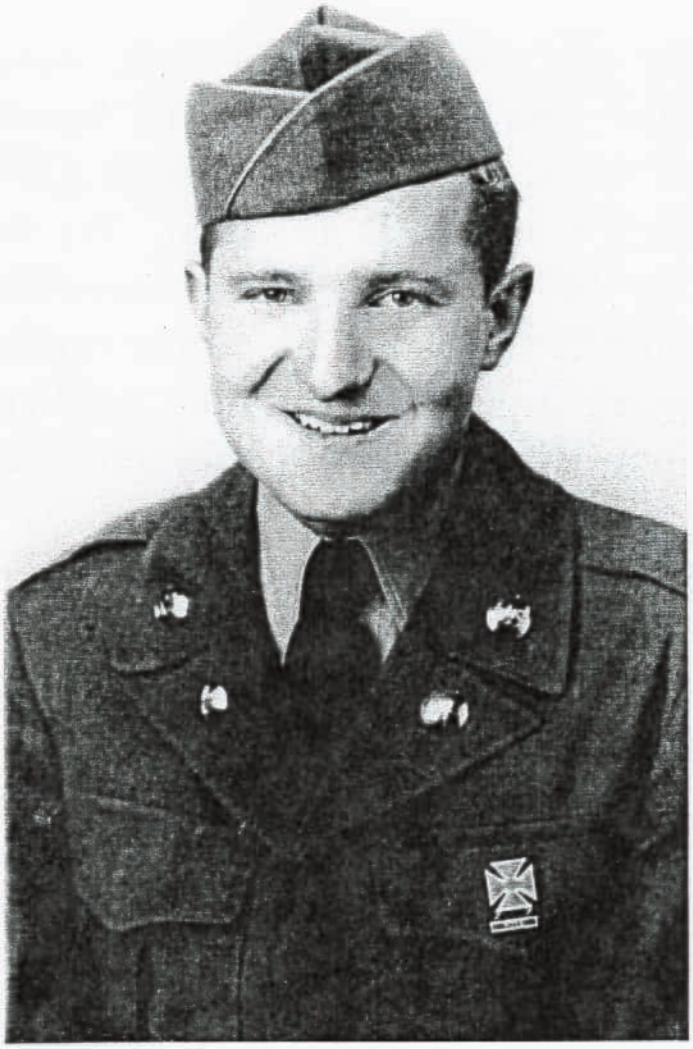


Korean War Veterans

Gene **Patrick**

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PFC Maurice J. Berning
Son of Aloys and Rosetta (Baumer)Berning



In loving remembrance of our beloved Son and Brother
PFC. Maurice J. Berning

U.S. Army
Born: August 3, 1928, Shelby County, O.
Killed in action in Korea
August 6, 1951
Mass at St. Boniface Church: December 7, 1951
Final Resting Place: Piqua, Ohio

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A Prayer for Veterans

Our loving and most gracious God, we recognize and honor all United States veterans. We honor them as we honor You, our God, for it is Your divine gift of freedom to us for which they have fought and died. We are humbled by the thought - by the enormity of their sacrifice for us. They have born the burden of battle and have carried the wounds that guarantee us the right to gather publicly. It is their victory and Yours that allows us the opportunity to openly voice this very prayer.

Our debt of gratitude to these heroes can never fully be repaid, but our efforts to do so must never cease. As a grateful nation we renew our commitment to honor and serve our veterans in life, to memorialize them in death, and to hold dear the values for which they have sacrificed so much.

Thank you, God, for each man and woman who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Thank you, God, for each generation of American veterans who has gone before them and will come after them.

We ask that you would bless each one with health, with joy, with material needs and meaningful relationships - today and always. In your Holy Name, we pray.

Amen.

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ST. PATRICK AREA WAR VETERANS

World War I Veterans

Eilerman, William
Wehrman, Joseph

World War II Veterans

Bensman, Fred
Eilerman, Cletus
Eilerman, John
Eilerman, Norbert
Hoying, Alfred
Hoying, Edwin
Hoying, Fred
Hoying, Henry
Hoying, Herbert
Hoying, Jerome
Hoying, Linus
Hoying, Paul
Hoying, Robert
Hoying, Sylvester
Hoying, Tony
Hoying, Vernon
Meyer, Kenneth
Meyer, Lawrence
Meyer, Vernon
Poeppelman, Lester
Puthoff, Francis
Raterman, Louis
Raterman, Ray
Raterman. Homer
Varno, Lavern
Varno, Leonard
Wehrman, Carl
Wehrman, Ralph
Wehrman, Robert
Westerheide, Alfred
Westerheide, John

Korean War Veterans

Arling, Virgil
Berning, Eugene
Berning, Fred
Berning, Maurice (KIA)
Eilerman, Tony
Eilerman, Vernon
Hoying, Alvin
Hoying, Edward
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Pleiman, Carl
Raterman, Tom
Wehrman, Don

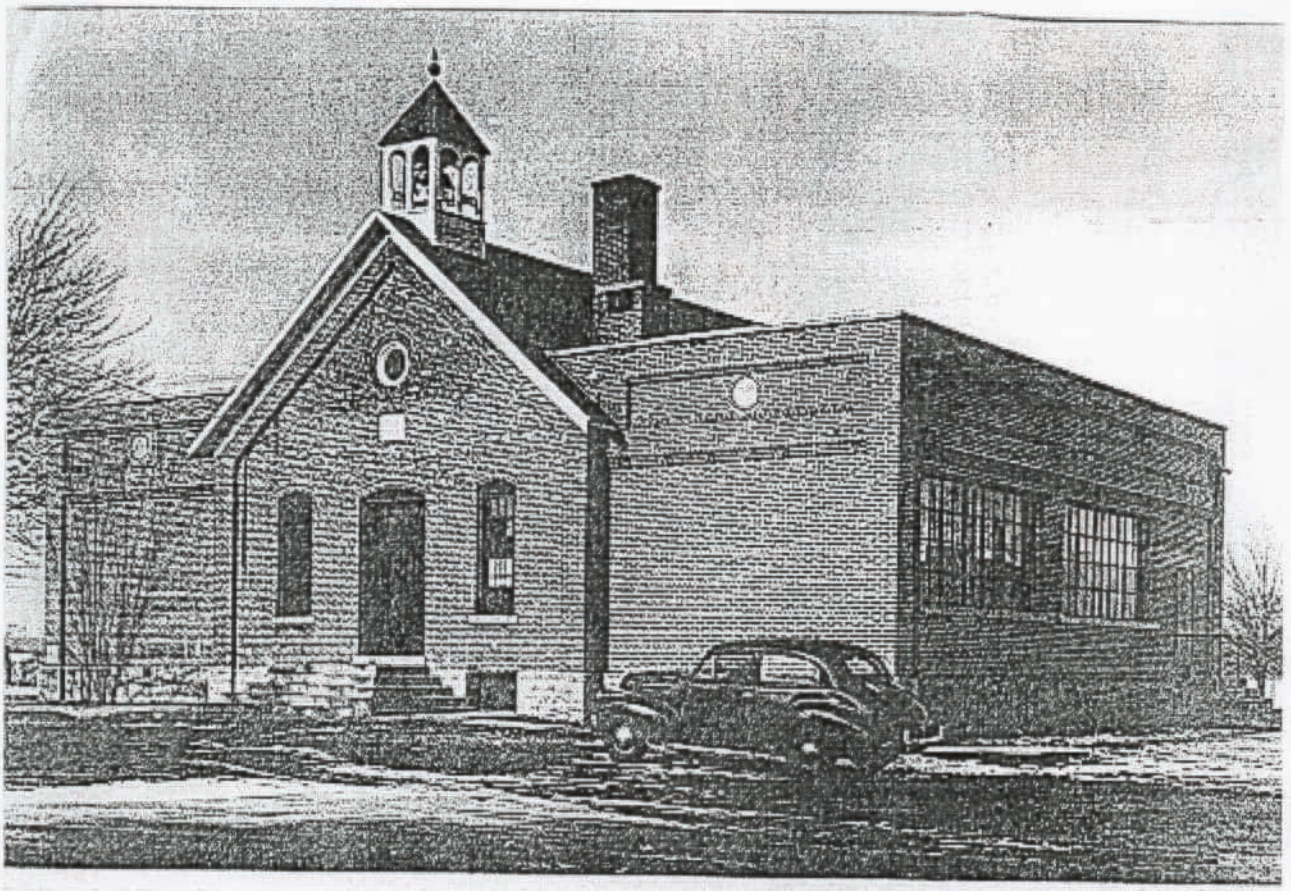
Vietnam War Veterans

Bensman, Gary
Bensman, Melvin
Bensman, Robert
Eilerman, Daniel
Eilerman, Donald
Eilerman, Kenneth
Eilerman, Patrick
Eilerman, Richard
Eilerman, Ronald
Gaier, Myron
Holthaus, Bernard
Hoying, David
Hoying, Dennis
Hoying, Donald
Hoying, Joseph
Hoying, Kenneth
Hoying, Michael
Hoying, Nicholas
Hoying, Richard
Hoying, Ronald
Koverman, Tom
Meyer, Tom
Plas, James
Pleiman, Stanley
Schmiesing, Jan
Siegrist, Jerry
Siegrist, Louie
Wehrman, Bill
Wray, Chuck
Wuebker, Carl
Zircher, Paul
Zircher, Robert

Desert Storm Veteran

Raterman, Chuck

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St. Patrick's school 1-9-54

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1st Grade (1953-1954)

Theresia (Zircher) Rosengarten
Rosemary (Holthaus) Albers
Roberta (Poeppelman) Cordonnier
Bob Bensman
David Hoying
Jan Schmiesing
Denny Bensman





2nd Grade (1953-1954)

Linda (Eilerman) Platfoot
Betty (Bensman) Gaerke
Carol (Luthman) Homan
Janice Plas
Ralph Bensman



3rd Grade (1953-1954)

Carl Wuebker
Judy (Eilerman) Grieshop
Gary Bensman

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4th Grade (1953-1954)
Alvin Luthman
Ralph Zircher
Diane (Hoying) Gels
Susan (Hoying) Prenger





5th Grade (1953-1954)
Ronald Eilerman
Janet (Bensman) Knasel

6th Grade (1953-1954)
Bonnie (Puthoff) Turner
Linda (Bensman) Franck
Bob Puthoff
Bob Luthman
Jim Plas
Kenny Eilerman



Teacher
Mrs. Mildred Dillehay

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Parishioners at St. Patrick Church in 1954 per St. Patrick Records

Arling, Henry
Arling, Virgil
Arling, Walter
Beaver, John
Benanzer, Urban
Bensman, Fred
Bensman John
Bensman, Joseph
Bensman, Leo
Bensman, Norbert
Bensman, Victor
Bensman, Werner
Berning, Andrew
Berning, Eugene
Berning, Fred
Berning, Marie
Berning, Sylvester
Buehler, Leo
Drees, Mrs. Fred
Dundon, Catherine
Dundon, Emma
Dundon, James
Dundon, William
Eilerman, Adolph
Eilerman, Albert
Eilerman, Anthony
Eilerman, Mrs. Elizabeth
Eilerman, John
Eilerman, Leona
Eilerman, Margery
Eilerman, Norbert
Eilerman, Paul
Eilerman, Ralph
Eilerman,Vernon
Eilerman, William
Gaier, Ben
Graffam, Barbara
Hackett, Ann
Holthaus, Bernard
Hoying, Betty
Hoying, Catherine
Hoying, Clem
Hoying, Edward
Hoying, Eugene
Hoying, Francis
Hoying, Frank
Hoying, Fred
Hoying, Henry
Hoying, Irene
Hoying, Ivo
Hoying, Julius
Hoying, Leo
Hoying, Linus
Hoying, Margaret
Hoying, Matt
Hoying, Pat
Hoying, Ray
Hoying, Robert
Hoying,Thomas
Hoying,Vernon
Hoying, William
Luthman, Kenneth
Luthman, Wilbur
Luthman, Wilbur, Jr.
Mertz, Bernard
Mertz, John
Mertz, Joseph
Mertz, Pat
Mertz, Tom
Meyer, John
Meyer, Joseph
Pence, Carl
Plas, Mrs. Anna
Plas, Bernard
Plas, Mrs. Bernadine
Plas, Clarence
Plas, John
Plas, Rosella
Pleiman, Frank
Pleiman, Marlene
Pleiman, Phyllis
Pleiman, Robert
Poeppelman, Ben
Poeppelman, Clarence
Puthoff, Ben
Puthoff, Clarence
Puthoff, Clem
Puthoff, Lawrence
Puthoff, Margie
Raterman, Lottie
Raterman, Louis-Anna
Raterman, Louis, Jr.
Raterman, Thomas
Schmiesing, Walter
Shepard, Ralph
Siegrist, Jerome
Wehrman, Carl
Wehrman, Joseph
Westerheide, Maurice
Wuebker, Robert
Zircher, Frank
Zircher, Louis
Zumberge, Joseph
Dillehay, Mrs. Mildred
Hoying, Louis
Luthman, Ed
McCarthy, Mr.-Mrs. Wm.

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Children of the parish in 1954 per St. Patrick Records

Arling, Irene
Bensman, Betty
Bensman, Bobby
Bensman, Denny
Bensman, Donald
Bensman, Gary
Bensman, Janet
Bensman, Joan
Bensman, Linda
Bensman, Ralph
Eilerman, Judy
Eilerman, Kenneth
Eilerman, Linda
Eilerman, Mary
Eilerman, Pat
Eilerman, Ronny
Eilerman, Tom
Holthaus, Bernard, Jr.
Holthaus, Rosemary
Hoying, Carl
Hoying, Cyril
Hoying, David
Hoying, Diane
Hoying, Lucille
Hoying, Margie
Hoying, Mary Jean
Hoying, Nancy
Hoying, Susan
Koverman, Lois
Koverman, Martha
Luthman, Alvin
Luthman, Carol
Luthman, Larry
Luthman, Mary Jane
Luthman, Norma Jean
Luthman, Robert
Meyer, Joseph, Jr.
Plas, Alvin
Plas, Carl
Plas, Janice
Plas, Jimmie
Plas, Lois
Plas, Mary Ann
Plas, Norma
Pleiman, Karen
Poeppelman, Roberta
Puthoff, Bobby
Puthoff, Bonnie
Puthoff, Donnie
Puthoff, Jimmie
Puthoff, Judy
Schmiesing, Jan
Shepard, Carol
Wuebker, Carl
Wuebker, Mary
Wuebker, Robert
Zircher, Paul
Zircher, Ralph
Zircher, Rita
Zircher, Theresia

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IN MEMORIAM



Rev. Warren G. Hook

PASTOR
ST. PATRICK CHURCH
ST. PATRICK, OHIO
Since July 6, 1937

Born February 6, 1895
Ordained March 15, 1919
Died March 10, 1955
At University Hospital,
Columbus, Ohio

Pontifical High Mass
At St. Patrick Church
St. Patrick, Ohio

March 14, 1955 - 10:30 A. M.

Most Rev. Karl J. Alter
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Burial At
New St. Joseph Cemetery
CINCINNATI, OHIO

"But I most gladly will spend and be spent myself for your souls."
St. Paul II, Cor. c. 12.

DE PROFUNDIS

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it.
For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord.
My soul hath relied on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.
From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
O Lord, hear my prayers. And let my prayers come unto thee.

Our Father Hail Mary

Rev. Warren G. Hook
Pastor of St. Patrick (July 6, 1937 - March 10, 1955)



REV. WARREN HOOK

St. Patrick Priest Dies In Columbus Hosp.

The Rev. Warren G. Hook, 60, pastor of the St. Patrick Church, R. R. 2, Anna, died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at University Hospital, Columbus. He had been ill since January this year.

He came to St. Patrick July 5, 1937, from St. Martin's Church, Brown County. He was a member of the examining board of St. Charles Seminary.

After graduating from Mt. St. Marys Seminary in 1919, he was assistant pastor at the Catholic church in Mt. Auburn, for seven years.

He then went to a pastorate at London, and later became spiritual director and professor at St. Gregory Seminary. This was followed by the pastorate of St. Bernard's in Springfield, Holy Name in Blanchester, St. Ursula Convent, St. Martin's, and St. Martins Church.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Joseph Barratt, Cincinnati; and two brothers, Lawrence, Cincinnati, and John, Minneapolis, Minn.

The body will be taken to the priest house at 3 p.m. Saturday and to the chirch to lie in state at 4 p.m. Sunday until the funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Archbishop Karl J. Alter will conduct the rites.

After services at St. Patrick, the body will be taken to Cincinnati, with burial in New St. Joseph Cemetery there.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Heinl Funeral Home, Minster.



Ann Louise Hackett (Housekeeper for Father Hook)

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"Happy Pats" - 4-H Club

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THE "HAPPY PATS"
IS ORGANIZED
IN ST. PATRICKS

"Happy Pats" was the name chosen for the new 4-H club organized on Saturday, February 25, in St. Patricks. Nineteen girls were present for the first meeting o elect officers of the club.

Margie Hoying will be the president; Mary Wuebker, vice president; Sally Brandewie, secreary; Nancy Larger, treasurer; Bonnie Puthoff, reporter; Carol Chephard, health advisor; Rita Zircher and Linda Bensman, recreation leaders; Norma Plas, reshments.

Marjorie Eilerman is the club's advisor. Saturday, March 17th is the date of the next meeting at 2 p. m.

HAPPY PATS — Advisors: Pat Hoying, Irene Arling. '56

Carol Shepard, president; Linda Bensman, vice president; Bonnie Puthoff, secretary; Susie Hoying, recreation; Lois Plas, news reporter; Diane Hoying, health and safety; Norma Plas, treasurer.

Members: Betty Bensman, Judy Eilerman, Linda Eilerman,



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Rev. Clarence F. Leibold
Pastor at St. Patrick (1955-1960)



PRAYER

O God, who didst vouchsafe to send Blessed Patrick, Thy Confessor and Bishop, to preach Thy glory to the Gentiles, grant by his merits and intercession, that those things which Thou commandest us to do, we may be enabled to accomplish by Thy mercy. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH
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Easter Morning at St. Patrick Church (1955)

Irene (Monnin) Berning, Marie (Berning) Theis, Dorothy (Hoying) Meyer, Ruth (Luthman) Richard

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The John & Catherine (Behr) Mertz Family (mid 1950's)
Standing: Patrick, Tom, Bernard, Charles, Bob
Seated: Theresa, Sister Adeline (Anna Marie), John, Margaret

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FATHER AND SEVEN SONS — ALL ARE K. OF C.'S



LARGEST MINSTER K. of C. 'FAMILY' - - Eugene Hoying, second youngest of the seven sons of Henry Hoying, Sr., all pictured with the father, is presented with a certificate as a third degree member of Minster's Father Andrew Kunkler council of Knights of Columbus. Making the presentation is Henry J. Kondrat of Cleveland, state K. of C. deputy. Left to right in photo are Edwin Hoying, 37; Jerome, 33; Linus, 29; Anthony, 30; Henry Hoying, Sr., Patrick, 23; Henry, Jr., 34; Eugene, 25, and Mr. Kondrat.

Mr. Hoying, who is 65, attended the St. Patrick school in his youth and has always lived on the "home farm," a half-mile east of St. Patrick, where he is now retired. His oldest son, Edwin, attended Minster high school and Miami-Jacobs college in Dayton and presently is treasurer for the Roth Office Equipment company in that city. Jerome attended Ft. Loramie high school, spent four years in the coast guard, and now owns and operates the general store in Burkettsville. Linus attended Ft. Loramie high school, served two hears in the army, and now operates a 120-acre farm near St. Patrick. Anthony attended Ft. Loramie high school and Bucknell University at Louisville, Pa. He spent three years in the navy and is territory manager for the John Deere Company in Springfield. Patrick attended Ft. Loramie high school and saw army service during which he was sentry at the "unknown soldier" tomb in Arlington National Cemetery. He is self-employed on a 110-acre farm near St. Patrick. Henry, Jr. attended Ft. Loramie high school and the University of Dayton and saw service as a navy pilot. He is territory manager for NCR at Zanesville. He is a fourth degree K. of C. member. Eugene attended Ft. Loramie high school and Dayton University and did post-graduate work at Purdue University. He spent two years in the army and is a chemist for the Standard Register Company in Dayton.

Two sons-in-law of Mr. Hoying are K. of C. members. Both own and operate farms. They are Alfred Boerger of Ft. Loramie, R. R. 1, and Clem Aselage of Anna, R. R. 2.

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1956)

Back Row: Student Helpers - Bonnie Puthoff, Linda Bensman

Front Row: Mary Ann Plas, Paul Zircher, Bernard Holthaus, Larry Luthman, Nancy Hoying

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Rev. John L. Bensman



Rev. Leo A. Hoying

Sons Of St. Patrick Parish To Be Ordained Into Priesthood Sunday

Two young men from St. Patrick's parish, in Shelby county, will be ordained into the priesthood by the most Rev. Karl J. Alter, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, at 10 a. m. Saturday in St. Monica's Cathedral, Cincinnati.

They are Rev. John L. Bensman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bensman Sr., and Rev. Leo A. Hoying, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoying.

Rev. Bensman was born May 28, 1929, at St. Patrick, and attended the grade school there. After two years of study at Fort Loramie High School, he entered St. Gregory's Seminary where he completed his high school work.

He then began his college work at St. Gregory's Seminary and after receiving his college degree studied philosophy at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary.

Rev. Bensman will offer first solemn mass at 10 a. m. Sunday in St. Patrick's Church. Minsters of the mass will include Rev. Clarence F. Leibold, pastor assistant priest; Rev Urban Stang, a cousin, and principal of Elder High School, will preach.

Rev. Leo A. Hoying, a cousin and classmate, deacon; Rev. David Heinl, a student at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, subdeacon; Vincent Hoying, a cousin and student at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, master of ceremonies.

Carl Hoying and Gerald Bensman, cousins and students at St. Gregory's Seminary, acolytes. Other minor ministers of the mass will be David Bensman, a nephew, and servers of the parish.

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday in St. Patrick's school hall with the first solemn benediction and first blessing following at 4:15 p m.

Rev. Bensman also has three sisters in religion in the order of the Sisters of Charity of Mount St. Joseph on the Ohio. They are Sister Mary Edmund, Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton; Sister Mary Josephine, Little Flower School, Cincinnati, and Sister Joseph Maria, Seton High School, Cincinnati.

Other members of the family include three brothers, Herbert, Cleveland; Joseph Jr., Russia, and Victor, at home, and a sister, Mrs. Wilfred (Juliana) Bergman, Maria Stein.

Other relatives of Rev. Bensman in religion include two first cousins, Bro. Norbert Hoying, C.P.P.S. and Bro. Kenneth Sommer of the Society of Mary.

Rev. Hoying was born July 10, 1930, at St. Patrick and attended St. Patrick grade school. He began his studies for the priesthood in 1944 at St. Gregory's Seminary, Cincinnati.

After completing his high school work and two years of college at St Gregory's, he entered Mount St Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, where he completed his college work and studied theology and sacred sciences.

Rev. Hoying will celebrate his

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Ordination . . .

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first solemn mass at 10 a. m. Sunday, June 3, at St. Patrick's Church with Rev. Clarence F. Leibold, pastor, as the assistant priest.

Rev. Joseph C. Hoying, C.P.P.S., an uncle and pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Tulsa, Okla., will be deacon; Rev Andrew J. Hoying a cousin and administrator of Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, subdeacon Rev. Leo A. Hoying, C P P.S., also an uncle and pastor of St. Romauld's Church, Hardinsburg, Ky., will deliver the sermon.

Other ministers will include Ralph Wehrman, a cousin in Holy Cross Seminary LaCrosse, Wis., master of ceremonies; Rev. David Heinl, Thurifer, a student at Mount St Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati

Cyril W. Hoying, a brother, and Carl Hoying, a cousin and student at St. Gregory's Seminary, acolytes. Another uncle, Rev. Urban J. Hoying, C.P.P.S., pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Amery, Wis., will be unable to attend the ceremony.

Dinner for relatives and friends will be served immediately following the mass at the Knights of Columbus Wonder Bar, Minster. A reception in the St. Patrick school auditorium will begin at 2 p. m. and terminate with a benediction at 4:30 p. m. Rev. Hoying will bestow his first priestly blessing immediatelly following the benediction.

Rev. Hoying his four brothers and five sisters: C. J. Hoying and Kathryn Hoying, both of Dayton; Mrs. Roman Saalman, Coldwater; Alvin J. Hoying, Sidney; Edward Hoying, Fort Loramie; Veronica, Minster, and Cyril, Margie and Susan, at home.

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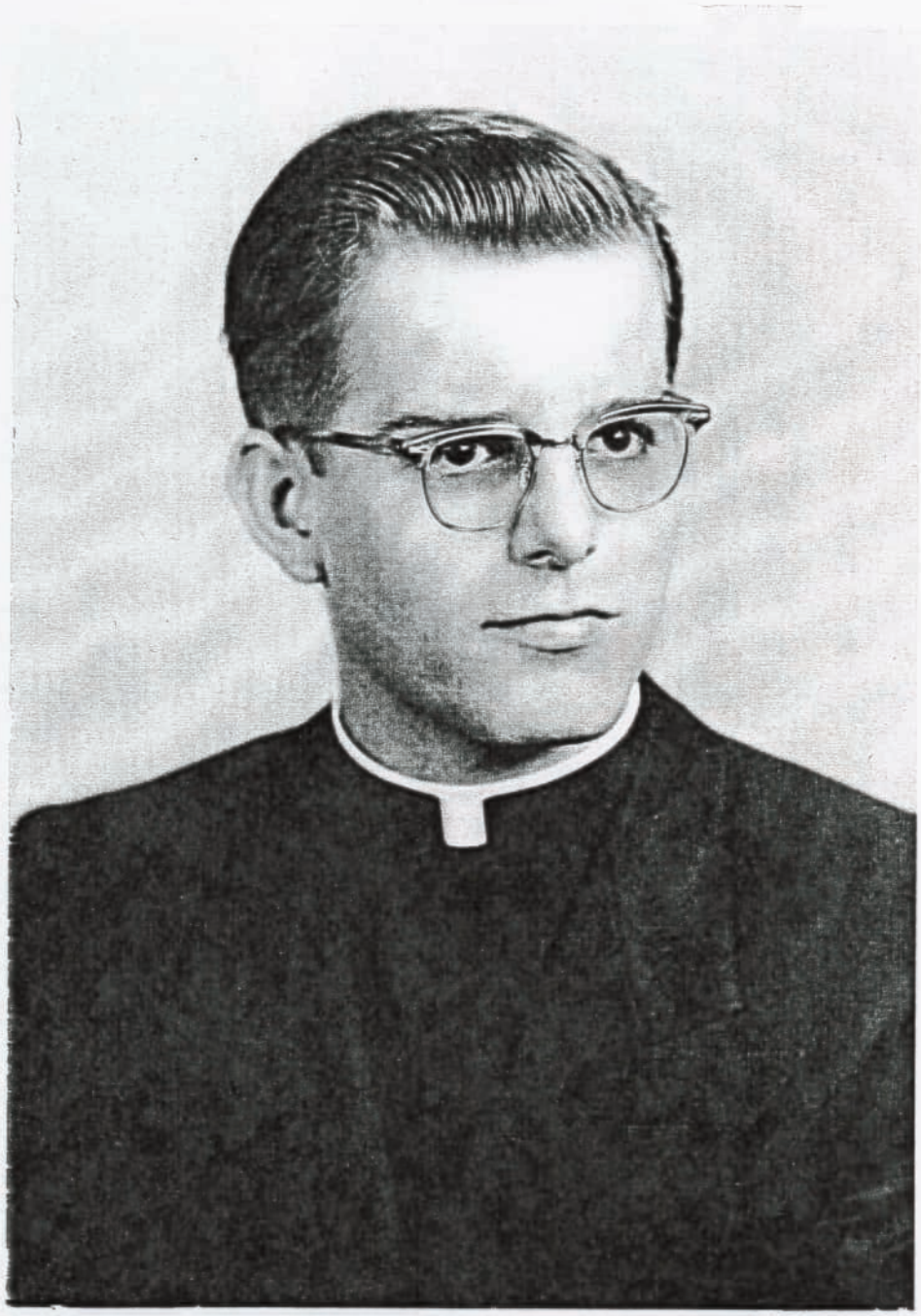
Rev. John L. Bensman
Son of Joseph and Emma Bensman
Born May 28, 1929
Ordained May 26, 1956, Cincinnati, Ohio
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, May 27, 1956

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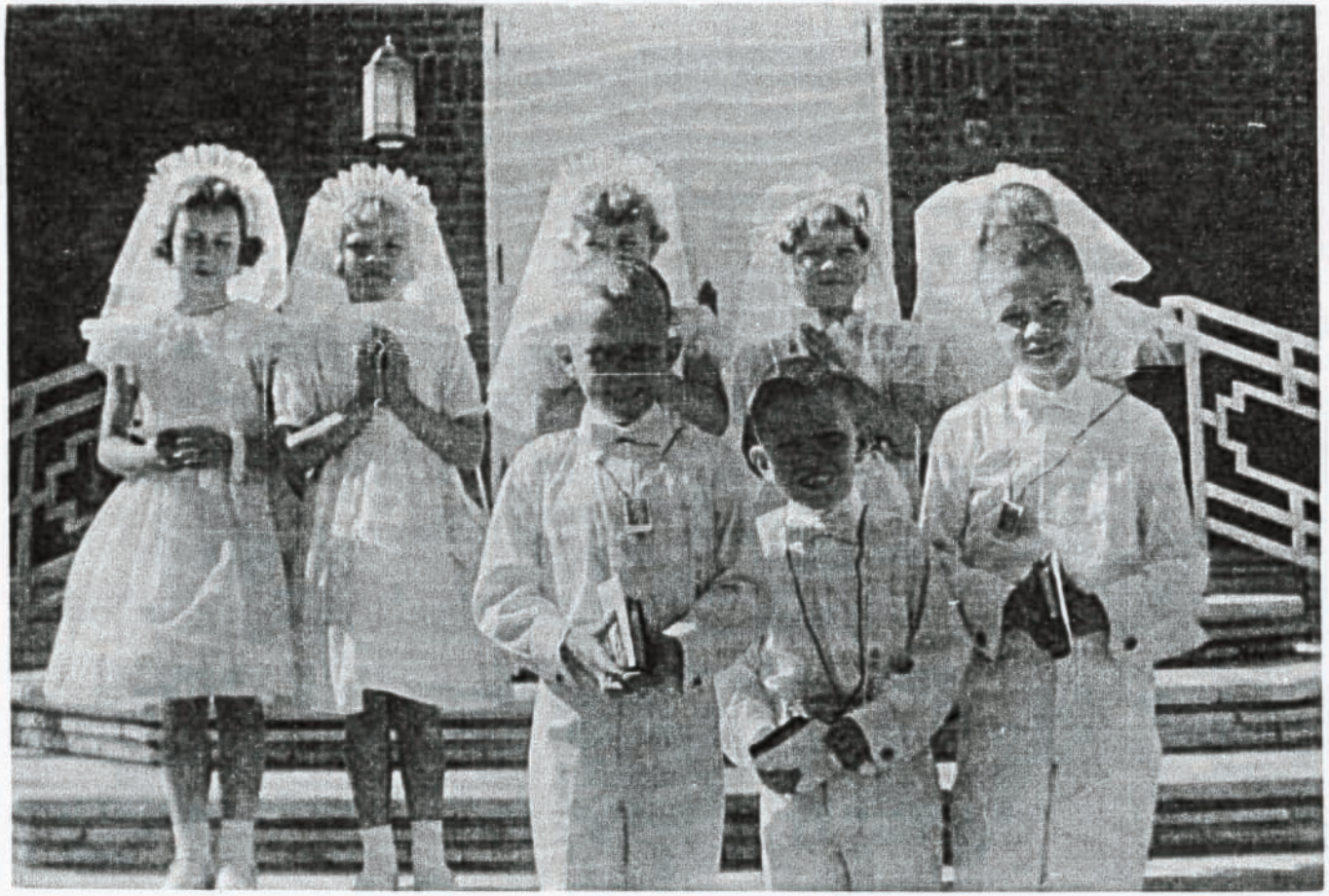
L-R: Sister Josephine Maria (Lorena) Bensman, Sister Mary Edmund (Mary) Bensman, Rev. John Bensman, Sister Mary Josephine (Elizabeth) Bensman (May, 1956)

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Rev. Leo A. Hoying
Son of William and Regina Hoying
Born July 10, 1930
Ordained May 26, 1956
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, June 3, 1956

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1957)

Back row: Mary Ann Pence, Diane Poeppelman, Joyce Schmiesing, Dorothy Holthaus, Monica Hoying
Front row: Richard Eilerman, Alfred Eilerman, Melvin Bensman

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The William and Josephine (Albers) Eilerman Family (1957)

Standing: Wilma, Ralph, Dolores, Cletus, Margie, Norbert, Rita

Sitting: William, Leona, Edna, Mary, Josephine

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Sister Mary Alacoque, O.S.F.

Marjorie Eilerman
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Eilerman
Entered the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis,
August 25, 1957
Missioned: St. Joseph School, Fort Jennings, Ohio

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Receives mission cross 1957

ST. PATRICK — Sister Mary Anne Westerheide, a member of the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton, and former St. Patrick resident, will receive her mission cross at a Solemn Eucharistic Liturgy to be celebrated at Salem Heights Aug. 21.

She will leave in early September to serve as a member of the Sisters' Missionary Team in Chile, Latin America.

Sister is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide. She entered the Precious Blood Community in 1942.



Sister Mary Anne Westerheide

Having completed her B. S. in education at the Athenaeum of Ohio, she received her Masters degree at Xavier University in Cincinnati and pursued graduate studies in Spanish at St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Ind. During the past 15 years, Sister Mary Anne has been engaged in teaching Spanish in secondary schools in Arizona and Ohio; her last two years were spent at Badin High School, Hamilton, Ohio.

She spent several summers volunteering services with Mexican migrants in the U.S. or with children across the border in Mexico, studying at the Universidad Internacional in Mexico, and participating in a language cultural institute while living with a family in Mexicali.

Prior to assuming her new duties in the mission fields of Chile, Sister attended a Mission Institute at St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada; in Chile approximately six months will be spent in an orientation and acculturation program and a gradual insertion into the mission work of the community there. Ten American Sisters and eight native Chilean Sisters make up the mission team which gives service to the Church in Chile in a variety of apostolic works: pastoral work in parishes, education at all levels from kindergarten to university, activities with youth and with adults.

The Mission Office of the Congregation is located at the Central House, 4830 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. Sister Mary Leonita Westerheide, a sister of the new missionary, heads the office as Mission Procurator.

The Very Rev. Henry J. Klocker, archdiocesan director of the Society to Aid the Missions, will officiate at the Eucharistic Liturgy on August 21 joined by a number of concelebrants. The Rev. Melchior Lochtefeld, C.PP.S. will bless the mission cross to be presented to Sister Mary Anne by Sister Charmaine Grilliot, president of the congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

SISTER MARY ANN, C.PP.S.
Rosalinda Westerheide
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide
Entered the Precious Blood Order, July 26, 1941
Missioned: Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio

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The Ray and Helen (Poeppelman-Koverman) Hoying Family (1957)

Standing: Mary Jean, Lucille, Martha Koverman, Lois Koverman, Diane
Sitting: Rita, Ray, Tom Koverman, Monica, David, Helen
Lower left: Ludwina Hoying

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1958)

Back Row: Student Helper - Diane Hoying, Father Clarence F. Leibold, Student Helper - Susan Hoying

Middle Row: Kathleen Bensman, Donna Hoying, Marlene Holthaus, Mary Ellen Eilerman, Carol Hoying, Judy Plas

Front Row: Joe Hoying, Tom Koverman, Bill Eilerman, Jerry Siegrist, Charles Pence

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1959)

Back Row: Diane Hoying - Student Helper, Rev. Clarence F. Leibold, Linda Eilerman - Student Helper
Middle Row: Dan Eilerman, Don Hoying, Jim Wehrman, Bob Zircher, Don Eilerman
Front Row: Mike Hoying, Mary Jo Meyer, Vicki Poeppelman, Rita Hoying, Dennis Hoying

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Ralph, Carol and Bertha Shepard (1959)

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Sister Mary Jean Rene, C.PP.S.
Lucille Hoying
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hoying
Entered the Precious Blood Order, January 6, 1960
Final vows: August 15, 1967

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1960)

Back Row: Rev. Charles B. Koverman

Middle Row: Richard Hoying, Ron Hoying, Dale Eilerman, Louis Siegrist, Greg Bensman

Front Row: Student Helper - Betty Bensman, Carol Holthaus, Kathy Hoying, Barb Eilerman, Student Helper - Judy Eilerman

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REV. RALPH J. WEHRMAN

St. Patrick Native To Be Ordained Priest

The Rev. Ralph J. Wehrman, son of Joseph A. Wehrman of St. Patrick and the late Katherine Puthoff Wehrman, will be ordained to the priesthood Saturday, May 14 at 10 a. m. The ordination will be conferred by the Most Rev. John P. Treacy, bishop of LaCrosse, in Christ the King Chapel, Holy Cross Seminary, LaCrosse, Wis.

Father Wehrman will celebrate his First Solemn Mass in St. Patrick's Church at St. Patrick Sunday, May 22, at 10 a. m. Father Charles Koverman, the pastor there, will be the assistant priest at the mass. Father Leo Hoying and Father John Bensman will be the deacon and subdeacon. The sermon will be preached by Father Andrew Hoying. Fathers Andrew Hoying, Leo Hoying and John Bensman are natives of St. Patrick and cousins of Father Wehrman.

REV. RALPH J. WEHRMAN
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wehrman
Born March 7, 1924
Ordained May 14, 1960 at LaCrosse, Wisconsin
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, May 22, 1960
Present Professor at Holy Cross Seminary,

Father Wehrman received his elementary education at St. Patrick's School and his secondary education at Fort Loramie High School, graduating from there in 1942. He then served three years in the army during World War II. Following his discharge he attended Ohio State University and was graduated from there with a bachelor of mechanical engineering and master of science degree in 1950. Following completion of these studies he was employed as a research engineer with the General Motors Research Laboratories Division in Detroit, Mich.

In September of 1953 he left General Motors to begin the preparatory studies for the priesthood. His initial studies were taken at the St. Philip Neri School for Delayed Vocations in Boston, Mass. The following two years of study of philosophy were taken at Holy Cross Seminary in LaCrosse.

He was then sent to Catholic University in Washington, D. C. for his final four years of study in theology. In addition to his theological studies at Catholic University, he took graduate studies in education leading to the master of arts degree, which he will receive in June of this year.

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The Miracle of Friendship

There's a miracle called friendship
that dwells within the heart,
and you don't know how it happens
or where it gets its start,
but the happiness it brings you
always gives a special lift,
and you realize that friendship
is God's most precious gift.



Card Club (1960)
Standing: Norma Bensman, Irma Hoying, Betty Hoying, Katie Wehrman
Sitting: Ann Siegrist, Dorothy Hoying, Mary Hoying, Vic Eilerman, Doris Westerheide

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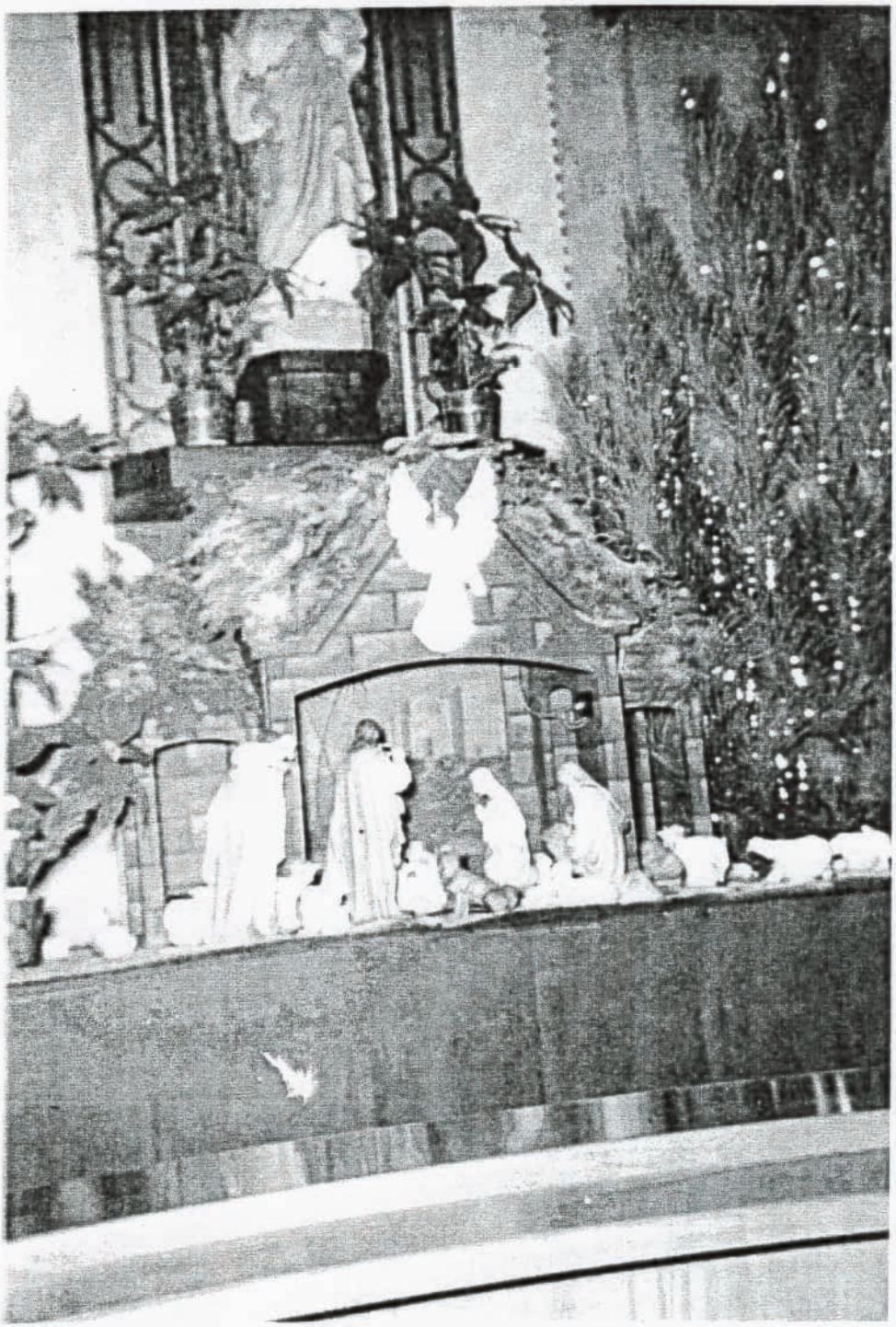
Frances and Clem Hoying (1960)

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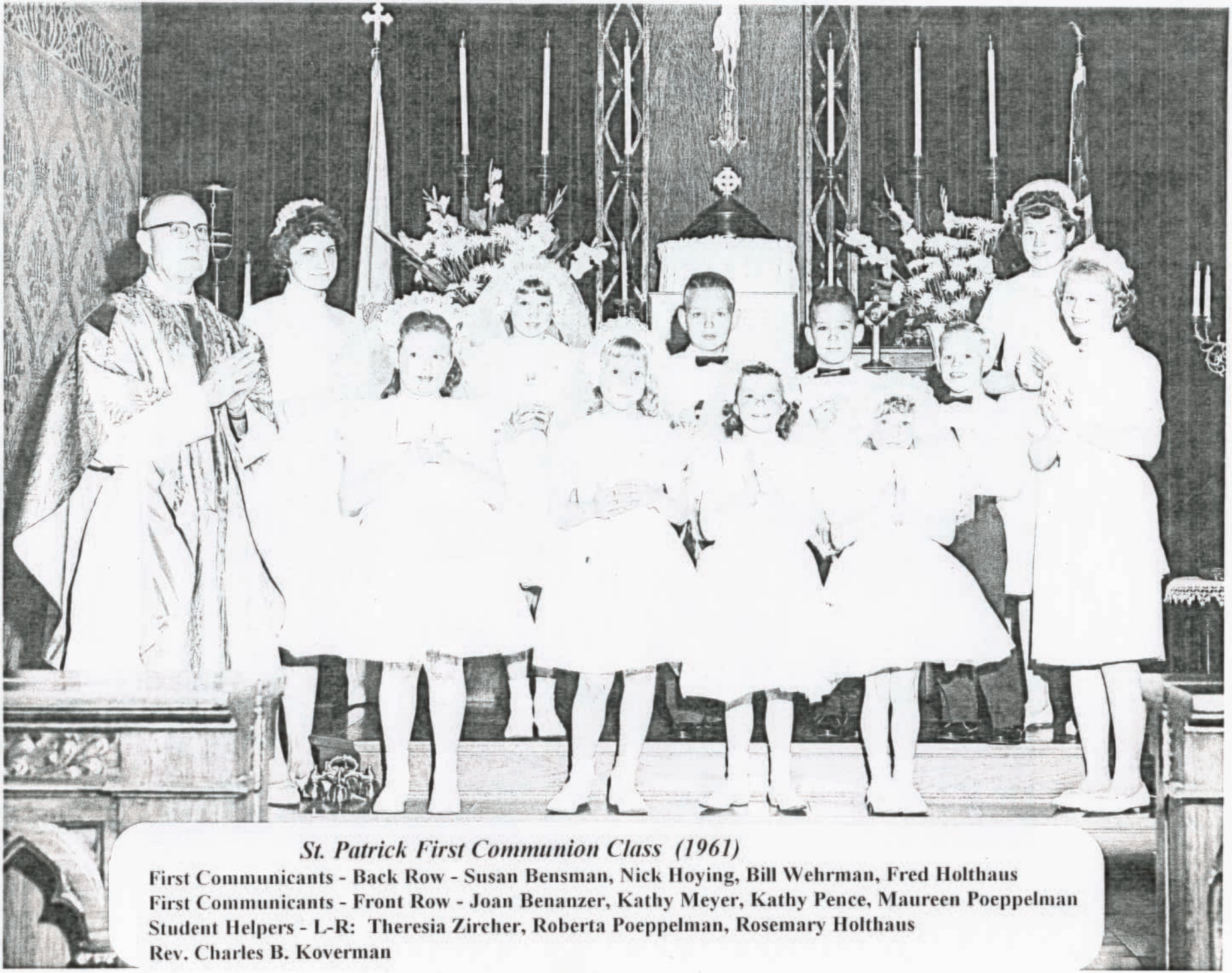
Matt and Marie Hoying (1960)

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The Nativity Set at St. Patrick's Church

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1961)

First Communicants - Back Row - Susan Bensman, Nick Hoying, Bill Wehrman, Fred Holthaus
First Communicants - Front Row - Joan Benanzer, Kathy Meyer, Kathy Pence, Maureen Poeppelman
Student Helpers - L-R: Theresia Zircher, Roberta Poeppelman, Rosemary Holthaus
Rev. Charles B. Koverman

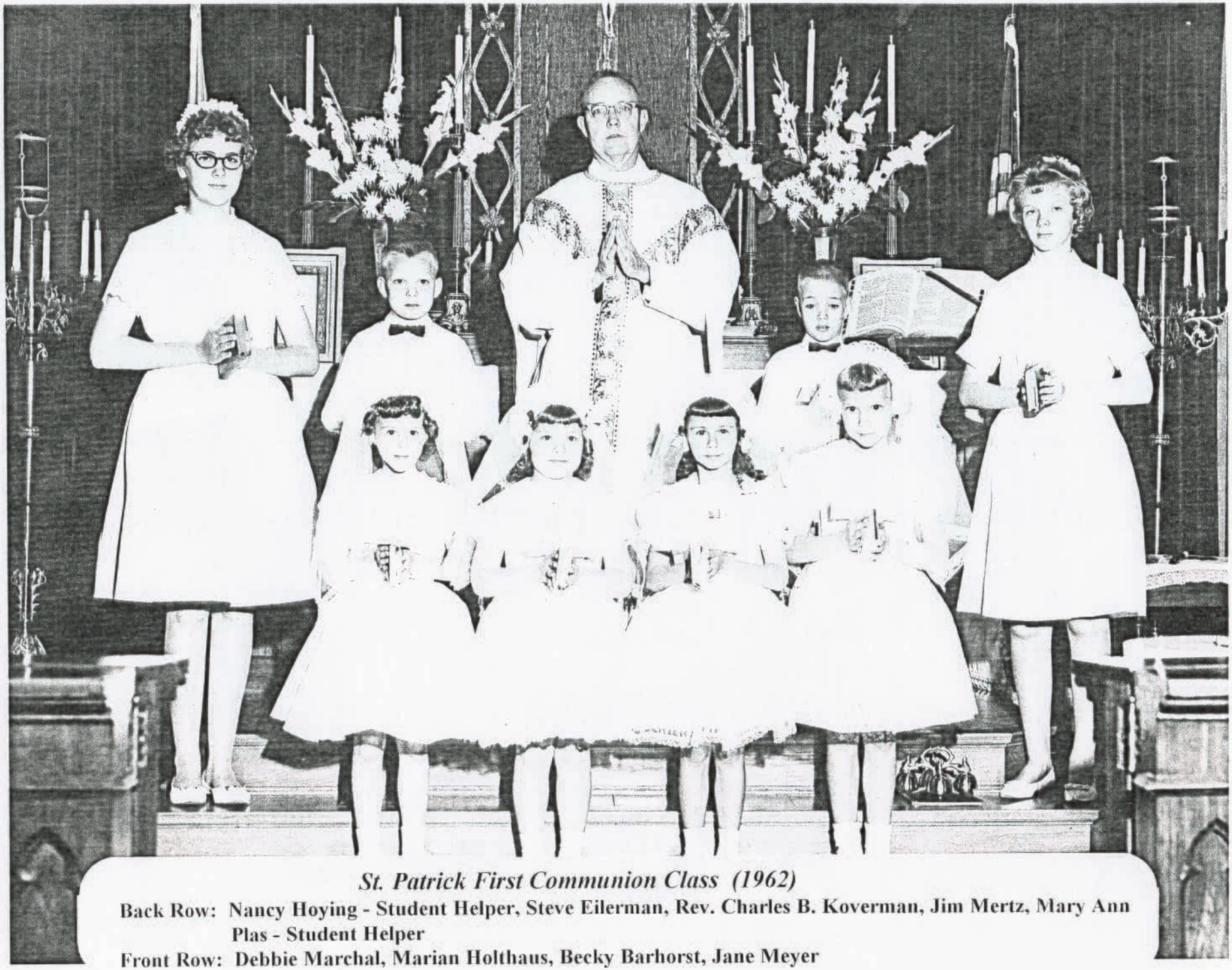
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The Leo and Norma (Bornhorst) Bensman Family (1961)

Standing: Don, Joan, Linda, Betty
Sitting: Norma, Mel, Leo

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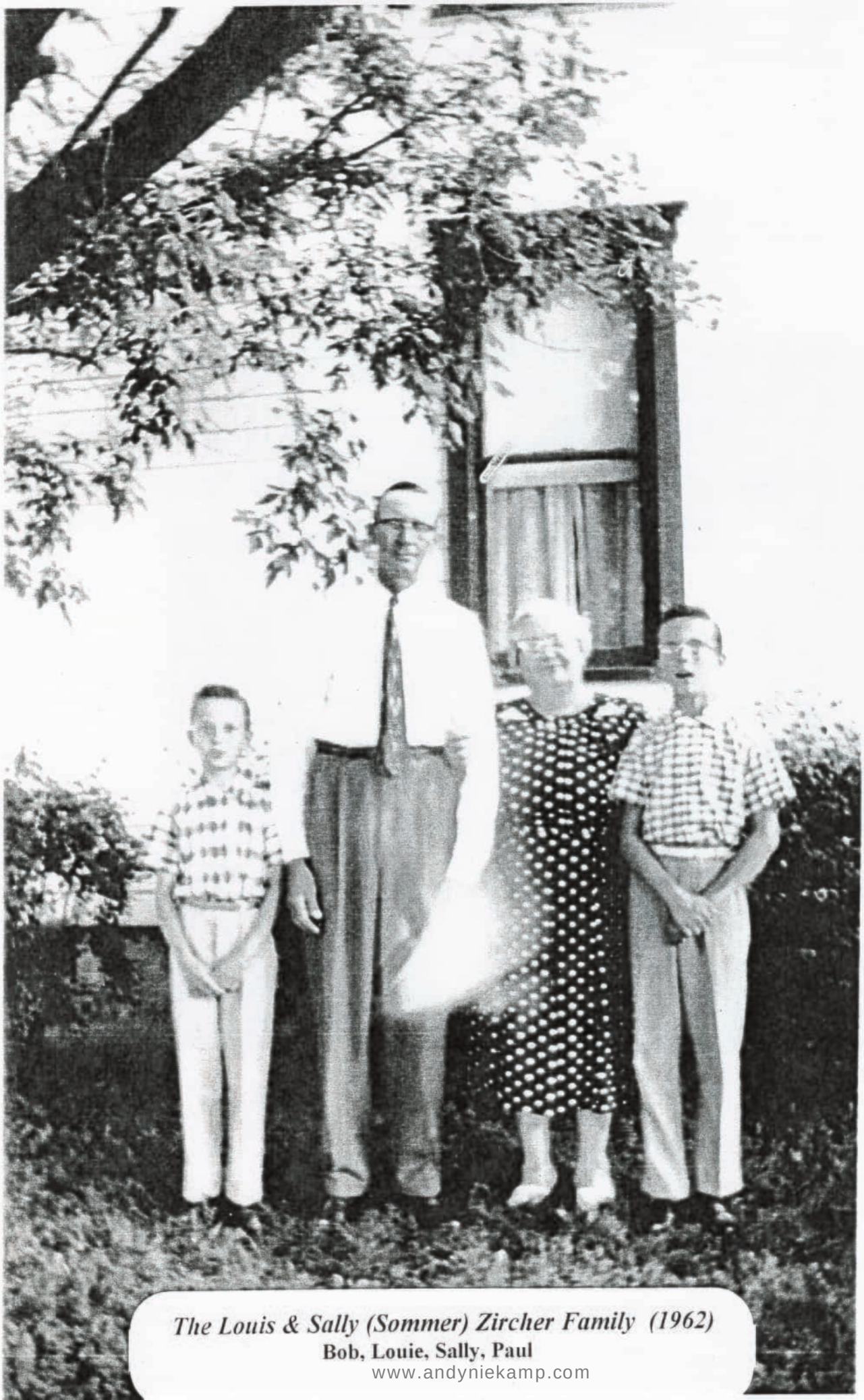


St. Patrick First Communion Class (1962)

Back Row: Nancy Hoying - Student Helper, Steve Eilerman, Rev. Charles B. Koverman, Jim Mertz, Mary Ann Plas - Student Helper

Front Row: Debbie Marchal, Marian Holthaus, Becky Barhorst, Jane Meyer

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The Louis & Sally (Sommer) Zircher Family (1962)
Bob, Louie, Sally, Paul

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The Maurice & Doris Westerheide Family (1962)
Maurice, Pam, Doris, Greg

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ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH . . . centennial Tuesday

Church At St. Patrick To Mark 100th Anniversary Next Tuesday

ST. PATRICK—The Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, of the diocese of Cincinnati, will celebrate the centenary mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Church.

The service marks the 100th anniversary of the church established Sept. 18, 1862 by Rev. Patrick Hanneberry, C.PP.S.

The first church, built of logs, was torn down Oct. 6, 1874 to make way for a new frame church built while Rev. William Sidley, pastor of Holy Angels, Sidney, administered the parish, then a mission.

From 1874 until 1906 priest of the Order of Most Precious Blood were in charge of the church including Rev. Dominc Schunk, Rev. Ambrose Schumack, Rev. Raymond Vernimont, Rev. Erhardt Fritz, Rev. John Sailor, Rev. Michael Muehe, and Rev. F. B. Eising.

In 1906 Rev. John Metzdoef, diocesan priest was appointed to take care of both St. Patrick and Sacred Heart Church, McCartyville. He was succeeded in 1910 by Rev. Francis Kuehnle.

In 1913 Rev. Goswin Menge became the first resident pastor and it was under his pastorship that the present church was built in 1915 and used for the first time Christmas Day of 1915.

DEDICATION took place Oct. 1, 1916 with Rev. Henry Moeller. Rev. Albert Kroum, presently at St. Martin, Cheviot, was pastor from 1919 to 1923 and following him were Rev. Louis Apt. 1923 to 1931; Rev. Henry Meyer, 1931 to Nov. 30, 1936, when he died; Rev. Warren Hook, 1937 to his death in 1955;

It was during the pastorship of Rev. Hook that the parish house was renovated and the interior of the church beautified.

Rev. Clarence Liebold, now at St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie, succeed Rev. Hook in 1955 and remained until March 15, 1960.

He was succeeded by Rev. Charles Koverman, who is the present pastor.

The archbishop will use the Menge chalice at the centenary celebration. This chalice was presented to the congregation by Rev. Godwin Meng to express his love for the village and his parishoners.

It had been used by him and four of his relatives also priests during their years of service to the church in this country and in their native country, Germany.

Rev. Menge is a resident of a nursing home in Monroe, Mich., and will be unable to attend the centenary. Other former priests are expected to attend the celebratinn and the dinner to be served by the women of the parish.

A highpoint of the celebration will be Saturday, Sept. 22, when a memorial service for deceased members will be held.

The entire affair will conclude Sunday, Sept. 23, with church at 7:30 a.m. and a potluck supper for parishioners and former members at 4 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be a receptinn and entertainment.

Parishioners who have become priests are:

Rev. Leo Hoying, C.PP.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoying, ordained May 14, 1933, St. Charles Seminary, silver anniversary at St. Patrick, May 21, 1958; pastor of St. Boniface Church, New Reigel;

Rev. Joseph Hoying, C.PP.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoying, ordained May 14, 1939, St. Charles Seminary; chaplain United States Army, 1946-1950; 1951-1953; pastor of St. Catherine Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Rev. Urban Hoying, C.PP.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoying, ordained March 8, 1942, St. Charles Seminary; pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hill City, Kansas;

Rev. Andrew J. Hoying, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoying, Ordained December 18, 1943, Cincinnati, chaplain, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati.

Rev. Leo A. Hoying, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoying, ordained May 26, 1956, Cincinnati, assistant pastor, St. Saviour Church, Cincinnati.

Rev. Ralph J. Wehrman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wehrman, ordained May 14, 1950 LaCrosse, Wis., professor, Holy Cross Seminary, LaCrosse, Wis.

Rev. John L. Bensman, son of mn, ordained May 26, 1956, Cincinnati; assistant pastor, St. Elizabeth Church, Norwood.

WOMEN OF the parish who have entered the convents are Sister Mary Rosamunda, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoying, at St. Marys Noviciate, Burkettsville;

Sister Mary Benedicta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stuckenborg, Academy of the Little Flower, San Louis Rey, Calif.;

Sister Ann Madalen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zircher, at Mount St. Joseph Convent;

Sister Mary Marina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berning at St. Boniface School, New Reigel;

Sister Mary Leonita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide, at the Academy of the Little Flower;

Sister Mary Edmund, Mount St. Joseph Convent, Sister Mary Josephine, Little Flower Convent, and Sister Francis Elizabeth, Guardian Angel Convent, Cincinnati; all daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bensman, of St. Patricks;

Sister Mary Ann, Regina High School, Cincinnati, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide;

Sister Joseph Maria, Seton High School, Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bensman, St. Patrick;

Sister Mary Jean Rene, Precious Blood Convent, Dayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoying, of St. Patrick;

Sister Mary Alacoque, St. Joseph, Fort Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eilerman;

Sister Mary Adeline, Mr. and Mrs. John Mertz, Sidney;

Sister Mary Hilary, Dayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barhorst.

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100th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church



Leading the procession: Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, Fr. Joseph Hoying, Fr. Leo Hoying, C.PP.S., Robert and Ralph Bensman, Dennis Bensman, David Hoying, Paul Zircher, Fr. Leo A. Hoying, Fr. John Cavanaugh with back to camera.

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Leader: Father Alfred Drapp, Father John Bensman, Father Charles Koverman, Father Urban Hoying, Father Joseph Hoying, Archbishop Alter, Father Leo Hoying. Father Leo A. Hoying at upper left. Parishoners in the background, right to left, Walter Schmiesing, Urban Benanzer, Walter Arling, Robert Hoying, Alvin Poeppelman, Frank Zircher, Ben Puthoff, Joseph Zumberge, Carl Wehrman, and John Eilerman.

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Fathers Leo and Joseph Hoying with Archbishop Alter. Ralph and Robert Bensman, Paul Zircher. Men in background, right to left, Tom Raterman, Fred Hoying, Walter Schmiesing, Urban Benanzer, Walter Arling, Robert Hoying, Harold Barhorst, Frank Zircher, and Ben Puthoff.

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Fr. Alfred Drapp, Fr. John Bensman, Fr. Charles Koverman, Fr. Urban Hoying, Fr. Leo Hoying, Archbishop Alter, Ralph Bensman, Fr. Joseph Hoying, Robert Bensman, Dennis Bensman, Paul Zircher. Knights.

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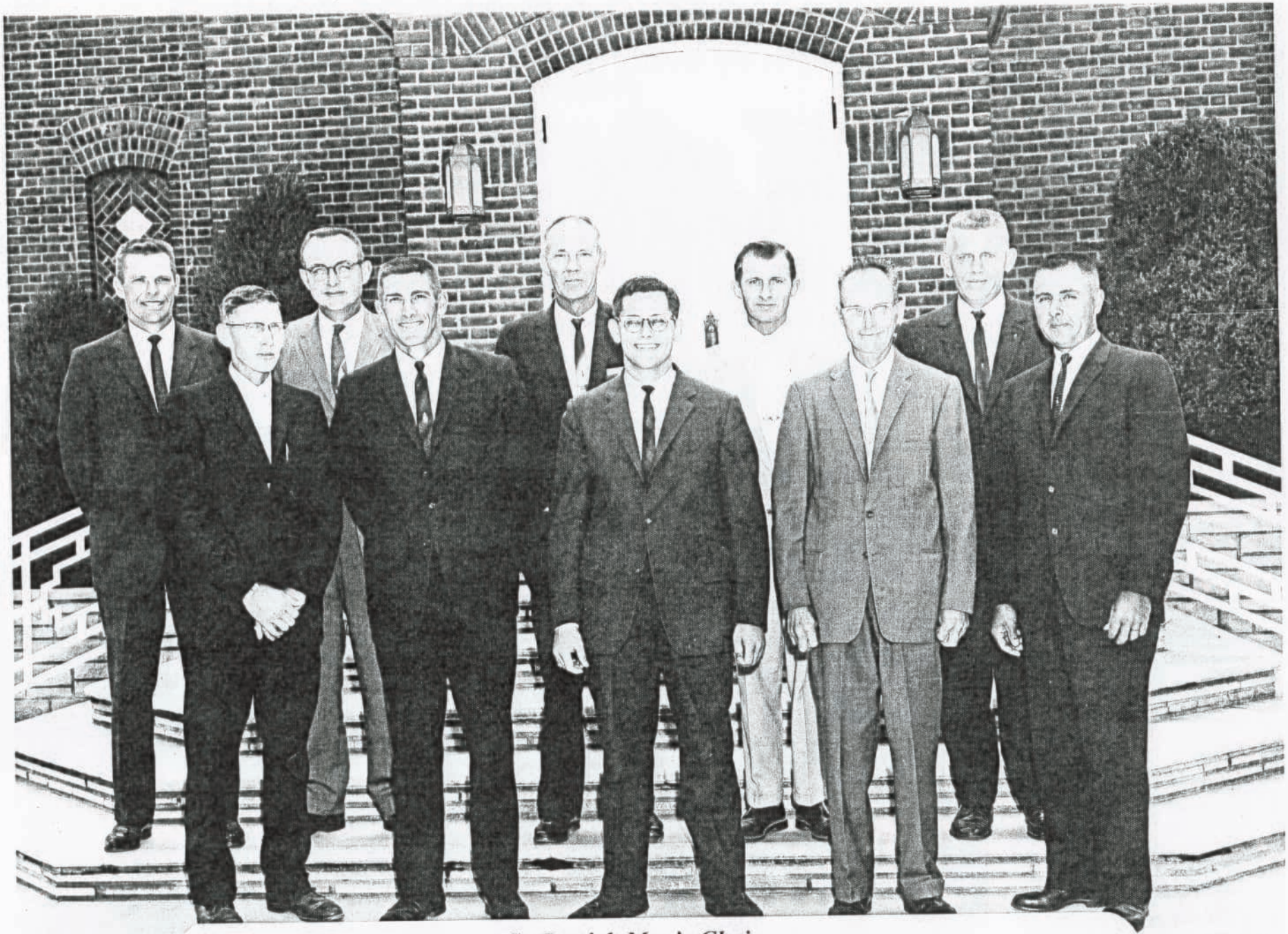


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L-R: Fr. Alfred Drapp, Fr. John Bensman, Fr. Charles Koverman, Adolph Eilerman, Fr. Urban Hoying, C.PP.S., Fr. Leo Hoying, C.PP.S., Archbishop Alter, Ralph Bensman, Fr. Joseph Hoying, C.PP.S., Robert Bensman, and Louis Zircher.

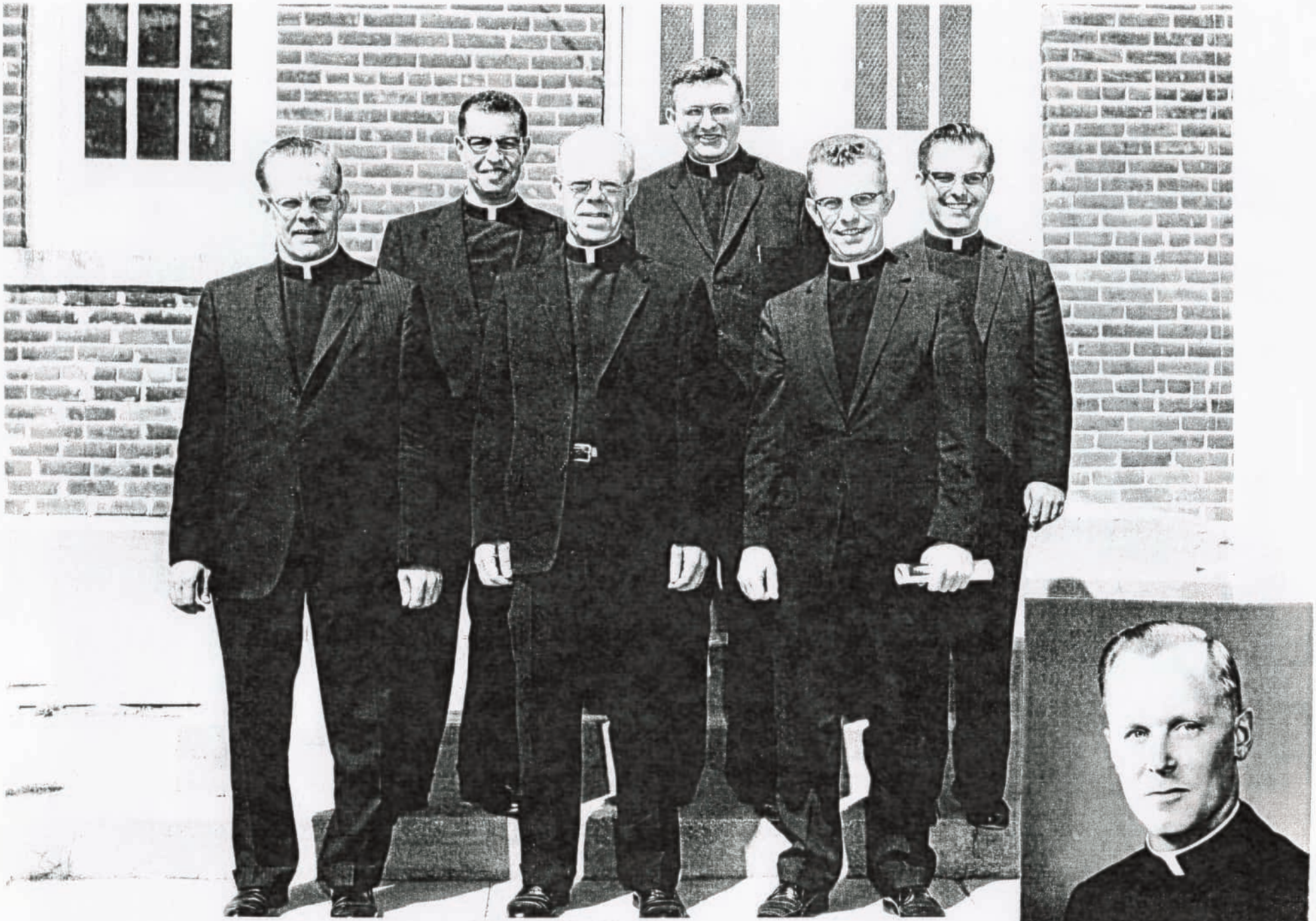
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St. Patrick Men's Choir

Back Row: Patrick Hoying, Werner Bensman, Leo Bensman, Eugene Berning, Clarence Plas
Front Row: Victor Bensman, Lindy Hoying, John Buehler, Joseph Mertz, Vernon Hoying

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Sons of the Parish

L-R: Rev. Urban Hoying, C.PP.S., Rev. Andrew Hoying, Rev. Leo Hoying, C.PP.S., Rev. John Bensman, Rev. Joseph Hoying, C.PP.S., Rev. Leo A. Hoying. Rev. Ralph Wehrman was not able to attend the celebration.

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L-R: Sister Mary Jean Rene Hoying (Lucille), Sister Rosamunda Hoying, Sister Laurita (Rita Klosterman), Sister Mary Ann Westerheide (Rosalinda), Sister Mary Hilary Barhorst (Louise)

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100th Anniversay Celebration - Dinner being served at St. Patrick School

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HISTORY OF A
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This painting of St. Patrick was produced by Francis Xavier Hefele in 1877. It was restored in 1962 by the Relice Studio in Cincinnati, Ohio. The St. Patrick Choral Club supplied the funds for the restoration.

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Dedication

TO THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY

FATHER — SON — HOLY SPIRIT

In Honor of

Our Glorious Queen, Mary Immaculate

And

Our Patron, The Apostle, St. Patrick,

And

In Gratitude

To All The Priests, Religious

And

Members of the Parish

Who

During A Hundred Years

Established the Kingdom of Christ

In St. Patrick, Ohio

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Our Holy Father,
His Holiness
Pope John XXIII

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His Grace
The Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, D.D., LL.D.
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pearance of the parish was changed through the addition of side walks and street lights, new front steps to the church and walks in the cemetery and a larger garage and trees and shrubs.

While these improvements were going forward, a new heating system was installed in the church, the interior of the church was refrescoed, the sanctuary was renovated and a new tabernacle installed on a new altar. A terazza floor was laid in the church and new pews were obtained. The church bells were electrified and a new side altar and tabernacle was executed with great beauty of design.

One of Father Hook's great disappointments was the discontinuing of the Public School at St. Patrick in 1954. He fought hard for the retention of the school, and when he was overruled by the school board he tried in every way to establish a parochial school in its place. However, the ideal finally had to submit to the practical and the school was discontinued.

The sorrow of the people of St. Patrick was great when he died of cancer March 10, 1955. A Pontifical Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Karl J. Alter with Bishop Issenman attending on March 14, 1955. He was buried in St. Joseph new Cemetery in Cincinnati.

After an interval of a few months during which Father Leo Herlihy, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, was administrator, Father Clarence Leibold was appointed Pastor, June 16, 1955. Father Leibold carried on the program of spiritual and material improvement begun by Father Hook. Major repairs were made on the windows of the church and its exterior completely repointed.

It was with regret that the parishioners saw him leave in March 1960 to assume the duties of Pastor of St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie. Father Charles Koverman was named to succeed him.

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HOPEFUL FUTURE

The history of St. Patrick Parish recorded on the preceding pages is necessarily incomplete because it contains nothing of the lives of the parishioners. Since the parish exists for the sanctification of souls, the day by day lives of the people is a vital part of the story of the parish. If the complete history of St. Patrick Parish were written, it would undoubtedly require a volume of hundreds of pages.

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While we cannot look into the future, we yet can venture a hope that St. Patrick Parish will continue through the next hundred years strong in faith, secure in hope and abounding in charity towards God and neighbor. May the sturdy dedication to God and Church of the pioneers who founded the parish one hundred years ago characterize the lives of parishioners a hundred years to come!

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1987)

Back Row: Jill Holthaus, Angie Berning, Brandi Holthaus, Father Henry Albeitz, Krista Hoying, Angie Eilerman, Denise Koverman, Sarah Eilerman

Front Row: Jeff Hoying, Jon Siegrist, Matt Pleiman, Tony Hoying, Chris Barhorst

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Jo Ann Luebke wears her shamrock pin for St. Patrick's.



Carol Schmiesing was in charge of the card party.



Jan Schmiesing was the official bartender.

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Parish Card Party

MARCH 15, 1987



St. Patrick Parish members enjoyed a card party Sunday evening, March 15th at the church. Pictured above are, l-r, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Bensman, Fr. Tom Brunner, Fr. Hank Albietz and Mugs Westerheide.



Group of men playing bid Euchre. After a few hands, they changed partners.



Ladies enjoying bid Euchre.

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Rhonda Hoying provided the organ music for the mass.



Mass servers and priests marching out of church at the conclusion.

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First Parish Retreat March 15-17, 1987

St. Patrick Parish Retreat



Tim, Shirley and Kate Berning brough up the offertory gifts at the St. Patrick Parish Retreat mass Sunday morning.



Carl Wehrman was the speaker for the mass and Fr. Hank Albietz and Fr. Tom Brunner were celebrants.



Coffee, juice and donuts were served after the 10:00 a.m. retreat mass.



Fr. Tom Brunner preaching on the topic of Sacraments of Initiation.

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1986)

Melissa Wehrman, Jodi Hoying, Kelly Meyer, Andy Bensman

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Parents Prayer

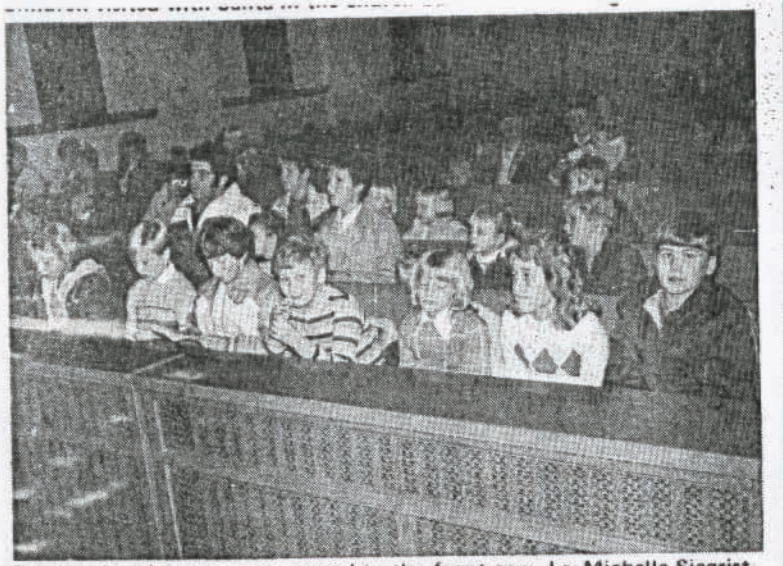
They are little only once LORD. Grant me the wisdom and patience to teach them to follow in your footsteps and prepare them for what is to come.

They are little only once LORD. Make me take the time to play pretend, to read or tell a story; to cuddle. Don't let me for one minute think anything is more important than the school play, the recital, the big game, fishing, or the quiet walk hand in hand. All too soon LORD they will grow away and there is no turning back. Let me have my memories with no regrets.

Please help me be a good parent, LORD. When I must discipline--let me do it in love, let me be firm, but fair; let me correct and explain with patience.

They are growing away LORD. While I have the chance let me do my best for them. For the rest of our lives, please LORD, let me be their very best friend.

Mary Loveridge Robbins



Readers for the mass were seated in the front row, l-r, Michelle Siegrist, Jeff Holthaus, Denise Watercutter, Tony Schmiesing, Melissa Wehrman, Kelly Wray and Dan Schmiesing.



Jason Barhorst seems to want rescued from Santa.



Fr. Hank talks with Tessa Wehrman.



Fr. Hank leading the children from the altar to the basement for a party.



Peg Pleiman directed the children in the singing of Christmas carols.

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Children's Mass At St. Patrick

DECEMBER 13, 1985



Children of St. Patrick Parish gather at the altar with Fr. Hank during the Children's Mass on Friday evening.





Bringing up the offertory gifts were Glen Hoying, Brandi Holthaus and Jill Holthaus.



Santa arrives to visit with the children.

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St. Patrick's Day Party March 17, 1985

St. Patrick's Day Birthdays



St. Patrick's Church Council - seated, l-r, Joann Luebke, Irene Berning, Georgianna Hoying and Nancy Pleiman. Standing, l-r, Stan Pleiman, Don Eilerman, Myron Gaier, Fr. Hank Albietz, Jerry Siegrist, Jr. and Ron Rosengarten.



Group celebrating their birthdays, Dick Hoying, Nancy Pleiman, Stan Pleiman, Esther Marchal, Helen Hoying, Gary Meyer & Jeremy Pleiman.



Pictured with all the birthday goodies, (l-r), Jeanne Poeppelman, Kathy Barhorst, Father Albietz, Esther Marchal and Jeanette Watercutter.



Two Irishmen - O'Eilerman & O'Meyer?



Group going through the foodline.



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The Frank & Genevieve (Couchot) Pleiman Family (1985)
Carl, Marlene, Betty, Jeanette, Genevieve, Phyllis, Karen
Lower Right: Frank



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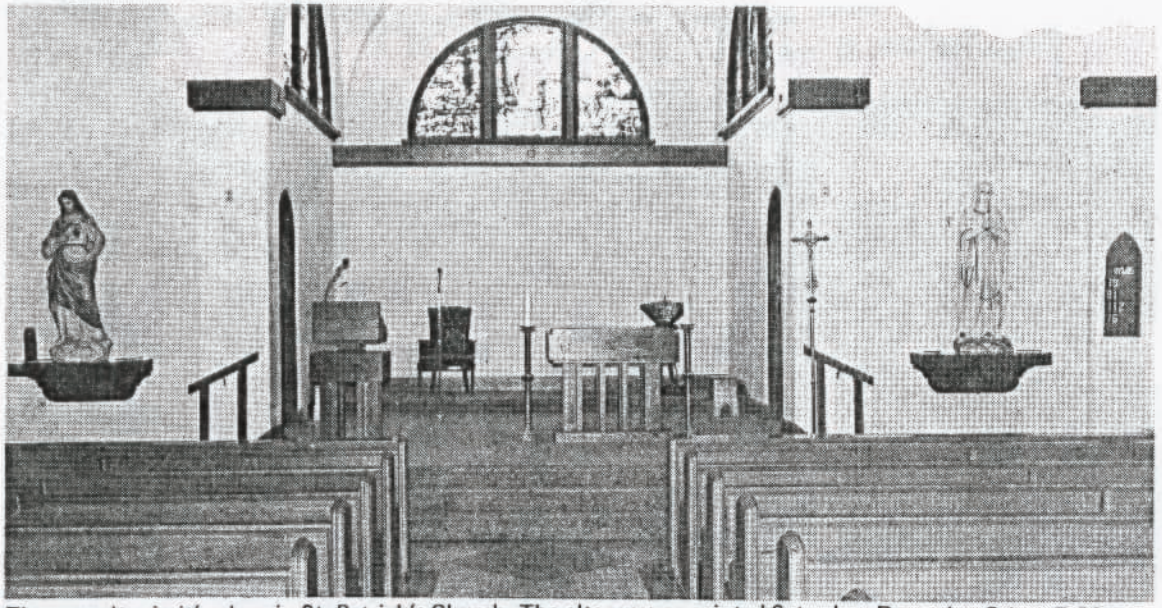


St. Patrick First Communion Class (1985)

Back Row: Father Leo A. Hoying, Father Henry F. Albietz, Chad Wray (Cross Bearer)
Front Row: Glen Hoying, Tony Schmiesing, Jason Bey, Kevin Hoying, Gina Bensman, Andy Eilerman, Tracy Marshall, Nikki Koverman, Theresa Hoying, Jeremy Pleiman.

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Altar Annointed At St. Patrick's



The new altar in it's place in St. Patrick's Church. The altar was annointed Saturday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m.

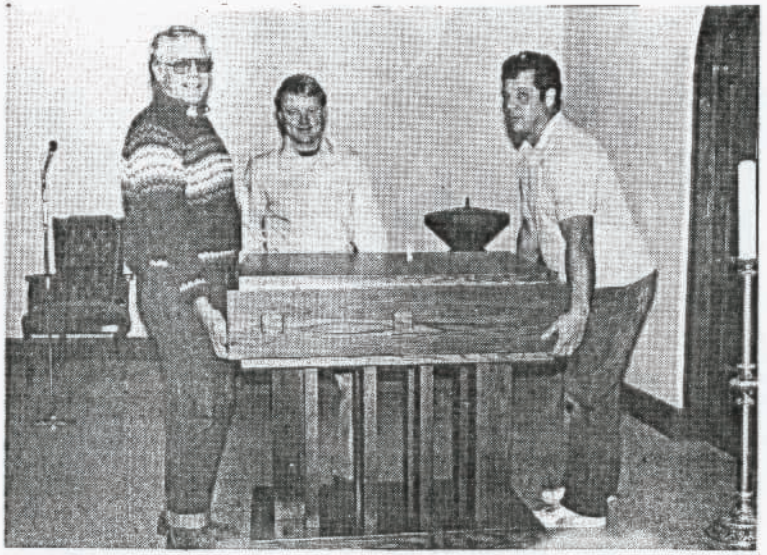


View of the newly decorated church from the altar.

St. Patrick Church (Remodeled in 1984)

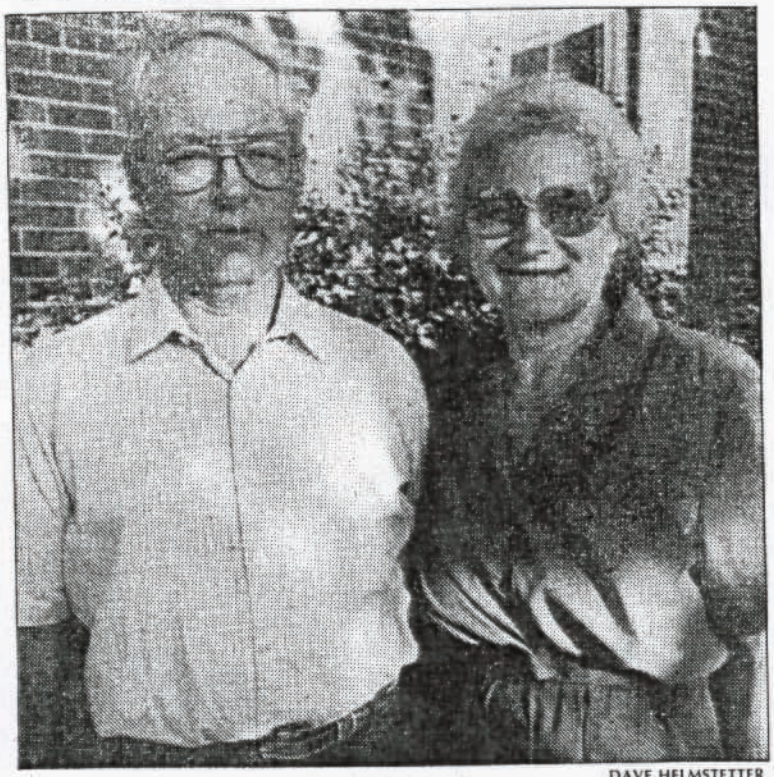


The 2 ladies cleaning the church on Saturday in preparation for the special mass.



Pat Hoying, Tom Koverman and Ron Rosengarten bringing in the new altar.

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DAVE HELMSTETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Wehrman

Papal trip highlights St. Patrick's jubilee

By Dave Helmstetter

ST. PATRICK, Ohio — Carl and Kathleen Wehrman say they are "excited" about getting a chance to see and hear Pope John Paul II during his upcoming visit to the United States.

The couple, members of St. Patrick Parish in Shelby County, were among the people selected to represent the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the papal visit.

The Wehrmans, along with an estimated 1,200-1,500 individuals, will be seeing and listening to the pope Sept. 17-18 in San Francisco at St. Mary Cathedral. "When you think of it (the other crowds), it's small comparatively," said Carl.

Both Carl and Kathleen are realistic about their chances of meeting the pope personally, but they do know they are expected to voice their opinions.

"I really don't know why we were selected," said Carl. "It makes you feel good and it humbles you to a certain extent. You wonder what will be expected of you when you there."

He does feel their agricultural experiences may have played a role in their selection. Carl is the National Farmers Organization (NFO) state president and has served on the Catholic Rural Life Board and the Social Action Commission.

The family farm and its problems are major issues, the Wehrmans believe.

"I have a lot of things I'd like to say (to the pope), but they're so immaterial when you consider the problems this man faces worldwide," said Carl.

"What I know about is farming . . . The loss of the family farm is not right and we should be trying to preserve the family farm . . . Ownership of the land should be among a lot of people and not swallowed up by other interests," he added.

The Wehrmans own approximately 800 acres with 80 dairy cattle. The Wehrman family includes 11 children, five boys and six girls, ranging in age from 17 to 36. There are also 11 grandchildren.

Carl and Kathleen feel the pope's visit will be well accepted in this country. "There'll be some demonstrations, but a lot of people are enthusiastic. And there will be people that will say, 'So what?' " said Carl.

The Wehrmans believe the pope wants to know "what the opinions are of the lay people.

"They wanted ordinary common, working people. So I guess that puts us in that category," said Carl.

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125 years

St. Patrick's: We are God's building

By Dave Helmstetter

ST. PATRICK, Ohio — "We Are God's Building" will be the theme of the 125th anniversary celebration for St. Patrick Parish in Shelby County Sunday, Aug. 30.

The 130-family parish is planning a full day of activities beginning with Mass concelebrated by Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk at 10 a.m. All living former pastors along with priests and Sisters from the parish have been invited.

Following the liturgy, a dinner for all parishioners and invited guests is scheduled. Then from 2 to 4 p.m., the parish will be holding an "open house" on the parish grounds with music provided by John Buehler, a former member of the parish. In addition, the Ladies Sodality will have a special program for children.

The theme, selected by the parish's liturgy committee, is especially important to the celebration.

More than bricks

"We wanted to express that the parish is not just mortar and stone, but that people are what makes it a parish," said Father Henry Albietz, St. Patrick's pastor.

St. Patrick Parish has a rich tradition, having produced 21 priests and nuns to religious vocations since its inception in 1862.

But as St. Patrick's looks to the future, the lay people are being called to take an even bigger role in parish life. Father Albietz thinks parishioners have responded well to the challenge.

"The liturgy committee has taken the responsibilities and so have the other committees," he said. "I'm very proud of what they're doing and the ministry they're doing.

"The whole idea of what the people are doing (with the ministry) makes me proud, not scared," he added.

Parishioner Don Puthoff, a committee chairman for the 125th anniversary, admits the priest shortage "very much bothers me. But St. Patrick's

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DAVE HELMSTETTER

St. Patrick's Church

Irish history, German present

By Dave Helmstetter

Today the names of the parish roster are of German descent. But as the name St. Patrick suggests, the Irish played a major role in founding this small Shelby County community and its parish.

Irish immigrants came to this area 125 years ago to work on the canal and other pioneer ventures such as the railroad. And today their mark is prevalent, even though no current parishioners' names have Irish origins.

A statue of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, greets you at the church's entrance. At

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will survive it . . . and enjoy many, many more (years)."

Another parishioner and liturgy committee member, Jan Otting, feels "For the Harvest" has helped prepare St. Patrick's for the future. "We pretty well know what we have to do," she said.

Ironically, during the first 50 years, the parish had no resident priest.

Today's parish membership has a youthful look. "The parish is very young," agrees the parish's young organist and children's choir director Rhonda Hoying. "It's neat to see so many around my age."

Father Albietz said the parish averages only about one funeral per year while marriages and baptisms average seven or eight annually.

Younger members

"It's nice to look out from the altar and see young people and young couples," he said.

Located in a primarily agricultural area, the parish includes many younger parish members who are taking over family farms while their parents are moving to nearby communities like Fort Loramie, Minster, Sidney, McCartyville or Anna. This keeps a youthful appearance to the parish, anniversary organizers said.

"A lot of the younger people are staying right in this parish," said Bobbi Holthaus.

But as the parish's anniversary program states: "If St. Patrick is a thriving parish today, it is because the people during the past 125 years have contributed their spiritual, physical and material resources to make it so. The parish stands as a monument to the religious zeal of the members of the parish, past and present."

Puthoff concurs that lots of past and present parishioners such as Emmie Beaver, Ann Hackett, Annie Ratterman, Father Warren Hook, Si and Tinky Plas stand out in his boyhood memories as contributing more than their share to St. Patrick's. "And there are many more," he said.

Committee chairmen hard at work putting the anniversary program together are Puthoff, Otting, Holthaus, Marcia Bensman and Hoying.

One of Bensman's projects has been making special stoles for the concelebrants for the anniversary Mass. The program and banners were put together by Bensman, Otting, Hoying and Holthaus.

Puthoff has been busy organizing the "outside" activities. But that's been natural for the Puthoff family. On the parish's 100th anniversary, his mother prepared the meal. And 25 years later, her daughters will be doing the same.

The group also extended an invitation to all past and present members of St. Patrick's to attend the activities, offering the hope to make the anniversary a "homecoming" for the parish.

HISTORY

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the side entrance, an oil painting of St. Patrick, dating back to 1877, has been placed.

St. Patrick's was first organized in 1862 by Precious Blood priest, Father Patrick Henneberry. The first church, made of logs, was built on ground donated by Patrick Brennen and James McDonigal in 1863. Then in 1874, a second church (wood frame) was constructed under the direction of Father William Sidley, pastor at Holy Angels in Sidney. When the Precious Blood Fathers again took charge, the parish went from a mission of Holy Angels to McCartyville (Sacred Heart Church).

Members of St. Patrick petitioned the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for a resident pastor, and in 1913, the request was granted with the appointment of Father Goswin Menge.

Two years later, the building of the present church began and the cornerstone was laid on June 13, 1915. Ground for the church and parsonage was donated by Mrs. Anna Barhorst.

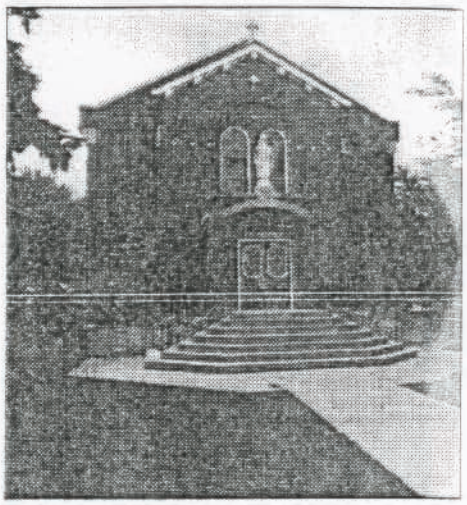
The church was blessed and first used on Christmas Day, 1915. In October 1916, the church was dedicated by Archbishop Henry Moeller.

Additional work on the church and the cemetery took place in the mid-1920s. In 1928, the parish purchased the nearby school, renovating it, with dedication ceremonies performed by Monsignor Buckley of Springfield on Sept. 9.

Major improvements to the church and grounds were made in 1950 with the addition of sidewalks, street lights (which remain today), new steps and other landscaping. Inside, a new heating system was installed, the sanctuary was renovated, new pews added, a new floor and a new tabernacle put on the new altar.

In 1984, the parish remodeled the present facility at a cost of $12,000. The new altar was dedicated on Dec. 8 with Auxiliary Bishop James Garland concelebrating a Mass with Father Henry Albietz (pastor from Aug. 2, 1984, to present) and other priests.

Several other changes were made in recent years with the emergence of the role of the laity. In 1984, the parish initiated 16 lay distributors for the first time. In 1985, the parish started the "FOCUS" program in which lay people started working with engaged couples in marriage preparation.



St. Patrick's Church

Two more firsts followed in 1986 and 1987. A baptismal program was initiated to counsel expectant parents and help prepare them for the responsibilities of Catholic parenting. The parish also enjoyed its first retreat in March of this year.

Pastors

In addition to Father Henry Albietz, pastors who have served at St. Patrick's include: Precious Blood Fathers P. Henneberry, E. Fritz, M. Muehe and F.B. Eising; Fathers John H. Metzdorf, Francis J. Kuenle, Goswin Menge, Joseps Koch, Albert Kroum, Louis Abt, Henry Meyer, Warren Hook, Clarence Leibold, Charles Koverman, Francis Moyer, William Goldschmidt, Henry T. Ausdenmore, Edward Haskamp, Joseph Bruening, Robert Monnin and Dennis Jaspers.

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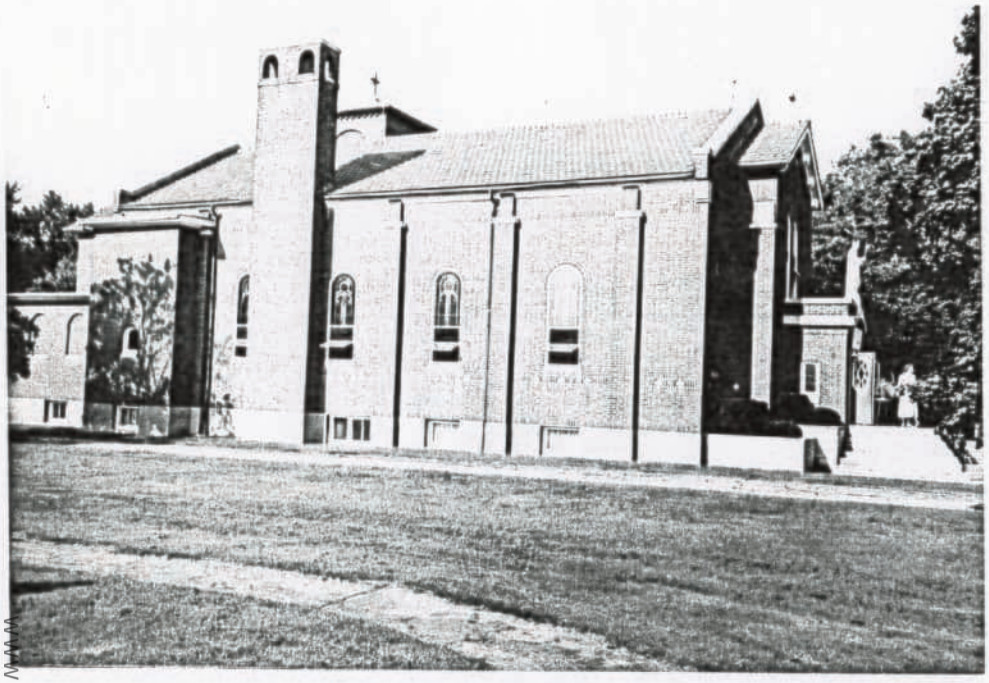
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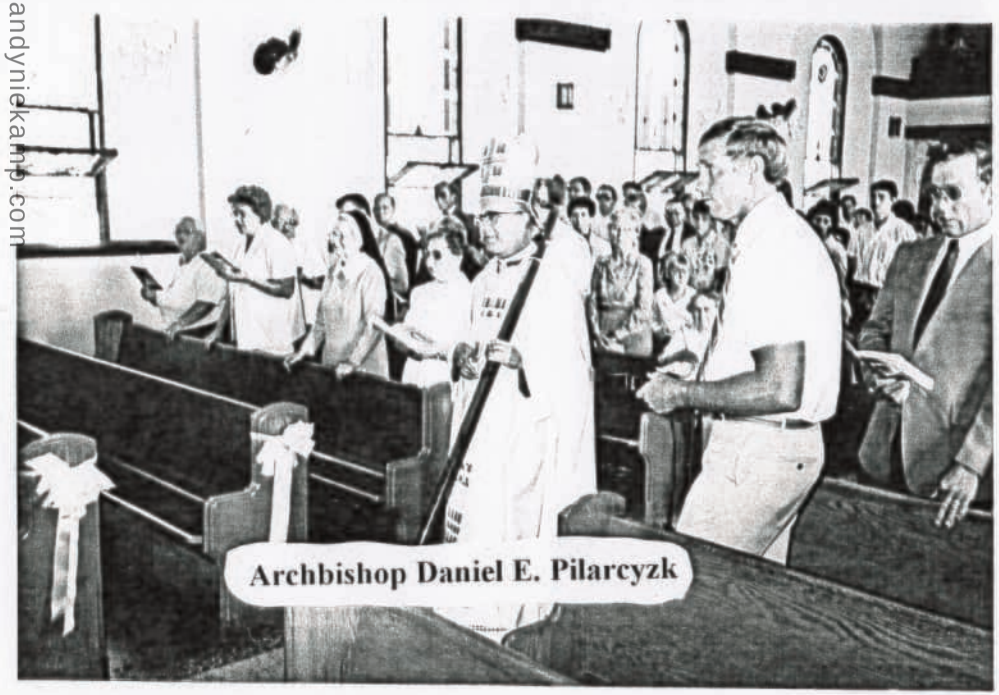
While we cannot look into the future, we yet can venture a hope that St. Patrick Parish will continue through the next hundred twenty five years strong in faith, secure in hope and abounding in charity towards God and neighbor. May the sturdy dedication to God and Church of the pioneers who founded the parish one hundred twenty five years ago characterize the lives of parishioners a hundred twenty five years to come!

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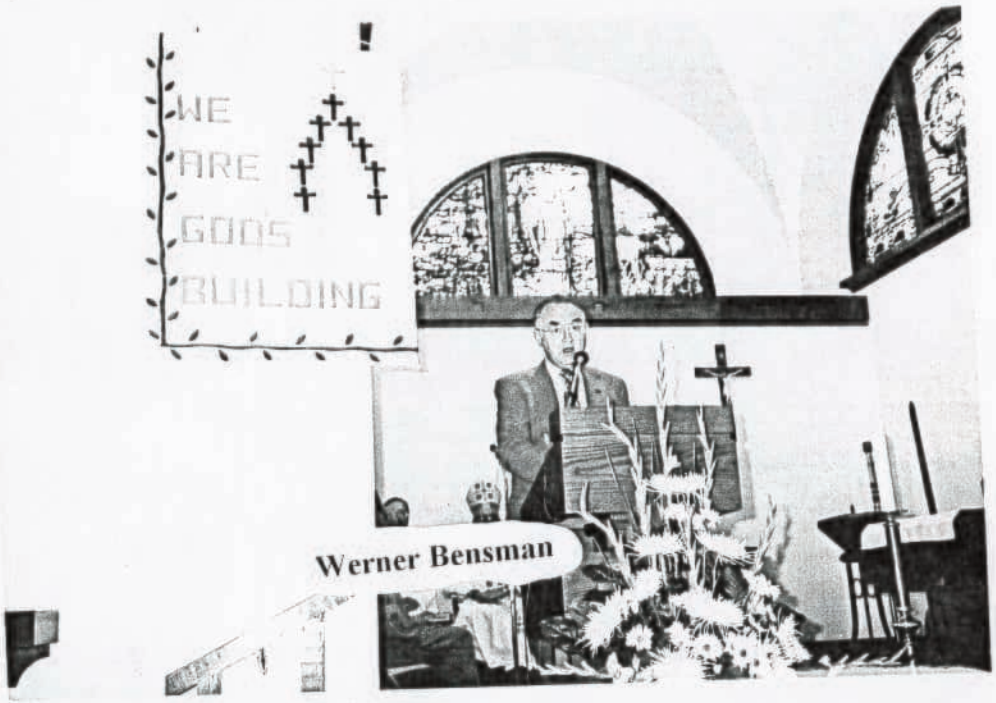
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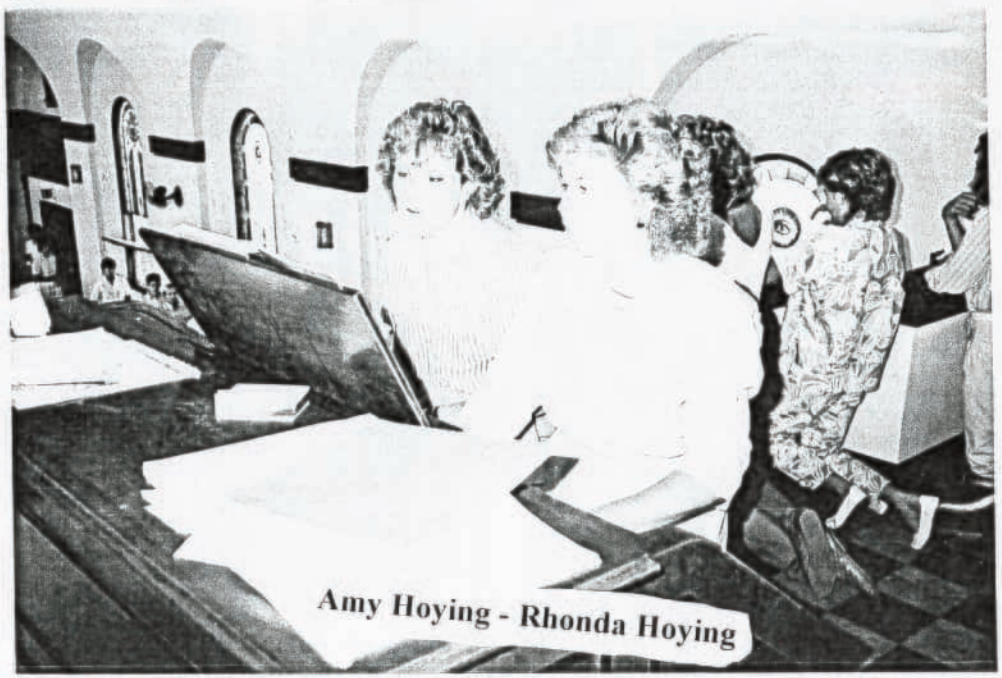

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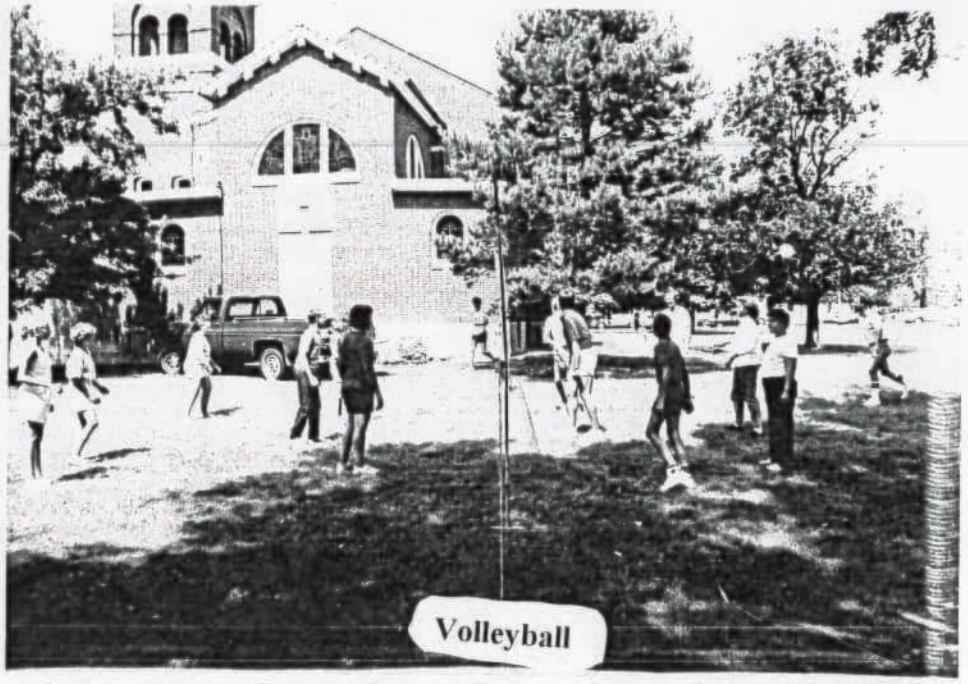
Parish Dinner



Carol Schmiesing, Sue Hoying, Pat Hoying, Irene Berning
Children of the parish



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ST. PATRICK 125TH ANNIVERSARY — From left, the Rev. J. Dennis Jaspers, the Rev. Henry F. Albietz, Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarcyzk, William Goldschmidt, the Rev. Joseph Hoying, and the Rev. Hoying.

St. Partrick Church Celebrates Anniversary With Arch Bishop

ST. PATRICK - The St. Patrick Catholic Church, founded in 1862, celebrated its 125th anniversary Sunday with Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati being the main celebrant.

Concelebrants were the Rev. Henry F. Albietz (Fr. Hank), the Rev. J. Dennis Jaspers, the Rev. William Goldschmidt, the Rev. Joseph Hoying, and the Rev. Leo Hoying.

Also invited, but unable to attend, were the Rev. Robert J. Monnin, the Rev. Joseph Bruening, the Rev. Edward Haskamp, the Rev. Charles Koverman, the Rev. Lawrence Schmieder, the Rev. Gerald Bensman, and the Rev. John Bensman.

Servers were Mark Pleiman, Greg Meyer, and Glen Hoying. Lectors were Jim Wehrman and Werner Bensman. Don Puthoff and Si Plas were the ushers.

Gifts were taken up by Deb Holthaus and Don Eilerman. Distributors were Mary Hoying, Phyllis Meyer, Nick Hoying, and Lee Eilerman.

Others taking part were the church greeters, Bobbi Holthaus, Jan Otting and Marcia Bensman. Rhonda Hoying was the organist and programs and banners were designed by the liturgy committee, Bobbi Holthaus, Jan Otting, Marcia Bensman and Rhonda Hoying.

Following Mass, church members and friends gathered in the rectory yard for a carry-in dinner and later square dancing under tents supplied by John Buehler music.

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Dear Friends:

I offer my sincere congratulations to all of you on the 125th Anniversary of your parish.

May God continue His fruitful presence among you in the future as He has done in the past.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Daniel E. Pilarczyk

Most Rev. Daniel E. Pilarczyk
Archbishop of Cincinnati

St. Patrick Parish
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Tinky Pias



Rhonda Hoying, Organist



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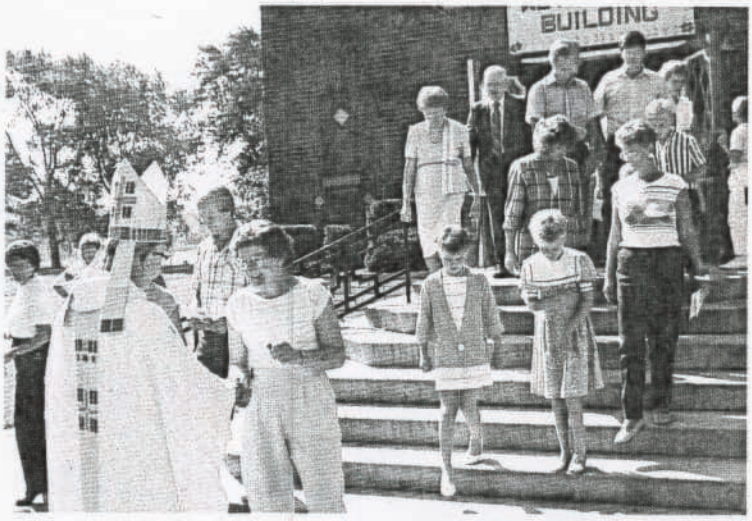
Parish Card Party



125th Celebration Mass



Baptism



Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk greeting parishioners.



For the Harvest Committee



First Communion

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Our Heritage

St. Patrick's was first organized in 1862 by a Precious Blood priest, Father Patrick Henneberry. The first church, made of logs, was built on ground donated by Patrick Brennen and James McDonigal in 1863. Then in 1874, a second church (wood frame) was constructed under the direction of Father William Sidley, pastor at Holy Angels in Sidney. When the Precious Blood Fathers again took charge, the parish went from a mission of Holy Angels to McCartyville (Sacred Heart Church).

Members of St. Patrick petitioned the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for a resident pastor, and in 1913, the request was granted with the appointment of Father Goswin Menge.

Two years later, the building of the present church began and the cornerstone was laid on June 13, 1915. Ground for the church was donated by Mrs. Anna Barhorst.

The church was blessed and first used on Christmas Day, 1915. In October 1916, the church was dedicated by Archbishop Henry Moeller.

Additional work on the church and the cemetery took place in the mid-1920's. In 1928, the parish purchased the nearby school, renovating it, with dedication ceremonies performed by Monsignor Buckley of Springfield on September 9.

Major improvements to the church and grounds were made in 1950 with the addition of sidewalks, street lights (which remain today), new steps and other landscaping. Inside, a new heating system was installed, the sanctuary was renovated, new pews added, and new floor and a new tabernacle put on the new altar.

In 1984, the parish remodeled the present facility at a cost of $12,000. The new altar was dedicated on December 8 with Auxiliary Bishop James Garland concelebrating a Mass with Father Henry Albietz (pastor from August 2, 1984 to present).

Several other changes were made in recent years with the emergence of the role of the laity. In 1984, the parish initiated 16 lay distributors for the first time. In 1985, the parish started the "FOCUS" program in which lay people started working with engaged couples in marriage preparation.

Two more firsts followed in 1986 and 1987: A baptismal program was initiated to counsel expectant parents and help prepare them for the responsibilities of Catholic parenting; and the parish also enjoyed its first retreat in March of this year.

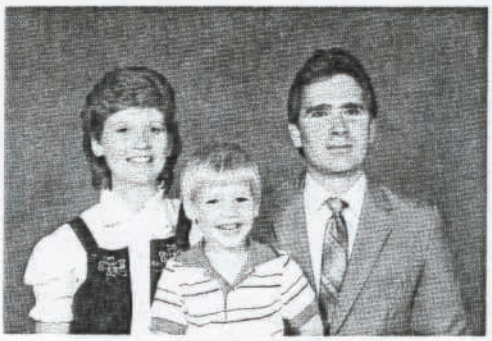
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Bill, Marvin



EILERMAN, Susanna & Ronald
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Jenny, Jill, Jeff, Jana



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Nancy, Glen



HOYING, Sue & Mark
Kevin, Krista, Kyle



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Tom, Linda



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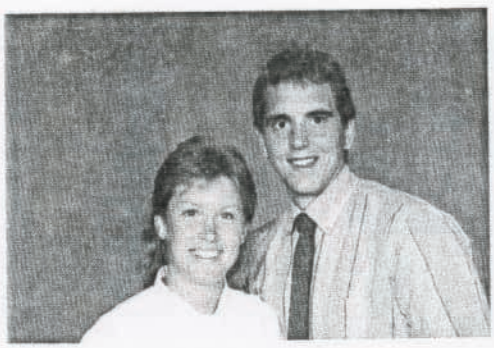
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MEYER, Chris & Dan



MEYER, Deb & William



MEYER, Donna & Gary
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Jerry, Greg, Jane



MEYER, Ruth & Clarence
Phil, Ann, Ron, Jenny



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OTTING, Jan & Charles



OVERMAN, Becky & Paul
Greg, Amy



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PLAS, Martha & John



PLAS, Rosella



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PLEIMAN, Nancy & Stanley
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Katie



POEPPELMAN, Diane & Daniel



POEPPELMAN, Jeanne & Kenneth
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POEPPELMAN, Martha & Alvin



POEPPELMAN, Martha & Clarence



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Joan, James



PUTHOFF, Teresa & John
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WEHRMAN, Joan



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The Sidney Daily News, Friday, Sept. 1981

St. Patrick marks 125th anniversary

ST. PATRICK — Although the ethnic background of the community has changed over the years, one aspect of the village — the Catholic Church — has remained constant for 125 years.

St. Patrick Catholic Church is marking its 125th anniversary this year. Several former pastors joined with current pastor, the Rev. Henry F. Albietz, and Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk recently in celebrating an anniversary Mass.

The former Irish settlement on Hoying Road, organized St. Patrick Catholic Church in 1862. The Rev. Patrick Henneberry headed the organizing efforts.

Patrick Brennen and James McMonigal donated land for a church, which was built in 1863. Just 11 years later the old church was torn down and a new church was built under the direction of the Rev. William Sidley of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sidney. St. Patrick Church was attached to Holy Angels as a mission.

Over the years the church flourished and in 1913 the congregation petitioned Archbishop Henry Moeller for a resident priest. The request was granted with Rev. Goswin Menge being appointed as the first resident priest.

Around the same time some members circulated a petition to change the location of the church, but a decision was made to keep the building in St. Patrick.

The cornerstone of the present church was laid on June 13, 1915. Land for the new church and rectory was donated by Mrs. Anna Barhorst, according to a church history. The cost of the building was $18,750.

The first service was held in the church on Christmas Day, 1915. Moeller dedicated the church in October 1916. The church was frescoed at a cost of $1,900.

Under the direction of the Rev. Louis Apt, the church purchased the St. Patrick Public School in 1928 at a cost of $300 and an addition was built for another $10,645.

A number improvements were made at the church in 1950. Among the improvements were a new heating system, landscaping, the electrification of the church bells and others.

The St. Patrick School was discontinued in 1954. The church's CCD program was discontinued in the 1970s and students then took religious instruction at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie.

The church was remodeled in 1984. The old altar was removed, a new altar installed and the church was repainted. The altar was dedicated on Dec. 8, 1984 by Bishop James Garland.

Other changes at the church in recent years include the initiation of lay distributors and lay persons working with engaged couples to prepare them for marriage.

The Liturgy Committee organized the anniversary Mass, which was celebrated Aug. 30. Members of the committee are Roberta "Bobbi" Holthaus, Jan Otting, Marcia Bensman, Rhonda Hoying. Donald Puthoff was the chairman of the party committee.

The celebration included a dinner for 250 people. An open house was held for past and present members and pastors.



ST. PATRICK Catholic Church on Hoying Road remains the center of activity for the rural community. The church was founded 125 years ago. The congregation recently marked the occasion with a special Mass.



SHOWN IS THE interior of St. Patrick Catholic Church. The interior was remodeled in 1984. (Staff photo by Lora Gordon)



THIS OLD photograph shows the former St. Patrick Catholic Church on the left and the present building on the right. The present church was built in 1915.

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1988)

Back Row: Mitch Pleiman, Rev. Henry Albietz, Mike Pleiman

Front Row: Luke Hoying, Molly Pleiman, Kelly Berning, Suzanne Massey, Rick Holthaus

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Area news

A quaint little hamlet

Church focal point of St. Patrick

By Judy McElheny-Owen

ST. PATRICK – "A Quaint Little Hamlet." That was the title selected for a scrapbook of clippings about the community of St. Patrick, presented to Sister DeChantel in honor of her father, the late John Beaver, longtime resident fondly remembered for his allegiance to the community.

The "hamlet" is located east of Lake Loramie, south of McCartyville, centered near the intersection of Hoying and Wright-Puthoff roads. There are nine houses in St. Patrick, 10 if you count the rectory of St. Patrick Church where the Rev. Henry Albeitz lives.

While there are only a few houses in the town itself, 120 families belong to the parish and many of them live on nearby farms and claim St. Patrick as their home, Albeitz explained.

There is little doubt that the church is the focal point of the community. In fact, it is the only structure in St. Patrick other than the houses, although that was not always the case.

According to an earlier Sidney Daily News story on St. Patrick by Clarence Raterman, a 1915 photo showed the Thaman Brothers Creamery directly across from the present rectory, a brick school (which closed in 1954 and was torn down May 18, 1983), a store building and a barn where the stockyards later stood.

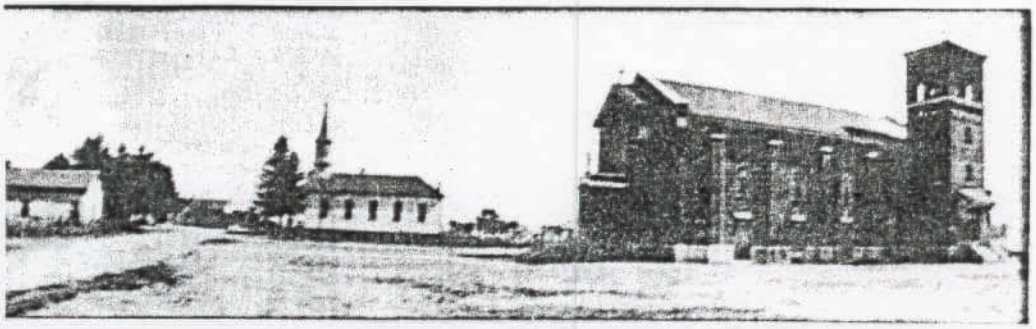
Tracing the history of St. Patrick can be somewhat difficult, it was noted in the Daily News' bicentennial edition, because the first lots were not platted until 1956 when Walter Arling established a subdivision.

The land was platted at that time, with the feeling being that the older people were starting to retire and the younger people were taking over the farms, necessitating the recording of plats in county annals.

St. Patrick was founded in 1862. Early history books decribe the community as well as its neighbor, McCartyville, as "settlements reminding one of the Irish who came in droves to build the railroads, settle briefly, and then move on to cities, leaving only their names to ponder."

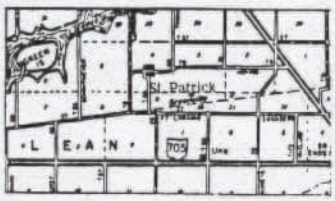
Early records of land grants and tombstones from the cemetery on church grounds show early residents had such Gaelic names as Quillin, Carper, Gowan, Cole, Quinn, Costello, Farley, Halpin, Hunter, Brennan, McMonigal, Donnelly and Quinlin. This was later replaced with a German influence of names such as Laterbur, Ritter and Schmidt.

According to Raterman's article, the late Henry Fealy of the McCartyville area once said that when he was a lad the area between McCartyville and St. Patrick was dense woods. The only way over was a path called "Donnelly's Lane."



THIS OLD photograph shows the former St. Patrick Catholic Church on the left and the present building on the right. The present church was built in 1915.

Crossroads



added at a cost of $10,645 and the school was officially dedicated by Monsignor Buckley of Springfield on Sept. 9.

The school was used until 1954, when an attempt for a parochial school failed. Children were sent to schools at McCartyville, Fort Loramie and Hardin. The school building continued to be used for religious education classes until the church's CCD program was discontinued in the 1970s and students then took religious instruction at St. Michael Church in Fort Loramie.

No longer serving any purpose, the building was torn down May 18, 1983.

One person who remembers the impact of the school closing is Viola Luthman, 11741 Luthman Road, who has lived in St. Patrick since 1927. All but the youngest of her 12 children, two deceased, attended St. Patrick.

She recalled her late husband helped build the school and he was particularly upset about the children having to go to Fort Loramie. "People thought an awful lot of St. Patrick," she reflected.

While the school was closed and eventually razed, the improvements to the church have continued over the years. Major improvements occurred in 1950 with the addition of sidewalks, street lights (which remain today), new steps and other landscaping.



ST. PATRICK Catholic Church on Hoying Road remains the center of activity for the community of St. Patrick, located east of Lake Loramie and south of McCartyville. The church marked its 125th anniversary in September of 1987 and celebrated with an anniversary Mass. (Staff photo by Judy McElheny-Owen)

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"We had an agreement with the Irish over there. They got the church, we got the post office. We used to walk to church every Sunday and one place along the lane between the former Henry Arling farm and Robert Wuebker's there was an old bog. We wore boots and got to carry all the women and girls across."

The late Fealy had a humorous anecdote concerning how residents cured "ague," a malarial-like fever often contracted because of the marshy conditions of the land.

"When we felt an attack coming on, we took a nip of whiskey and started walking toward St. Patrick. At every house we came to, we stopped and had another nip. We continued to do this until we arrived at the farthest Irish home to the south of St. Patrick. Coming back we usually did the same, and we usually lost the fever along the way."

The church was founded in 1862 by Father Patrick Henneberry of the Precious Blood Order based at Maria Stein and Minster. The first church, made of logs, was built on grounds donated by Patrick Brennen and James McDonigal in1863.

In 1874 a second church with a wooden frame was constructed under the direction of the Rev. William Sidley, pastor at Holy Angels in Sidney. St. Patrick Church was attached to Holy Angels as a mission, with the Precious Blood order taking over the McCartyville mission.

Members of the St. Patrick parish petitioned Archbishop Henry Moeller of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for a resident pastor and in 1913, the request was granted with the appointment of Father Goswin Menge.

Two years later, the building of the present church began and the cornerstone was laid on June 13, 1915. Ground for the church was donated by Anna Barhorst. The cost of the building was $18,750.

The church was blessed and first used on Christmas Day, 1915. In October of 1916 the church was dedicated by Archbishop Henry Moeller. Additional work on the church and cemetery took place in the mid 1920s.

In the spring of 1928, in order to keep their independence in school matters, the St. Patrick Church, under the direction of the Rev. Louis Apt, voted to purchase the old 1908 school building from the school board at a cost of $300.

During the summer, two wings were

Inside, a new heating system was installed, the sanctuary was renovated, new pews added, a new floor put on, and a new tabernacle placed on the altar.

In 1984, the parish remodeled the present facility at a cost of $12,000. The new altar was dedicated Dec. 8. by Bishop James Garland. The Rev. Albeitz, who has served as pastor since Aug. 2, 1984, was present.

In September of 1987 the church celebrated its 125th anniversary with an anniverary Mass attended by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk, Albeitz and former priests. The celebration included a dinner for 250 people as well as an open house for past and present members and pastors.

As mentioned earlier, there was a stockyard in St. Patrick which was in operation from 1932 to 1975. Si (Clarence) Plas, 11960 Hoying Road, ran the local Kleinhenz Stockyard, which did an annual business of $500,000, dealing only in hogs and lambs.

Plas, who today manages the Spillway Bait Shop at Mauri's Landing and still lives in St. Patrick, confirmed that most of the meat was shipped to the East Coast, where lamb in particular was a favorite with immigrants of Italian and Polish descent. "They had more of a taste for it," he agreed.

Plas is a life-long resident of St. Patrick, musing "I never got away." He described St. Patrick as a "quiet, peaceful place."

His sister, Rosella Plas, also has lived in the area her entire life and agrees it is a "peaceful little town."

Irene Berning, 11937 Luthman Road, who has lived in St. Patrick for 30 years, agrees that there really isn't much in the town, other than the church she lives across the street from. "This is still home. When the kids (her three daughters) talk about where they're from, they always say St. Patrick."

Mrs. Berning and others agreed that there is growth and construction going on around St. Patrick but no new development in the town itself.

Mrs. Berning believes that the church is the glue holding the area together, the main social activity in town. Her husband, Eugene, mows the grass and serves as the church janitor. She's active in the ladies sodality whose members take turns weekly cleaning the church, with the new members learning from the old.

"There's not much going on here other than Saturday night Mass and Sunday morning Mass," she said. One tradition many seem to recall is that of standing outside of church after the services and chatting with friends and neighbors. She said her husband remembers as a youngster getting tired of waiting around for the adults and walking home.

Mrs. Berning had kind words about John Beaver, who for years was the town's oldest resident until his passing. He was known for moving to Dayton, only to return quickly to St. Patrick. "It's convenient, I like it here. Everyone pays to keep the church. If I miss Mass, one of my neighbors comes down to check," Beaver was quoted as saying.

Mrs. Berning said everyone called him "Mr. Beaver," not because they had to but because he afforded that degree of respect. "He made you feel welcome, as though he enjoyed your company."

Mrs. Luthman, asked if the community has changed, replied, "In a way, yes. When I came up here it was a very small congregation. As it keeps growing, more outsiders come in. It's nice but it isn't as nice as it used to be. We were like a family."



THE CLASS of 1942 at St. Patrick School strikes a pose. The school was in operation from 1928 to 1954 and for years after that served as a center for religious education before it was torn down in 1983. (Photo courtesy of Viola Luthman)

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BORN: MARCH 4, 1889

1989



EMMA BENSMAN, 8042 Fort Loramie-Swanders Road, Anna (St. Patrick), is shown with birthday cards she received to commemorate her 100th birthday. She marked the milestone Saturday.

St. Patrick resident marks 100th birthday

ST. PATRICK — Emma Bensman, 8042 Fort Loramie-Swanders Road, marked her 100th birthday Saturday with a Mass and family gathering at her home.

Born in 1889, she is the third oldest of 12 children. Her parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Puthoff) Hoying. She and Joseph Bensman were married June 4, 1912. He died June 25, 1978. Mrs. Bensman has lived in the St. Patrick community her entire life, with the exception of a two-year period when she and her husband resided in Minster.

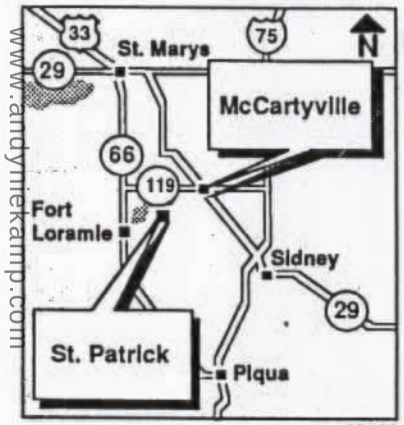
She is the mother of six living children, Sister Mary Josephine (Elizabeth) and Sister Joseph Mary (Lorena), both stationed at Mount St. Joseph Convent in Cincinnati; Juliana Bergman of Maria Stein, Joseph Bensman of Russia, Victor Bensman of St. Patrick and the Rev. John Bensman, pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Osgood. Three children are deceased.

There are 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. One grandchild is deceased.

Mrs. Bensman has four sisters, Matilda Schmiesing of Egypt, Minnie Hausfeld of Minster, Verona Sommers of Dayton, and Elizabeth Dahlinghaus of Egypt, and one brother, Adolph Hoying of Minster.

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St. Patrick, Ohio — old-fashioned, Cornfield, U.S.A



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By Mickey Davis
FEATURES EDITOR

ST. PATRICK — If you listen closely, you'll swear the birds in the oak tree choir along Hoying Road are singing *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*. You can hear each of their voices. It's that tranquil here.

How many people live in St. Patrick?

"Let's see, there's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. . . ," says retired plumber John Plas, beginning a head count. Plas has lived most of his 79 years in the white frame house, a former general store on Hoying Road, in this tiny Shelby County community.

■ RECALLING AN IRISHMAN/**1B**
■ UPHOLDING TRADITION/**1B**

He completes his one-by-one census at 28.

"Yeah, 28 people here, that's it," he says, pulling on his red suspenders, "but no Irish anymore. McMonagle, Dundon and Halpin are buried across the street, but the rest of us living here are mostly German."

Sure enough, in the small cemetery next to St. Patrick's Church, where tombstones of Hoying and Puthoff are prominent along with families represented by Wehrman, Zircher and Hothaus, are graves with the names McMonagle, Dundon and Halpin.

The focal point, however, in this 127-year-old hamlet 50 miles north of Dayton off Ohio 29 is red-brick St. Patrick's Church.

Above the church entrance, a life-sized weather-beaten statue of Catholic bishop St. Patrick holds a painted but fading Kelly-green shamrock.

That's as much St. Patrick's Day celebrating as there'll be today in St. Patrick, believed to be the only St. Patrick in this country.

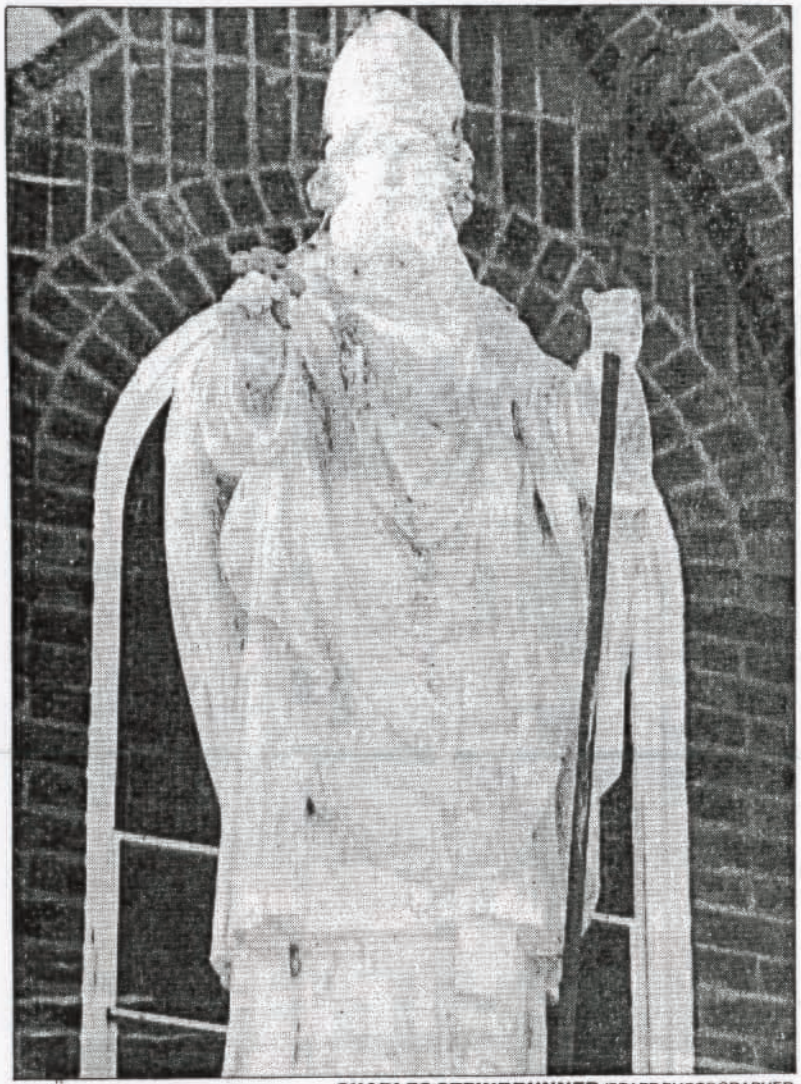
Except for a 3-mile run/walk for about 200 revelers from St. Patrick to adjoining McCartyville Saturday, wearin'-of-the-green hoopla will be minimal.

There's not even a gas station in St. Patrick or two unleaded pumps to replace the two pumps Plas remembers from the 1950s. And the town's mailing address is Anna.

"There used to be a three-room schoolhouse up the road," Susan Berning Pedula, recalls. Mrs. Pedula, 33, a 1974 Fort Loramie High School gradu-

SEE ST. PATRICK/**4A**

Dayton Daily News March 17, 1989 — St Patrick's Day



CHARLES STEINBRUNNER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. Patrick, properly festooned

St. Patrick

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ate and now a resident of White Sands, N.M., is here with her two small children to visit her parents, Eugene and Irene Berning.

"When you grow up in a town this small," she says, "you can't wait until the day when you're 16 to get your driver's license. Then you can drive to Fort Loramie (population 803) 10 miles away, or to Anna or Minster.

"I would never live in a big city. Growing up in St. Patrick was great."

Carol Barhorst, 29, and her husband, Greg, 30, an employee at Master Machinery Builders in New Bremen, moved to St. Patrick almost four years ago. The Barhorsts, who grew up in Shelby County, have two young sons.

"Everybody says, 'Where is St. Patrick?' " Mrs. Barhorst says. "I always tell them we live down from the mall and across from McDonald's. I also tell everyone my husband's the mayor."

She laughs. There is, of course, no mall, no McDonald's restaurant, no mayor.

It's old-fashioned, Cornfield, U.S.A, but "it's safe here, quiet and a great place to raise a family," she says.

Clarence Raterman, 81, a former administrator in the Anna schools and chairman of the Miami Valley Council on Aging in the late 1970s, has lived in McCartyville 60 years. Raterman, who grew up in Fort Loramie, is regarded as the area's foremost historian.

"The Irish came over from Ireland in the 1840s and the settlement reached its peak in 1853," Raterman says. "They built canals and railroads here — the Irish ending their canal building at St. Marys and their railroad building in Sidney. Then one group settled at St. Patrick, another in McCartyville. The first Irishman to settle in St. Patrick was James O'Brien in 1836."

Still in a town where St. Patrick Church stands proud and the first settler's name was O'Brien, there seems ample reason to roll out a Kelly-green carpet and observe St. Patrick's Day.

"So six years ago some of us were sitting around and decided we needed to celebrate," says Larry Huecker, 43, a McCartyville resident who works with the Bureau of Employment in Sidney. Thus, a St. Patrick Day 3-mile walk/run from St. Patrick to McCartyville, population 306, was born.

Along with this event, a queen was crowned followed by a parade and rounds of toasts at Tanker's green-bedecked bar at the corner of Ohio routes 29 and 119.

Wright State University seniors, twins Darla and Donna Heitkamp, 21, who live in McCartyville, will be crowned St. Patrick's Day co-queens at ceremonies tonight at 10, with the 3-mile walk/run Saturday at 11 a.m., the McCartyville parade at 2 p.m. and an Irish dance at 7 p.m.

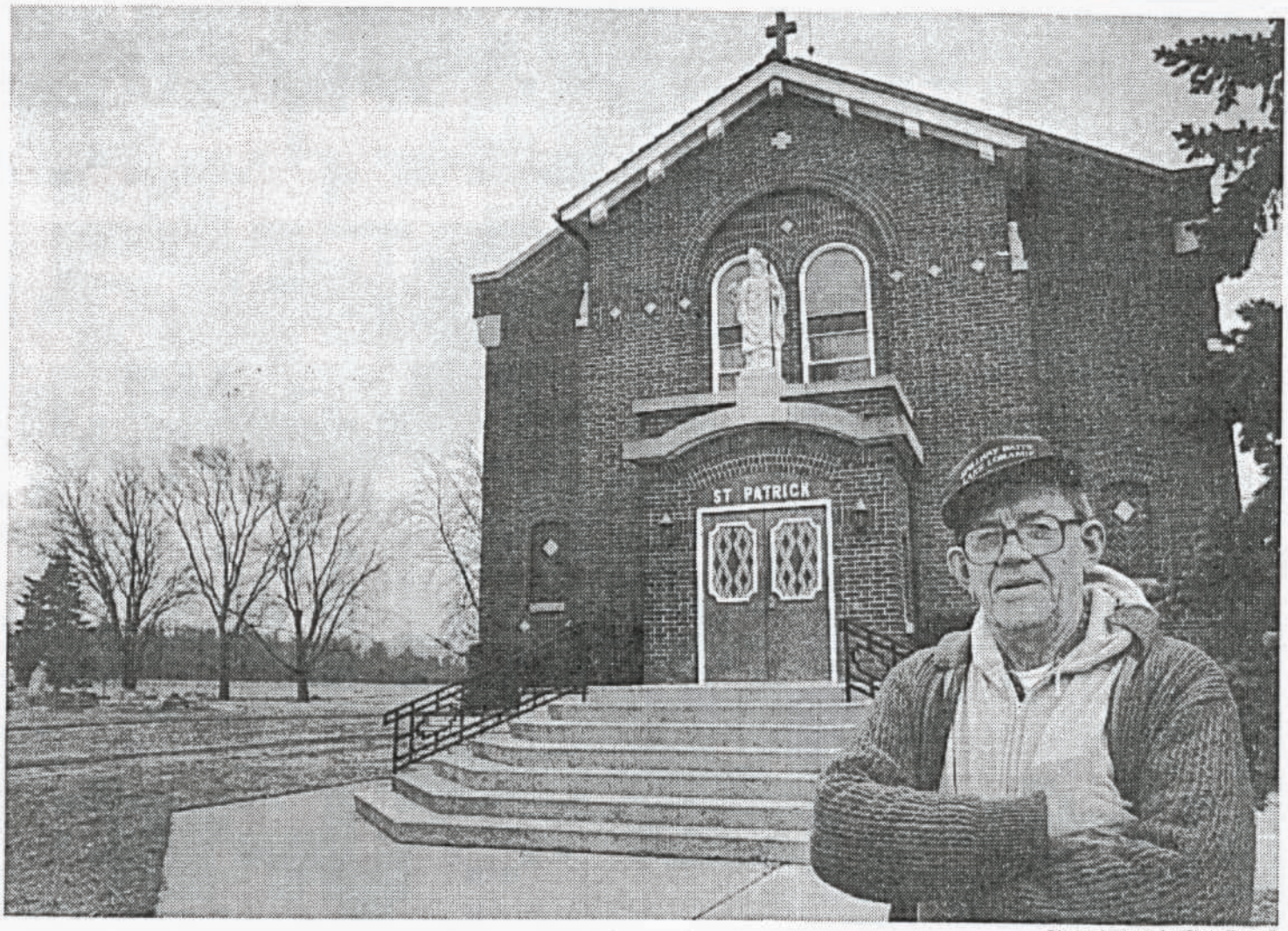
Some of McCartyville's wags have been trying to convince Terry "Tank" Fogt, owner/bartender of McCartyville's favorite pub, Tanker's, to color his suds green. Tanker's, originally a gas station in 1929, became Bohman's Tavern in 1932, and was known as Eddie's Tavern, then Norgi's, before Fogt purchased the corner spot in 1982.

"But no way," Tank says, "am I going to chance jamming up my lines with that green coloring stuff."

Tank, Huecker and other high-profile backers of the McCartyville St. Paddy's Day gang say there are two queens this year, because Nick "Pickles" Schmitmeyer of the St. Patrick's Day committee, who gets to kiss the queens at the crowning, insisted on it.

"Pickles was lucky last year when he crowned the queen, because the camera taking his picture for the newspaper didn't go off," Tank says, "and he got to kiss the queen twice. This year he's taking no chances."

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Dispatch photo by Chris Russell

Cy Plas stands in front of St. Patrick Church, which dominates the hamlet of St. Patrick, Ohio

Irish are gone from St. Patrick

By Randall Edwards
Dispatch Staff Reporter

ST. PATRICK, Ohio — Irish eyes smile no more in this wee Shelby County village.

The days of raucous St. Patrick's Day shenanigans are long-gone, as are the Irish who settled this village in 1862.

"It used to be celebrated in a big way," said Cy Plas, 69. "Everybody took the day off work; priests from the neighboring parishes would come, and they would have a solemn high Mass."

Irish and Germans alike would gather later at the St. Patrick's Grocery, a combination general store and tavern operated by Plas' aunt.

The Irish drank beer to toast St. Patrick. And the Germans? "They just like beer," Plas said.

All that is left of the village are six houses and St. Patrick Catholic Church. The signs along Hoying Road that used to welcome people to St. Patrick have been taken down.

The Irish came to western Ohio to build the Miami and Erie Canal and moved on when their work was finished. German farmers replaced them.

> "A bunch of Germans are getting together to celebrate an Irish saint by eating Italian food."
> — Rev. Henry F. Albietz

The village wears its Irish heritage on the weathered tombstones in the parish cemetery, where names like O'Brien, McCue and McMonagle are common.

The stained-glass windows in the church, built in 1915, were donated by the Puthoff, Luthman and Barhorst families. The 120 families in St. Patrick's parish are of German descent, said the Rev. Henry F. Albietz, pastor of St. Patrick.

The Germans of St. Patrick have not entirely given up the Irish spirit.

A St. Patrick's Day queen will be crowned tonight at a tavern in nearby McCartyville, and a 3-mile Irish Jog will start at St. Patrick and end in McCartyville on Saturday.

"About 50 percent of the people walk," said organizer Larry Huecker. "Some of them pull wagons with beer or Irish whiskey and drink it along the way. It's not very competitive."

St. Patrick Church is hosting a spaghetti dinner Sunday.

"A bunch of Germans are getting together to celebrate an Irish saint by eating Italian food," Albietz said.

And the people of McCartyville are no more Irish than the people of St. Patrick, he said.

"They're Germans, too. They just act Irish for the day."

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1989)
Back Row: Luke Hoying, Rev. Henry Albietz, Gary Meyer
Front Row: Tom Hoying, Katie Berning, Brad Meyer

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The Bernard & Martha (Poeppelman) Plas Family (1990)
Standing: Alvin, Lois, Norma, Mary Ann, Carl
Sitting: Martha and Bernard (Pete)

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1990)

Back Row: Brian Poeppelman, Brian Holthaus, Rev. Henry Albietz, Michael Eilerman, Eric Marchal
Middle Row: Chad Siegrist, Eric Gaier, Todd Koverman
Front Row: Jana Hoying, Paula Massey

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Sixty new graduates join ranks of Athenaeum alumni

Family and friends gathered with Athenaeum faculty and students to honor the class of 1989 at the October 22 commencement exercises.

Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, chancellor of the Athenaeum, conferred degrees and awarded certificates to 60 candidates who had completed from two to five years of ministry preparation. The newest alumni include diocesan and religious order priests, women and men religious and laypersons.

Rev. James Heft, provost of the University of Dayton, delivered the commencement address. Rev. Richard Sweeney was presented with the Athenaeum's second annual Celebration of Teaching Award (see page 9). The Athenaeum Chorale provided music for the ceremony.

A reception honoring the new graduates followed in the pastoral center.

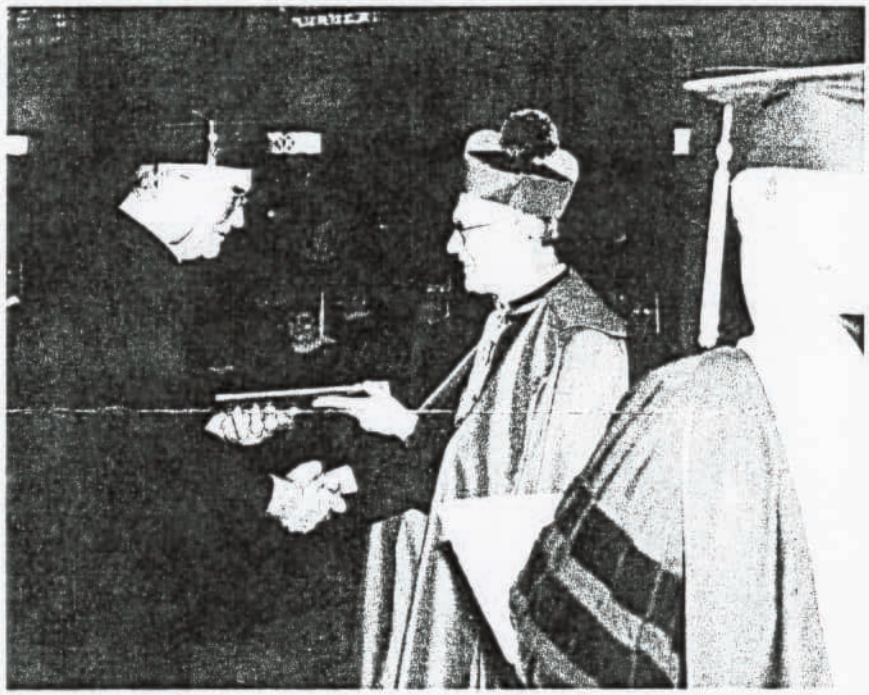




The newly commissioned Athenaeum president's medallion was worn for the first time at the October graduation by President/Rector Rev. James Walsh.

The medallion is a replica of the Athenaeum's seal which includes part of the coat of arms of the archdiocese of Cincinnati (three crosses surrounding the plow of the fifth century BC Roman farmer-general Cincinnatus). The Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom, is symbolized by the dove.

Surrounding the seal is a verse from Luke's gospel in Latin, *Proficere sapientia aetate gratia* — To grow in wisdom, age and grace.



Above, Werner Bensman receives his certificate and congratulations from Archbishop Pilarczyk.

Left, Grand Marshall Sr. Deborah Harmeling, OSB, and Student Marshall Lathe Snyder lead the procession of candidates and faculty to the chapel.

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2 parishes set course for the present, future

St. Patrick, Newport congregations rank goals, take action

By Lenore Christopher
Catholic Telegraph

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ST. PATRICK/NEWPORT — Sometimes the good ideas that go down on paper never get put into action. But that's not so for parishioners at St. Patrick in St. Patrick and Sts. Peter and Paul, Newport. Their ideas have been transformed into new projects for their parishes. And along the way, they have also learned a lot more about "family ministry."

Linked and guided by a common pastor, Father Henry F. Albietz, since June 1989, the parishes decided to take a long look at themselves. This was important because of the shared pastorate, explained Father Albietz, who was looking for a sense of direction after assuming responsibility for both parishes.

What he found were parishioners ready to evaluate where they were and what they wanted their faith experience to be. Most importantly, he found them willing to put their own ideas into practice.

Parishioners — "about 25-30 in each parish" — developed goals and needs assessments in July 1989, based on the remarks from separate parish committees on the same two questions: "What good things do you see happening in the parish?" and "What positive things would you like to see in the parish?"

Each parish group ranked them by importance and suggested ways to implement the top selections. A common concern was the Mass schedule and that was adjusted to accommodate both parishes as well as the pastor's travel.

Sts. Peter and Paul

At Sts. Peter and Paul, Newport, which has about 296 families, involving youth in the parish was the No. 1 priority, followed by a request for more "fun-fund" projects and a desire to be more welcoming to new families, according to Father Albietz.

The parishioners' solution to the first was the start of a folk Mass, which took six months in planning and was celebrated for the first time on February's first Saturday. The folk choir involves young adults, and the high school CCD will be involved in various aspects of the services, which will continue each month.

The parish also became a clearinghouse, with the help of the DRE, for summer employment for youth by running job listings in the bulletin.

To provide more "fun-fund" activities, the parish last summer held a hog roast, to which St. Patrick parishioners were invited, and another is planned July 21. An outdoor Mass may be included. A monthly parish drawing has also started.

On April 7, there will be a chili cookoff and euchre party. And for the second year in a row, a February parish mission included a family potluck dinner with baby-sitting. This year, parishioners, during faith enrichment for adults, are including coffee and donuts on Sundays during Lent.

To include those who cannot attend Mass, lay distributors each Sunday take communion and bulletins to shut-ins, said Father Albeitz.

To welcome new families, parishioners borrowed an idea from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cincinnati, and provide a loaf of bread. Carmel Bergman bakes and Denny Monnin delivers the bread.

St. Patrick

Parishioners at St. Patrick, which has 108 families, listed fund-raisers and better collections as a priority in their needs assessment.

One idea that arose was a spaghetti dinner, first held last year and scheduled to return this year to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The parish is continuing its Lenten faith enrichment series March 6, 12 and 19. Parishioners also offered coffee and donuts after Mass Feb. 17.

A chili cookoff and hayride were held last fall during the World Series games and a television was set up in the rectory driveway so parishioners could also watch the Reds in action.

St. Patrick also held a parish mission with a family potluck dinner on the first evening; a card league has been proposed.

The successful hog roast has also "planted the seed to do more between the parishes," Father Albietz said.

What's important is meeting the needs of each parish, said the priest, who felt parishioners would like to do more together, "yet still keep their own identity."

The goal and needs assessment done in 1989 is actually a practical application on two levels, explained Father Albietz. It is the putting into practice of those ideas which individual parishioners felt would strengthen their faith experience. But, on a higher level, what is being accomplished, he said, is family ministry — "to minister to one another as families," part of "A Family Perspective in Church and Society," as written by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1987.

What the bishops wrote about, said Father Albietz, "is happening here."



St. Patrick First Communion Class (1991)
Ryan Barhorst and Rob Pleiman

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Early pioneers brought religious beliefs

For thousands of years men and women have turned to religion to guide their lives and explain the existence of their world.

This Faith edition explores the various religions practiced in Shelby County today. The many branches of Christianity dominate the local scene, but there are area residents who practice Judaism and other faiths.

Like new residents through the decades, people coming to the area in recent years have brought with them their religious beliefs and ways of practicing those faiths.

Early religions, such as the Greek and Roman mythologies, centered around many gods. In more modern times the emphasis has been on a single Supreme Being, or monotheism.

Religions not only shaped the lives of people who followed particular faiths, they also shaped history itself. In many cases, religions played a dominant role in governments, as well as the spiritual lives of followers.

Religion also played a vital role in the settlement of many countries. The United States owes much of its heritage to the people who came to the New World to escape religious persecution in Europe.

When new areas were settled, such as Shelby County in the early 1800s, the immigrants brought with them their ways of worshiping God. After meeting in homes during the early stages of settlement, the pioneers quickly formed churches that often flourished through the years.

The churches not only played a social, but a spiritual role as well in the lives of area residents. In many cases, the dual role continues today.

Roman Catholic Church

Since the mid-1800s, Roman Catholics in Sidney, Shelby County and the surrounding area have come to cross-tipped churches to worship as part of a Christian community.

According to the Rev. Glen Perin, pastor of Holy Angels Church in Sidney, early Christians were looked upon as "Jesus' people." Believing that God, the creator of heaven and earth, is revealed to all people through Jesus Christ, they saw their mission as knowing, loving and serving God through divine worship and service to others.

Like other Christians, Catholics believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, the truth of sacred Scriptures (the Bible), and the sacraments. Unlike other Christians, Catholics recognize the authority of the Pope and bishops for preserving truth of faith and doctrine.

They believe in seven sacraments which are living signs of Christ's presence in the world. These include Baptism (the first sacrament); Eucharist (the sacrificial banquet); Reconciliation or Penance, Confirmation (the gift of the Holy Spirit); Anointing of the Sick, Marriage and Holy Orders (ordination to priesthood or permanent diaconate).

The Mass, much of which dates back to the Eucharistic liturgy of the Jews, contains readings, the word of God and prayers. It is the liturgy of the New Covenant or the new way in which God shows His love.

Today there are more than 58.5 million Catholics in the United States. Of that total, some 531,500 reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati which encompasses 19 counties including Shelby, Mercer, Auglaize, Logan, Champaign, Miami and Darke.

Catholic churches located in Shelby County include:

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Founded: September of 1865 (present church completed in 1962); Pastor: The Rev. James O'Connor (since 1985); Number of households: 386; Sunday Mass schedule: 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 6:15 p.m. (eve) and 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (actual day).

Fort Loramie
ST. MICHAEL

Founded: July 1838 (present church completed in October 1988); Pastor: The Rev. Gerald Bensman (through July 8), successor to be named in August; Other clergy: The Rev. Aloysius Boeke (retired); Number of households: 840; Sunday Mass schedule: 7 p.m. on Saturday; 8, 10 and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 7 p.m. (eve) and 8:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (actual day).

McCartyville
SACRED HEART

Founded: 1882 (present church completed in 1953); Pastor: The Rev. Gerald Bensman (effective July 9); Number of households: 458; Sunday Mass schedule: 7 p.m. Saturday; 8 and 10 a.m. on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 8 p.m. (eve) and 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (actual day).

Newport
ST. PETER & PAUL

Founded: 1856 (present church completed in January 1938); Pastor: The Rev. Henry F. Albietz (since 1989); Number of households: 313; Sunday Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday and 10:15 a.m. Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 5:30 p.m. (eve) and 6:30 a.m. (actual day).

Rhine
ST. LAWRENCE

Founded: 1856 (present church completed in 1893) Pastor: The Rev. James O'Connor (since 1989); Number of households: 102; Sunday Mass schedule: 9 a.m. on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 7:30 p.m. (eve) and 6:15 p.m. (actual day).

Russia
ST. REMY

Founded: 1846 (present church completed in 1890); Pastor: The Rev. Leo A. Hoying (since 1989); Number of households: 386; Sunday Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday and 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 5 p.m. (eve), and 7 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (actual day).

St. Patrick
ST. PATRICK

Founded: 1862 (present church completed in 1915); Pastor: The Rev. Henry F. Albietz (since 1984); Number of households: 110; Sunday Mass schedule: 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:15 a.m. Sunday; Holy Day schedule:

Sidney
HOLY ANGELS

Founded: 1848 (present church completed in 1891) Pastor: The Rev. Glen Perin (since 1987); Associate pastor: The Rev. Mark T. Watkins; Other clergy: Deacon Philip Myers; Number of households: 1,683; Sunday Mass schedule: 5:30 p.m. on Saturday; 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon; Holy Day schedule: 7, 9, 11:40 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (actual day).

Among the Catholic churches located in Auglaize County are:

Egypt
ST. JOSEPH

Founded: 1852 (present church completed in 1927); Pastor: The Rev. Larry Wyen (since 1989); Associate pastor: The Rev. Kenneth Schnipke; Number of households: 66; Sunday Mass schedule: 10 a.m.

Fryburg
ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST

Founded: 1850 (present church completed the same year); Pastor: The Rev. John D. Sauter (1973); Number of households: 164; Sunday Mass schedule: 8 p.m. Saturday; 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 8 p.m. (eve) and 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (actual day).

Minster
ST. AUGUSTINE

Founded: 1834 (present church completed in 1850); Pastor: The Rev. Larry Wyen (since 1983); Associate pastor: The Rev. Kenneth Schnipke; Number of households: 1,019; Sunday Mass schedule: 7 p.m. on Saturday; 8, 10 and 11:30 on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 8 p.m. (eve) and 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (actual day).

New Bremen
HOLY REDEEMER

Founded: 1872 (closed in 1895, reinstated in 1948, present church completed in July 1970); Pastor: The Rev. James Trick (since 1984). Number of households: 490; Sunday Mass schedule: 5 p.m. on Saturday; 8 and 10 a.m. on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 7:30 p.m. (eve) and 12:05 and 7:30 p.m. (actual day).

Among the Catholic churches located in Darke County are:

Frenchtown
HOLY FAMILY

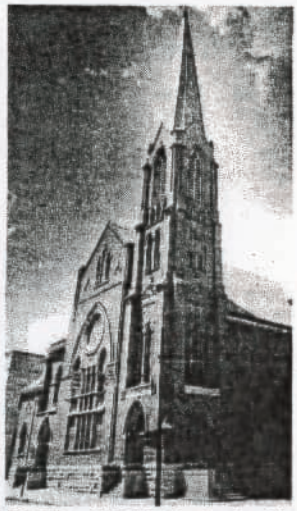
Founded: 1846 (present church completed in 1866); Pastor: The Rev. A. Edwin Francis (since 1986); Number of households: 170; Sunday Mass schedule: 8 p.m. Saturday; 9 and 11 a.m Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 8 p.m. (eve) and 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (actual day).

North Star
ST. LOUIS

Founded: April 1892 (present church completed in September 1914); Pastor: The Rev. James Schmitmeyer (since 1990); Number of households: 300; Sunday Mass schedule: 7:30 p.m. (eve); 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 8 p.m. (eve) and 8 p.m. (actual day).

Osgood
ST. NICHOLAS

Founded 1906 (present church completed in 1908); Pastor: The Rev. James Schmitmeyer (since 1990); Number of households: 269; Sunday Mass schedule: 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 4:30 p.m. (eve) and 9:30 a.m. (actual day).



HOLY ANGELS Catholic Church in Sidney is the largest Roman Catholic church in the Sidney-Shelby County area. Located at the corner of Water Street and Main Avenue, it serves some 1,683 families. (Staff photo by Mike Grone)

Versailles
ST. DENIS

Founded: 1839 (present church completed in June 1963); Pastor: The Rev. Oscar Seger (since 1983); Number of households: 801; Sunday Mass schedule: 6 p.m. Saturday; 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 7:30 p.m. (eve) and 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (actual day).

Among the Catholic churches located in Mercer County is:

Maria Stein
ST. JOHN the BAPTIST

Founded: 1836 (present church completed in May 1891); Pastor: The Rev. John Behen (since 1983); Other clergy: Deacon Carl Franzer and Deacon Omer Bertke; Number of households: 326; Sunday Mass schedule: 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 10:30 a.m. (during school year) or 9:30 a.m. (during summer) on Sunday; Holy Day schedule: 7:30 p.m. (eve) and 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (actual day).

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Sale will be conducted at 7440 Hoying Road, St. Patrick, Ohio. Follow State Route 29 (Exit 93 from I-75) 5 miles north of Sidney, Ohio to Hoying Road. Turn left (west) 3 miles to the church.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1992

SALE TIME 10:00 A.M.

ANTIQUES - OAK - HOUSEHOLD

2 oak book cases each with 3 leaded glass doors, 5'4"X4'6" floor model, these are very unusual and in above average condition; 2 oak carved wicker kitchen chairs; 2 oak straight back kitchen chairs; 2 oak rockers with wicker seat; 2 oak wicker chairs straight back; 5 drawer oak chest; oak 4 shelf bookcase with glass doors; oak rocker; oak hall tree; 4 piece maple bedroom suite; small older china cupboard; small wood burning laundry stove, marked Atlanta stove works 27 box; 4 gallon crock; old clothes basket; GE refrigerator; Sears coldspot 17 upright deep-freeze; Amana Cookmatic microwave; Whirlpool dish washer (very clean); Frigidaire air conditioner, 12000 btu; Kelvinator small older refrigerator; Westinghouse automatic washer and dryer (older models); sofa bed; 2 double beds; metal double bed; night stand; 3 drawer chest; 4 drawer chest; Early American dinning room table with 4 chairs; older dinning room table with 4 chairs; chair with ottoman; end table; numerous pieces of new bedding; 8X12 round Early American rug; lamps; pictures; Eureka upright sweeper; small writing desk; Funk and Wagnalls 1927 dictionary; IBM Selectric typewriter; portable elec. typewriter; numerous dishes, pots and pans; Wagnerware dutch oven; 2 kerosene heaters; free standing wood burning stove; 2 tables 3'X12' with removable legs; martin bird house; old cycle bar mower; and many other items to numerous to mention.

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Sister Mary Hilary, C.PP.S

Louise Barhorst
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barhorst
Moved to Holy Angels Parish shortly before entering
Sisters of the Precious Blood, August 13, 1942
Missioned: Carroll High School, Dayton, Ohio



Sister Mary Louise Barhorst
Golden Anniversay (1992)

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1992)

Server - Jon Siegrist Rev. Henry Albietz Server - Chad Siegrist

L-R: Dusty Hoying, Jeff Siegrist, Jacqueline Massie, Beth Eilerman, Nathan Barhorst, Brian Raterman

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St. Patrick Church may close in '94

Parish council tries to save church

ST. PATRICK — St. Patrick Catholic Church in St. Patrick faces closure and transfer of records and parish members to another Catholic church in June 1994, according to Stanley Pleiman, president of the parish council.

The St. Patrick Parish Council recently received notification from the Greater Cincinnati Archdiocese that another priest will not be assigned to the church when it is time for transfer of the current pastor in June 1994, Pleiman said. The only reason given was due to shortage of priests, he said.

St. Patrick currently shares the services of the Rev. Henry F. Albietz with Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport. Pleiman said the parish council knew about the standard transfer timetable.

Parish Council members are currently trying to persuade archdiocese officials not to close the church or to find alternatives, Pleiman said. "We are working with them," he said. However, there is nothing settled now.

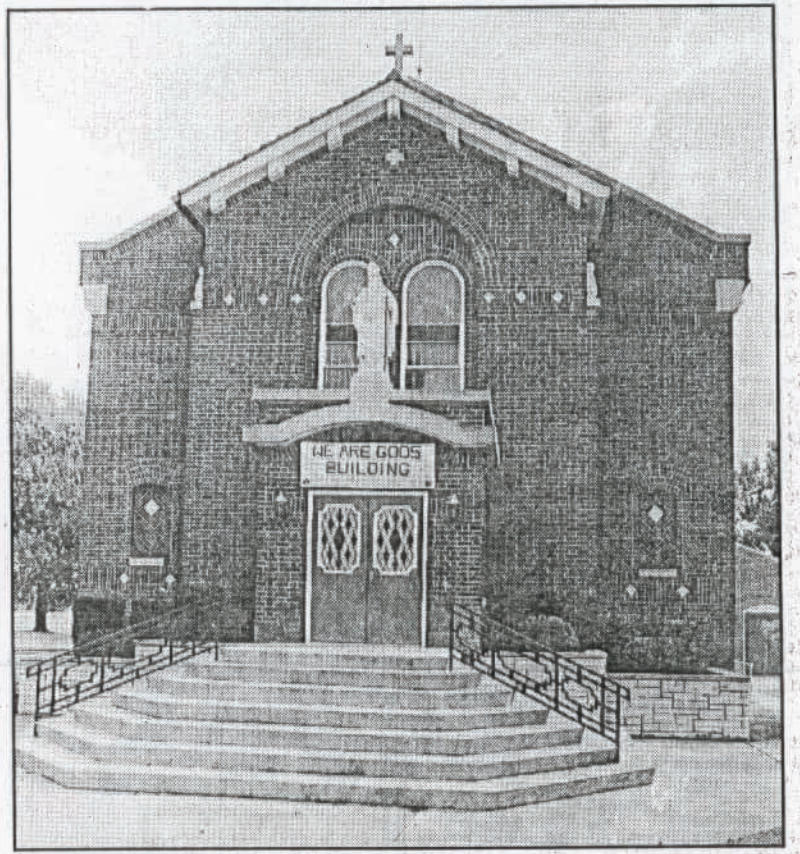
There is no one available at the Cincinnati Archdiocese office with information on the subject, according to Ray George of the archdiocese communication office. Albietz said archdiocese policy is for all comments to come from the communication office, therefore he could make no comment.

If St. Patrick closes, the congregation and records would be transferred to a larger parish, Pleiman said. While it has not been established to which church the congregation would be transferred, it has been suggested that St. Michael Catholic Church in Fort Loramie is a possibility, Pleiman said. "It is a logical alternative," Pleiman said. The St. Patrick children already attend religion class there and both churches are in the same school district.

St. Patrick has about 100 families in the congregation, Pleiman said. This number has remained steady for a long period.

St. Patrick Catholic Church was organized in 1862 at a former Irish settlement on Hoying Road. The first church was torn down after 11 years and another building constructed under the direction of the Rev. William Sidley of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sidney. St. Patrick Church was attached to Holy Angels as a mission church.

The church flourished and in 1913, the congregation petitioned the archbishop for a resident priest and this was granted. The Rev. Goswin Menge was the first resident priest. The cornerstone of the current church was laid June 13, 1915.

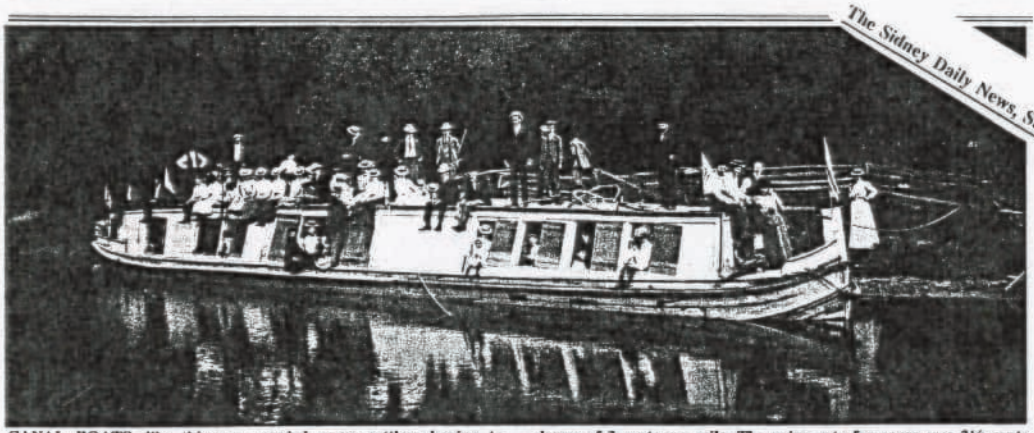


ST. PATRICK Catholic Church, 7440 Hoying Road, Anna, may no longer have an active parish when its current pastor is reassigned in 1994. The parish was formed in 1862.

For a time the parish also operated a school. St. Patrick School discontinued in 1954 and in the 1970s the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes were discontinued and instruction given at St. Michael. The church was remodeled in 1984.

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Area news



CANAL BOATS, like this one, carried many settlers hoping to carve out a homestead in what is now the Shelby County area. With the coming of the Miami-Erie Canal, their journey was made a little easier. Passengers could travel from Cincinnati to Toledo at a charge of 3 cents per mile. The going rate for cargo was 2½ cents per mile. The boats were also popular with well-dressed men and women who dressed in their Sunday best for excursions on pleasant spring and summer days.

Majority of local residents trace ancestry to German immigrants

By Margie Wuebker

Some came seeking a homestead in the virgin forest and found the soil to be well-suited for agricultural purposes.

Dreams of establishing a business in the land of opportunity or the desire to escape unfavorable conditions in their homeland drew others from countries and provinces throughout Europe.

There was also the prospect of jobs related to the canal system or the coming of the railroad.

And the area, now known as Shelby County, Ohio, gradually became a melting pot with people of all nationalities.

Historians believe the first white settler in the county was James Thatcher, who migrated north from Kentucky in 1805 and settled in what is now Washington Township. There is no mention as to his ancestry. His arrival came nearly two years after the state of Ohio was unionized on Feb. 19, 1803, and became the first state to be admitted to the Union from the Northwest Territory.

English and German

"From being almost wholly English or of English descent with very slight admixture of other nationalities, Shelby County became a county of at least half German or Alsatian French," author J.D. Barnes wrote in his book, *"Memoirs of the Miami Valley,"* published in 1919.

One of the largest concentrations of English settlers was located in Sidney, a community that would one day become the county seat. In deference to that proud heritage, the town was named after Sir Phillip Sidney, a member of the England's Parliament and a noted poet. There are also reports that Charles Starrett, a man of English descent who offered to donate a 70-acre site for the town, had Sidney as his middle name.

The building of the Miami and Erie Canal, as authorized by the state legislature in 1825, brought in a large influx of German and Irish laborers, and many of them decided to establish their homes here.

Daniel Porter, who was once associated with the Ohio Historical Society, noted in the Bicentennial edition of *The Sidney Daily News* that work on the canal project proceeded at a "snail's pace due to a labor shortage until German immigrants were recruited at a salary of 50 cents per day in 1836."

The way we were

Canal planners as well as other Americans went to Germany to attract workers and advertise the availability of vast amounts of fertile farmland. Their advertising efforts paid off as national census figures show a migration of 6,761 Germans to America between the years of 1821 and 1830. With the promise of jobs, escape from military service imposed on them in their homeland and the promise of land for no more than a couple dollars an acre, the numbers grew to 951,667 in the years from 1851 to 1860. Some of those immigrants heard about life in this area and decided it would become home.

Writing about the new arrivals in his book *"Historic Fort Loramie,"* Herbert Skinner said "They came up from Cincinnati and in many cases were direct from Germany. Cincinnati was the clearing house for canal workers."

Germans were told about the German communities at Berlin (Fort Loramie) and Minster to the north. If the worker was French, he was directed to the French communities of Versailles, Russia and Frenchtown. If the immigrant was of Irish descent, he settled at St. Patrick or McCartyville.

With the completion of a canal project in New York, large numbers of "rough and tough" Irish, German and English migrants were also brought here to work on the canal. Many of them lived in colorful and not always peaceful canal camps.

Attracts influx

Development of the canal was especially significant because it provided access with major trading centers such as Cincinnati and Toledo, it stimulated the economy to produce a surplus of agricultural products and it attracted an even greater influx of settlers.

Rita Hoying of Minster, who wrote *"Pilgrim's All"* with her late husband, Louis Hoying, says the Germans came to this area because they wanted land of their own. In keeping with a tradition handed down from one generation to another, the family farm invariably went to the oldest son in the family. Siblings were paid a pittance for their hard work, but not enough where they could really get ahead. They longed for a better life and acreage of their own.

"Money for their passage to America was obtained in many different ways," Mrs. Hoying writes. "Some sold most of their possessions at public sale while others simply asked for public alms. Undesirables were encouraged to leave and were aided in some instances with funds from dog-head tax."

Earn passage

A large number of Germans earned passage money by working in fisheries or laboring on dike and canal projects in Holland, hiring on as sailors on Dutch ships or joining peat gangs in such countries as Holland, Denmark and Poland.

The port of entry was frequently Baltimore, after an ocean voyage of 10 to 12 weeks. It was at this point that women, children, trunks and baggage were loaded on large freight wagons for the journey to Pittsburgh. Men walked the distance, and the duration of the trip lasted anywhere from 14 to 16 days. They boarded steamers in Pittsburgh for the five-day cruise to Cincinnati. From here, they boarded a canal boat and set sail for Dayton. Prior to the completion of the Miami Extension through this area, the immigrants faced two options — hiring a wagon or walking all the way from Dayton.

According to Mrs. Hoying, other ports of entry were New York, New Orleans and Richmond, Va.

Unfavorable conditions

Unfavorable conditions in other countries also encouraged other Europeans to set sail for American. It is likely early French settlers from the area of Alsace-Lorraine came to what is now Russia, Frenchtown and Versailles to escape the Bourbon regime, Louis Phillipe or Napoleon III.

The Irish also came to America seeking relief from the famine that swept through their homeland. They also came to work on the canal and some 1,200 of them landed jobs on the construction crew to build the railroad through Sidney in the 1850s.

Other nationalities followed suit over the course of decades, and today census records indicate Shelby Countians list ancestries as Arab, Austrian, Belgian, Canadian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, French Canadian, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish and Portuguese.

Also, Romanian, Russian, Scotch-Irish, Scottish, Slovak, Swedish, Swiss, Ukranian, United States or American, Welsh, West Indian and Yugoslavian. In fact, the only ancestry listed on 1990 census records that is not represented locally is the Sub-saharan African.

Additionally, the report notes that 3,308 residents reported ancestries not defined or listed.

And some of the county's 44,915 residents apparently claim more than one ancestry since the total number of ancestries reported is 51,901.

Despite the passage of years, people of German Ancestry still constitute at least half the local population with 50.2 percent (26,065 people). There are 6,130 people of Irish descent for 12 percent, 4,891 people who proclaim English ancestry for 9.4 percent and 3,491 people of French descent for 6.7 percent.

Ethnic background of Shelby County residents



Nationality	Percent	Number
German	50.2%	(26,065)
Irish	12%	(6,130)
English	9.4%	(4,891)
French	6.7%	(3,491)
United States or American	5%	(2,601)
Dutch	2.6%	(1,388)
Other designated ancestries	7.7%	(4,026)
Other non-designated ancestries	6.5%	(3,308)

(Some people reported more than one nationality background.)

Sidney Daily News graphic by: Angela Stricker

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1993 Easter Egg Hunt





St. Patrick First Communion Class (1993)

Rev. Henry Albietz

L-R: Melissa Holthaus, Alex Hoying, Paul Eilerman, Gregory Overman, Kyle Hoying, Evonne Gaier, Eric Poeppelman

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The Paul & Victoria (Poeppelman) Eilerman Family (1993)

Back Row: Paul, Vic
Middle Row: Steve, Linda, Dan
Front Row: Don, Tony, Phil, Dick

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St. Patrick-McCartyville K OF C Hold Father-Daughter Breakfast



Receiving communion at the mass preceding the Father-Daughter breakfast (front, l to r) Melvin Luthman and daughter Lorie, Ralph Thaman and daughter Ruth and Fr. Stenz.

The St. Patrick-McCartyville K of C, Msgr. Kuenkle Council No. 5239 held their father-daughter breakfast, Sunday morning in the McCartyville church basement.

Larry Carity introduced the speakers at the head table, then turned the program over to Ed Hoying who recognized the chairmen of various committees who gave a report on their activities in the past month.

Jerry Bertke announced that two teams would be going to the State Volleyball tournament in Columbus on Saturday, March 27, and that April 15th is the deadline for softball team rosters. May 2 will be the K of C bowling tournament at Minster. May 16 will be the family breakfast at Minster.

Clete Schmiesing commented on the bicentennial decorations and stated that they should enjoy them as he doubted if they would be around for the next one. He said, "We live in the present. Dream of the future, but learn eternal truths from the past." He also quoted the following Swedish proverb: Fear Less, Hope Less; Eat Less, Chew More; Whine Less, Breathe More; Talk Less, Say More; Hate Less, Love More; And All Good Things Will Be Yours.



State Representative Dale Locker gave a speech at the breakfast and stated it was a delightful sight to see the proud fathers with their daughters. He also commented on the bicentennial year, "We couldn't have survived as long as we have without the power of God."



Pictured above, seated with his daughters is Carl Wehrman. (l to r) Carl Wehrman and daughters Ruth, Linda, Barbara, Treva, Betty and Joan.



Going through the food line is Clarence Meyer with five of his twelve daughters. (r to l) Lynn, Susie, Sandy, Teresa, Cindy and Clarence Meyer. Daughters not present were Ann and Jenny (under communion age), Mary Jo Enneking, Kathy Schafer, Jane Pleiman and Peg Wray (married), and Carol Meyer.



Ladies preparing and serving breakfast. (l to r) Mrs. Werner Bensman Mrs. Carl Wehrman, Mrs. Walter Arling, Mrs. Thomas Siegel, Mrs. Wilber Heitkamp, Mrs. Larry Carity, Mrs. Ed Hoying and Mrs. Jerry Bertke.

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1976)

Back Row: Sister Mary Alice, Father Robert Monnin
Middle Row: Phil Meyer, Rob Holthaus, Charles (Chuck) Raterman, Lee Eilerman
Front Row: Dianne Holthaus, Cheryl Rosengarten, Linda Marchal, Joan Puthoff

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Organists: Sister Claire, C.PP.S.
Margaret Hoying

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Masses: Saturday — 7:30 P.M.
Sunday — 10:00 A.M.
Holy Days — 8:00 A.M. 7:30 P.M.

Confessions: (a) After All Masses
(b) Thursdays before First Friday — 6:00, 7:00 & 8:00

Forty Hours Devotion: August 15, 16, and 17

Solemn Communion Sunday: May 2, 1976

Baptisms: at the convenience of parents. Since Baptism is the Sacrament of Introduction into the Christian Community, it is best performed during Mass. If requested, a special Mass can be added for the occasion.

Weddings: The pastor should be contacted well in advance of the planned marriage. Pre-Cana series is required before marriage in St. Patrick Church. Marriages may be held on any day but Sunday.

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1975 - 1976

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Rosella 'Tinky' Plas

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Grade 1	Irene Monnin
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Grades 3 & 4	Phyllis Eilerman
Grades 5 & 6	'Tinky' Plas
Grades 7 & 8	Sister Ann Richard
Grades 9 & 10	Dale Eilerman and Greg Bensman
Adults (including grades 11 & 12)	Rev. Robert Monnin

Parent Preparation for first sacraments of children preparing for Holy Communion.
Sundays, October 12 and 19
Sundays, November 2 and 9

A) Adult Religious Classes: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 P.M.

B) Grades 9 and 10: Monday Evenings at 7:30 P.M.

C) Grades 1 - 8: Every Saturday Morning at 9:00 A.M.
Mass each Saturday at 10:10 A.M. — Dismissal at 10:45 A.M.

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Phone	Address		Names
628-2402	R-2 Anna	45302	Arling, Walter and Alvera (Kenneth, Wayne)
	R-2 Anna	45302	Barhorst, Glen and Jeanne
628-3263	R-2 Anna	45302	Barhorst, Harold and Thelma (Cynthia, Cheryl)
628-2523	R-2 Minster	45865	Barhorst, Lionel and Norma (Jeannie, Jacqueline, Robert, Ronald, Jeffrey, Belinda, Brenda)
	R-2 Anna	45302	Beaver, Mr. John
628-2105	R-2 Anna	45302	Benanzer, Urban and Loretta (Joan)
628-2508	R-2 Anna	45302	Bensman, Joseph and Emma (Victor)
628-2589	R-2 Anna	45302	Bensman, Mrs. Norma
628-2107	R-2 Anna	45302	Bensman, Robert and Rodney (Mark, Amy, Ryan)
628-2296	R-2 Anna	45302	Bensman, Werner and Euleta (Greg, Dan, Debbie, Brenda)
628-3178	R-2 Anna	45302	Berning, Eugene and Irene (Susan, Kathleen, Marla)
628-2295	R-2 Minster	45865	Berning, Mrs. Frances (Andrew)
628-3090	R-2 Minster	45865	Berning, Fred and Betty (Tim, Mark, Steve, David, Carol, Douglas)
628-3372	R-2 Anna	45302	Bey, Roger and Marie (Donna)
628-3221	R-2 Minster	45865	Case, Sylvester and Antoinette
628-2155	R-2 Minster	45865	Egbert, Mr. Edward (Lisa)
628-3007	R-2 Minster	45865	Egbert, Verlin and Kathryn
295-3552	R-6 Sidney	45365	Eilerman, Mr. Adolph
492-2615	R-6 Sidney	45365	Eilerman, Albert and Marie (Mary Ellen, Alfred, Edna, Sharon)
492-2618	R-6 Sidney	45365	Eilerman, Anthony and Evelyn (Charles, James, Lisa)
492-2614	R-6 Sidney	45365	Eilerman, Dan and Rose Ann
	R-6 Sidney	45365	Eilerman, Don and Marjorie

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492-1576	R-6 Sidney 45365	Eilerman, Norbert and Rita (William, Dale, Joan, Marvin)
295-3556	R-6 Sidney 45365	Eilerman, Patrick and Phyllis (Keith, Lee)
295-2450	R-6 Sidney 45365	Eilerman, Paul and Victoria (Steve, Phillip, Tony)
492-2617	R-6 Sidney 45365	Eilerman, Ralph and Sharon (Ralph, Shari)
295-2452	R-6 Sidney 45365	Eilerman, Richard and Janice
	R-6 Sidney 45365	Eilerman, Ronald and Susanna
628-3181	R-2 Minster 45865	Girardot, Francis and Margaret
628-2804	R-2 Anna 45302	Holthaus, Bernard and Ruth (Patricia, Rita, Treva, Fred, Richard, Mark, William, Gerald, Margaret, Robert)
628-2429	R-2 Anna 45302	Holthaus, Bernard, Jr. and Roberta (Ben)
295-2445	R-2 Minster 45865	Holthaus, Mrs. Mary (Sharon, Diane, Ted, Tom, Eileen, Norma, Alfred, Connie, Beth, Jane)
628-3172	R-2 Anna 45302	Hoying, Alfred and Adella (Gerald, Paul, Janet, Kenneth)
628-3200	R-2 Anna 45302	Hoying, David and Helen (Kimberly, Sharon, Angela)
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628-2008	R-2 Anna 45302	Hoying, Fred and Irma (Dennis)
628-2505	R-2 Minster 45865	Hoying, Mrs. Georgianna (Margaret, Mary, Ann, Jane, Donald)
628-2095	R-2 Anna 45302	Hoying, Henry and Anna
628-2796	R-2 Anna 45302	Hoying, Linus and Mary (Gerald, Charles, William)
628-2607	R-2 Anna 45302	Hoying, Ludwig and Theckla (Doug, Scott, Eric, Mitchell)
628-2071	R-2 Minster 45865	Hoying, Nicholas and Joyce (Terry)
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628-2231	R-2 Anna 45302	Luebke, Gregory and Joann (Don, Fred, Ken, Dale)
628-2517	R-2 Minster 45865	Luthman, Mrs. Viola
295-2457	R-6 Sidney 45365	Marchal, Norman and Esther (Debbie, Dennis, Norma Jean, Dan, Tom, Linda)
	R-2 Anna 45302	Mertz, Joseph and Alberta
492-1734	R-6 Sidney 45365	Meyer, Clarence and Ruth Ann (Cynthia, Carol, William, Teresa, Sandra, Susan, Linda, Phillip, Ronald, Ann, Jennifer)
628-2407	R-2 Anna 45302	Meyer, John and Phyllis (Tim, Barbara, Jerold, Gregory, Jane)
	R-2 Anna 45302	Meyer, Tom and Barbara
492-7569	R-6 Sidney 45365	Monnin, Stephen and Rita (Tina, Brian, Christopher)
295-2455	R-6 Sidney 45365	Moeller, Dennis and Mary
628-3021	R-2 Minster 45865	Otting, Charles and Janice
628-3302	R-2 Minster 45865	Patrie, Harry and Rita
628-3049	R-2 Minster 45865	Philipps, William and Louise
628-2907	R-2 Anna 45302	Plas, Bernard and Martha (Carl, Alvin)
628-3004	R-2 Anna 45302	Plas, Clarence and Alice
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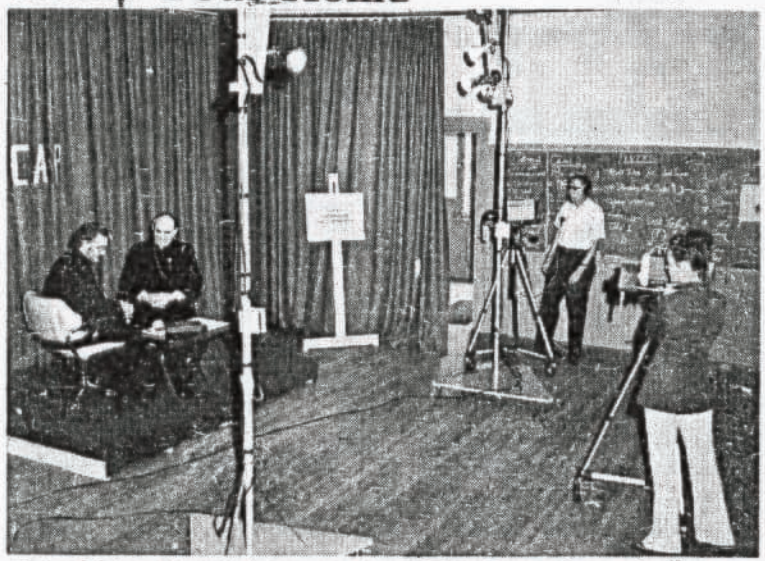
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628-3108	R-2 Minster 45865	Snyder, Lloyd and Irma
628-2210	R-2 Anna 45302	Watercutter, Orville and Jeanette (Bruce, Cheryl, Brenda, Lynn)
628-2798	R-2 Anna 45302	Wehrman, Carl and Kathleen (William, Ray, Betty, Linda, Ruth, Roger, Patrick, Joan, Barbara, Treva)
492-5963	R-4 Sidney 45365	Wehrman, James and Sandra
628-2291	R-2 Anna 45302	Westerheide, Mr. Maurice (Pam, Greg)
492-	R-6 Sidney 45365	Wray, Charles and Margaret (Charles)
628-	R-2 Anna 45302	Wuebker, Carl and Velma (Jeff, Scott, Kevin)
628-2280	R-2 Anna 45302	Wuebker, Robert and Henrietta
628-2909	R-2 Anna 45302	Zircher, Frank and Leona
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Recap Your-Home 1976



Father Robert Monnin interviews Archbishop Bernardin on the first program of the Fall series. Ms. Dorothy Wood and Brother Francis Sauer (Glenmary) create interesting shots with their cameras.

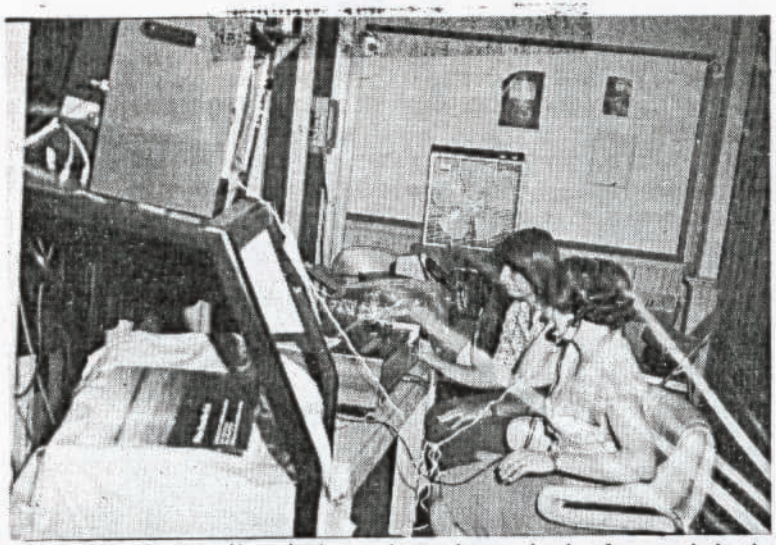
The Northern Area Religious Education Office in Sidney begins the Fall Cable TV season with something new. The TV studio once located in the Religious Education Office in Sidnay has a new fully equipped TV studio located in St. Patrick's, Ohio. The old one room school house has come alive with a new exciting spirit stirring within it's walls. Reverend Robert Monnin, Regional Director for Religious Education and Pastor of St. Patrick's parish, designed and built the new studio which includes a complete stage and control room.

September marks the fourth year the office has produced religious education programs for Cable TV. This Bicentennial year the staff embarked upon a new adventure with weekly Cable TV programs. The title of the Cable TV series is RECAP - Religious Education Cable Action Program. The fifteen minute weekly programs attempt to present issues concerning the Church of the 70's.

The programs are produced and directed by Sister Angela Ann Zukowski, MHSH and Reverend Robert Monnin. The first program of the new season will feature an interview by Father Monnin with the Most Reverend Joseph L. Bernardin, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and President of the United States Catholic Bishops. The Archbishop will address himself to the topic of "Spirituality in America Today".

Other programs to look forward to are: Most Reverend Daniel Pilarczyk: "The Pilgrimage of the Church"; Brother Bruno

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Sister Angela Ann (front) gives a last minute check of controls in the control room before the program begins. Pam assists Sister with timing the 15 minute program.

Manno, University of Dayton: "Where are our Family Values Today?"; Reverend Nicholas Lohkamp, OFM, St. Leonard's College: "A Moral Conscience: It's Not Too Late"; Reverend Don McCarthy, Mt. St. Mary Seminary: "Moral Issues: Euthanasia, Death with Dignity, Personality and Sexuality and Pre-Marital Sex"; Reverend Terrence Meehan, Director of Social Action-Dayton: "The Church and Social Concerns"; and many more relevant topics for today living. Also, every fourth week the Christopher Close-up programs from New York come into your homes. These programs bring international figures with exciting topics and interesting personalities.

Several of the local cable communities receiving RECAP into their homes will also have weekly discussion groups following the programs. Sister Angela Ann has designed the packets for these discussions and will be working directly with these groups. You may wish to become involved in these hour long discusstions in your neighborhood.

RECAP can be viewed in any of the following cable communities: Minster, Versailles, New Bremen, Fort Loramie, Piqua, Sidney, Wapak and St. Mary's. If your are interested in a Cable TV Guide for RECAP and/or interested in participating RECAP discussions contact your local Cable TV station or the Religious Education Office.

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1977)

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Front Row: Nancy Hoying, Amy Bensman, Belinda Barhorst, Shari Eilerman, Ron Meyer, Jim Eilerman

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The Alfred & Mary (Puthoff) Holthaus Family (1978)

Standing: Eileen, Lucy, Sharon, Ted, Nicole, Jayne, Connie, Beth, Tom, Norma, Karen

Sitting: Mary, Dianne, Al

Lower Right: Alfred



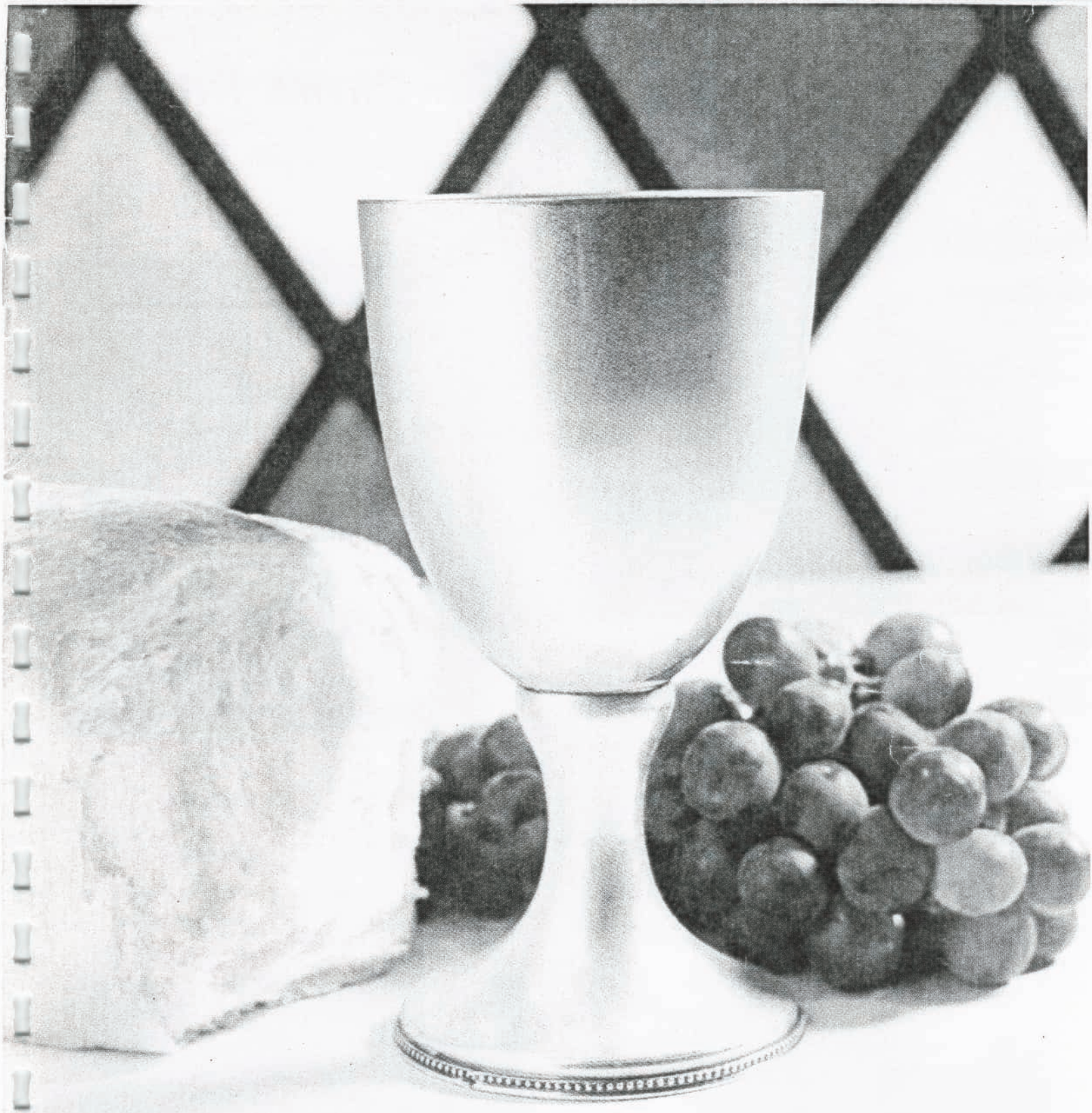
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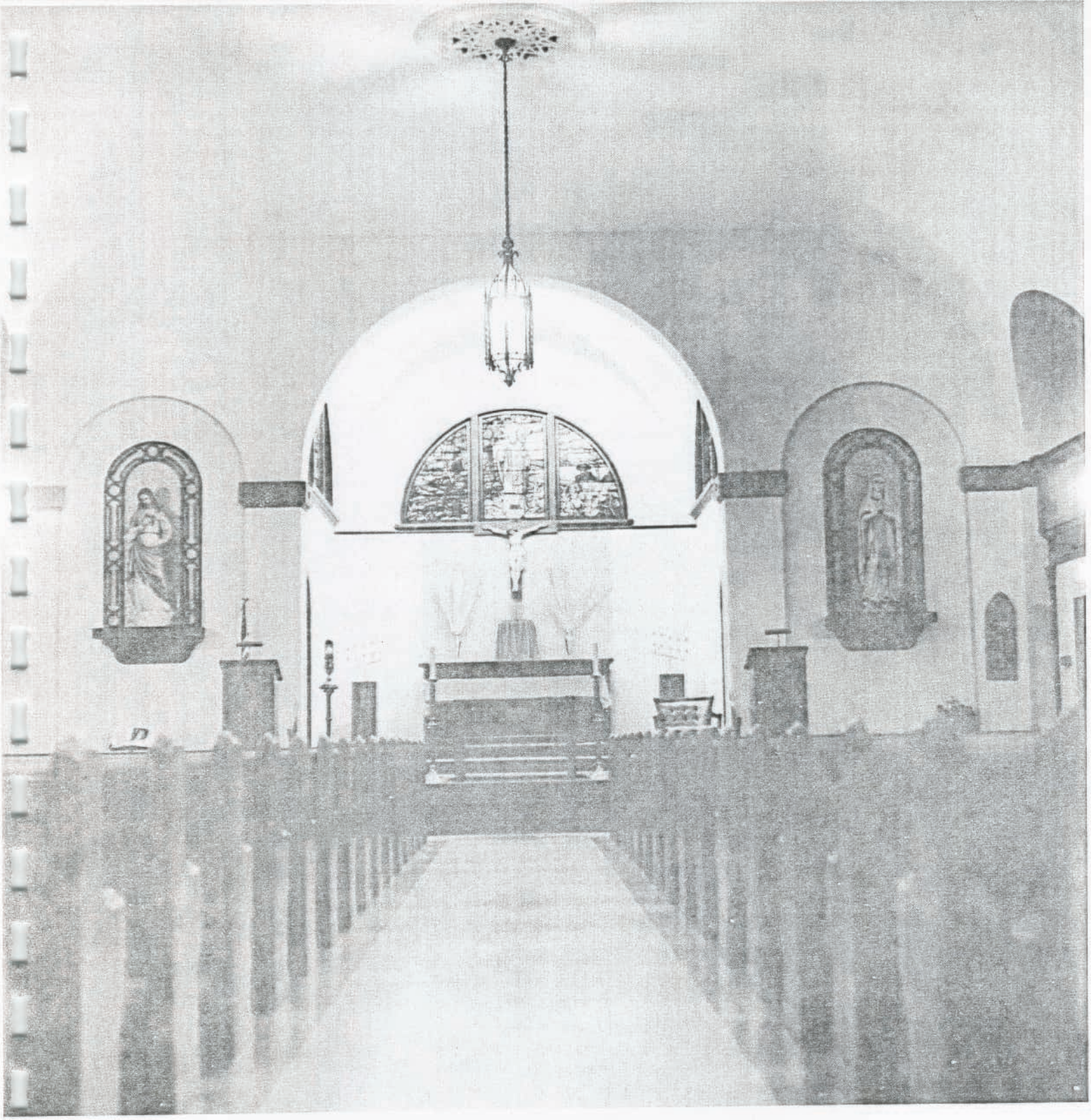








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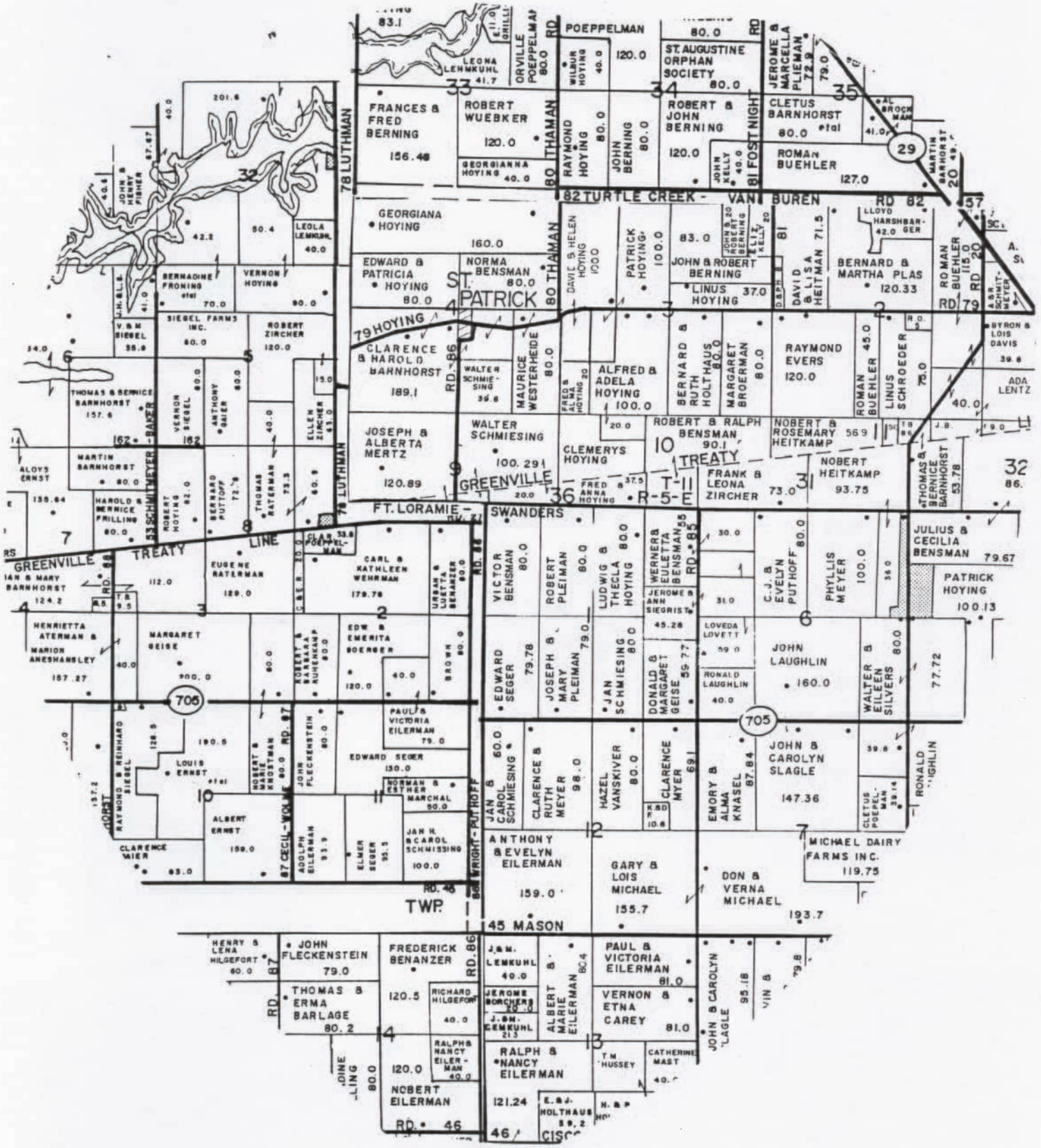
St. Patrick First Communion Class (1979)

Ann Meyer, Kim Hoying, Rev. Robert Monnin, Brenda Barhorst, Amy Hoying

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The St. Patrick General Area

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1980)

Rev. Robert Monnin, Jane Meyer, Melissa Meyer, Sharon Hoying, Jim Puthoff, Jeanne Poeppelman

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Rev. Monnin notes anniversary, bids farewell

ST. PATRICK — Approximately 160 St. Patrick Church parishioners attended a Mass and reception Wednesday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Robert Monnin's ordination into the priesthood.

Although it was not called a farewell party, many of the people attending "took it as a farewell party," Monnin said. Monnin, pastor of St. Patrick, will leave June 29 to take charge of a television studio at Dayton's Our Lady of the Rosary Church. He will prepare religious education films for the entire Cincinnati Archdiocese.

The position is an extension of a small studio located just across Hoying Road from St. Patrick Church.

A replacement for Monnin at St. Patrick has not been named.

Monnin was ordained as a priest 25 years ago on May 28. The party in St. Patrick will not be his only celebration of the event.

Since the St. Patrick Church was too small to invite all his friends, Monnin will have another Mass and dinner June 1 in his hometown.

Bishop Daniel Pilarczyk of the Cincinnati Archdiocese and 45 priests will attend the Mass at 2:30 p.m. in St. Remy Catholic Church in Russia. There are 500 persons from St. Remy Parish and invited guests expected for the dinner afterward.

Monnin's mother, Bertha, still resides in Russia and attended the St. Patrick celebration. The celebration Wednesday was just for members of his parish and there was a full church for the Mass. Afterward he was given gifts.

Monnin said he will not have another party for his farewell "because I hate leaving and I do not want to celebrate it."

Monnin said, "I've spent 20 of my 25 years in this area. No other active priest has been in the area longer."

Before assuming the pastorate of St. Patrick seven years ago, he was principal of Lehman High School.

Monnin said he was the founder and first principal of Lehman High School. He began in the role when the Sidney and Piqua Catholic high schools consolidated. Previously he served for 10 years as pastor of Piqua Catholic High School.

Currently Monnin is not only pastor of St. Patrick but dean of the Sidney Deanery for the archdiocese. He is in the third year of a four-year appointment. A replacement will be named soon for this post as well.

Religious education

"I'd just as soon stay here forever," Monnin said. "But because I've been in religious education so long, I believe I can reach more people by putting super teachers on tape and circulating it throughout the area."

He added, I'll be looking over the fence to return to the parish in the future."

Persons attending the celebration Wednesday will be glad to see him again, too.

Fred Luebke, his body still scarred from a near-fatal automobile accident, said at the Mass Wednesday, "Father Monnin is a great priest!"

Luebke told how Monnin tutored him so he could earn his high school diploma in September of 1979. He had the accident in August of 1978.

"I was in a coma for six weeks," Luebke said. "I had less than a 50-50 chance to live." Of his recovery period, he said, "When I got down in the dumps, Father Monnin cheered me up."

Parish life

Monnin is interested in not only his parish but generally in maintaining small parishes.

He pointed to some possible changes in the local church. "This parish could develop into a model for a small parish," he said. He noted that the small parish may soon fade from existence. "It may return to a semi-mission status," he said. "This parish of 91 active families could become a model for the small parish" to keep it vital and alive.

He recognized a need for the church to meet the needs of the youth. "I see a failure of the local church to minister to the needs of youth," he said. "It's hard to find things for the youth to do; we need activities for them."

He pointed then to a strong need for closer family ties. "Families used to be close," he said. He blamed modern transportation and communication developments as responsible for weakening the family group. "Maybe the gas shortage will help bring the families back together," he said.

He suggested that the disappearance of the family-owned farm is critical in weakening family ties. "The family farm is going out," he said, "big farms are in order. It's helped to disperse the families."

Yet he recognized strong lay involvement in the local church as a positive change to bring families and the church together in a strong bond. "We're inching forward in using our parish council in more than just an advisory capacity," he said. He cited the cemetery committee as an example of a group which has taken over a responsibility originally performed by the priest. He said he hopes to see the time when lay groups would take over the Sunday school program as well.

"The lay people will assume greater responsibility," he said, "instead of it being a one-man show. It's happening, but it's happening slowly."

During the seven years that Monnin has been with the local parish, he said he has noticed a changing relationship between the pastor and the people to help effect the greater involvement of lay people in the church's business. "I see the relationship becoming more personal and less formal," he said. "Kids come into my house without knocking, he added with a smile. "Yet there are no real unique changes here."

Bells rang deep tones across the flat farmlands at the start of Monnin's Mass. He and the Rev. Dennis Jaspers, principal of Lehman, dressed in white vestments, stood at the rear of the sanctuary waiting for the bells to finish their call.

Two families entered. Monnin turned, smiled warmly and slapped the men on the back, "The bells have been ringing for three minutes just waiting for you to arrive," he said, laughing.

One of the men nudged Monnin on the shoulder, and turned and smiled as they walked to seats in the crowded sanctuary.



THE REV. Robert Monnin greets well-wishers outside St. Patrick Church following a special Mass Wednesday. Monnin will soon leave for Dayton and a new assignment. (Staff photo by Shearl Edler.)

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Father Monnin chatting with some of the ladies of the parish.



Father Monnin chatting with his replacement Father Denise Jasper. Father Jasper also replaced Father Monnin as Principal at Lehman High School when he left there.



Father Monnin and Father Jasper socializing and enjoying refreshments.



Tony Eilerman taking care of the refreshments.

Father Monnin Ordained 25 Years



Father Monnin pictured with two of St. Patrick's Senior Citizens, John Beaver and Emma Bensman, both 91 years of age. Emma has been a resident of St. Patrick all her life.

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Father Monnin Bids Farewell



St. Patrick parishoners bidding farewell to Father Monnin.



Tom Raterman representing St. Patrick's Parish, presenting Father Monnin with a card and check.



One of the several groups playing cards.

In a little "Irish" get-together by the parishioners of St. Patrick's and Father Monnin, the people of the parish wished Father Monnin a fond farewell along with success in his new T.V. endeavor.

He officially leaves the Parish July 4th to assume responsibilities of a cable T.V. production center in the Holy Trinity Parish School building in Dayton, Ohio.

With the opening of the full color cable T.V. center, Father Monnin becomes Director of Cable T.V. for Dayton and the Northern area of the archdiocese. Quite a step from the small studio he maintained in the former St. Patrick's School building. His most memorable achievement in this small studio was his 1979 "Visions" Easter program which netted him a National Gabrial Award from the Catholic Organization of Media Communicators.

The highlight of the "Irish" party was the presentation to Father Monnin of a nice sizable personal check donated by grateful people of the parish. This is their way of saying "Thank You Father" for all you have done for us.

Perhaps the best way to sum up the rapport between Father Monnin and St. Patrick's Parishioners was the remark overheard from an elderly lady, "We will miss you, Father Monnin."

Father Jaspers, honored by Holy Angels Parishioners this same day, managed to be present at this evening's party to mingle and become acquainted with the people of St. Patricks. Father Jaspers takes over as pastor of St. Patricks July 4, 1980. He joined with the people of St. Patricks in wishing his good friend, Father Monnin the best of everything in his new venture. A warm welcome was given him.



Father Monnin looking at the check and thanking the people for the fine donation and splendid cooperation he had at St. Patricks.



Father Jasper chatting with Morris Westerheide. Father is the new pastor of St. Patrick.

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The Fred and Irma (Poeppelman) Hoying Family (1980)

Dick, Donna, Irma, Fred, and Denny

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1981)

Rev. J. Dennis Jaspars

Terry Hoying, Dan Schmiesing, Mike Pleiman

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The Frank and Leona (Francis) Zircher Family (1981)

Ralph, Leona, Frank, Rita, Theresia

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1982)
Rev. J. Dennis Jaspars
Jennifer Meyer and Chad Wray
(Jennifer is Chad's aunt.)

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1983)

Back Row: Betty Puthoff, Hilda Benanzer, Rev. J. Dennis Jaspars, Louise Boerger, Marge Rethman, Jean Poeppleman

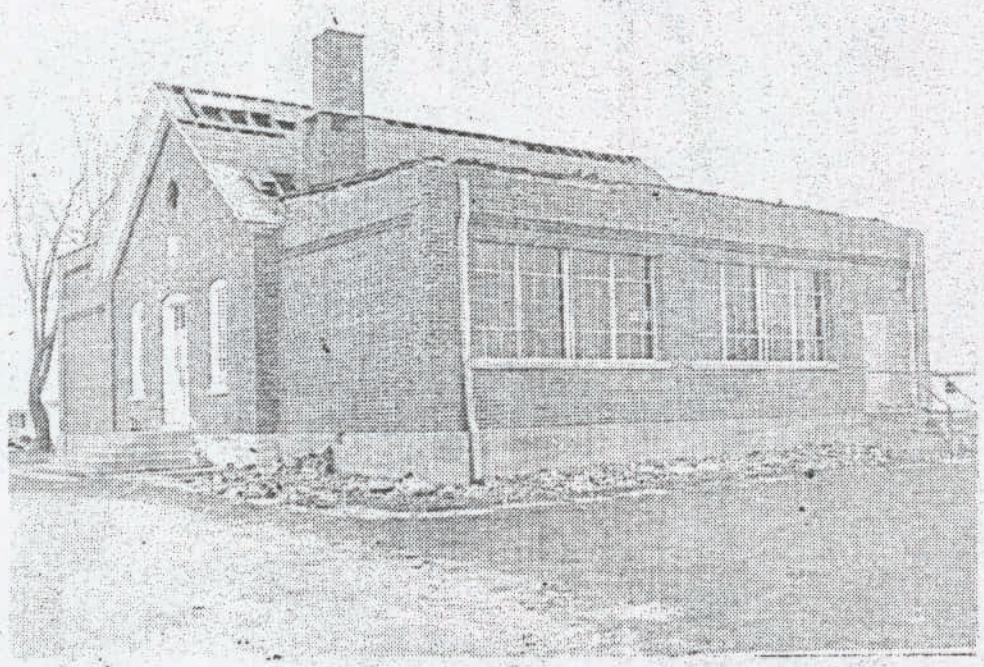
Front Row: Ben Holthaus, Mitch Pleiman, Joe Mertz, Angie Hoying, Jenny Hoying, Jessica Wehrman

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St. Patrick School (1906 - 1954)
(Demolished in 1983)

Old School To Go

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The old St. Patrick's school, originally built in 1906, is now in the process of being torn down.

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End of an era at St. Pat

Old school gone but memories linger

By Shearl Edler

ST. PATRICK — The St. Patrick Elementary School for nearly 50 years provided the educational beginning for more than 1,500 boys and girls who lived in the area.

A one-room schoolhouse was built in 1908 and for the next 20 years the red brick building welcomed children from grades 1-6. In 1928 two wings were added. The original middle room became a room for special assemblies and classes, the west wing was a storage room and the east room was the classroom.

By the spring of 1954 the last class had finished its studies and the schoolhouse was closed, sending the children to Anna, Fort Loramie and Hardin-Houston school districts. Until recently the building was used as a community center for reunions, meetings and parties. Today all that remains are memories of school days gone by.

Bonnie (Putoff) Turner was a member of the last class to attend all six grades in the school. One rainy Sunday afternoon this month, before the building was reduced to a pile of dust and rubble, she and three of her five classmates gathered for a last look at the place where school began.

Those present included Kenneth Ellerman of Fort Loramie, Linda (Franck) Bensman of Tipp City, Robert Puthoff of Sidney and Bonnie of Fort Loramie. James Plas, who lives next door to the school, was unable to make the reunion. Robert Luthman was killed a few years ago in an automobile accident and lies buried in the cemetery across the road from the school.

"I remember my first day in school," Bonnie recalled. "My legs were too short for the first step on the bus."

"Yeah," her brother Robert recalled, "I had to lift you up on the bus." She was in school with her six brothers and sisters. Her brother Robert was in the same grade as she.

"Hey," Robert yelled when he saw the rusting water pump at the southeast corner of the building. "Do you have your cups? I had one of those folding kind." He gestured with his hands.

"You were special if you had one of those," Bonnie recalled.

The four laughed about pumping the water with such force that it got the other kids wet if they were standing too close.

"Those steps were special, too," Bonnie said, indicating the rubble-covered steps leading to the front doors. "We used to play games and have plays on them." They also had their class picture taken there in the spring of their last year and the last year the building was used as a school.

The group walked to the east side of the building, being careful not to fall over the bricks and weather-worn wooden supports scattered over the ground.

"Up the road there," Bonnie pointed east of the school, "'Si' Plas, who was the custodian at the school, owned a general store where we went for candy or ice cream after we had eaten lunch on Friday." Plas also watched the youngsters when the teacher had to be out of the room for a while.

The group remembered a stockyard which stood a few yards from the Plas home. "It was a thrill to see the animals," Bonnie said. "There wasn't much variety, but we were excited."

They recalled how they had packed their lunches with a Thermos bottle of milk which became warm by lunch time and had usually leaked out, soaking the sandwich in the lunch bucket.

On the east side of the building, the children used to race on the grassy area, but the four-inch-wide ledge running just under the classroom windows was the best play area of them all.

"We'd race on that ledge," someone remembered. "Lucy Hoying was the fastest of us all."

The group moved to the back of the building where an area at the foot of a small flight of steps going to the basement room was pointed out.

"Remember how the boys would get the girls down there and kiss them," asked Puthoff.

"See that vent." Bonnie pointed to a square opening near the northeast corner. "We used to stuff our candy wrappers in there and one kid who chewed used to spit there." The group laughed.

Near the western edge of the playground was a rusting, gray-silver brace of four playground swings which still seemed strong enough to hold the most active child. "Are those the ones we used?" someone asked.

"Yeah, I think so," another answered, but no one could be sure.

In front of the swings was the ball diamond and to the east near the back of the lot was the restroom building which had been divided into two parts, one for the girls and one for the boys.

"There was a boys' side and a girls' side," someone remembered. "When the girls were inside the boys would throw rocks in on them."

But school in 1948 to 1954 was not all games, lunch, candy and ice cream. The four recalled the teachers they had while at the school. Mrs. Mildred Dillehay, now deceased, was their last teacher. They noted that two of their teachers are still living nearby — Mrs. Henrietta Evers in Anna and Mrs. Ruth Barhorst in Fort Loramie.

The children began the day by attending Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church across the street. "We had a lot of respect for our teacher and the priest," Bonnie said. "They led us along a disciplined path."

She, along with the others, remembered that the children in the one-room building "got a lot of individual attention," not only with their lessons but also by doing special jobs for the teacher. "We got to run errands and do jobs that made us feel important," Bonnie said.

After Mass, a prayer and the "Pledge to the Flag," the teacher held a session with each class after which she would assign homework and then move on to the next class.

The classroom routine was broken with occasional spelling bees and ciphering contests designed so the first graders could compete successfully with the children in the upper grades.

Students did not always behave according to the rules. Bonnie remembers when she was in the first grade that a teacher chased a child through the classroom for misbehaving.

"I don't remember what he did or if the teacher caught him or not," she said.

Punishment in those days usually consisted of the child placing his nose in a circle drawn on the chalkboard about eye level.

The middle room was their special room. It was used for religion classes on Friday mornings and as a play area on rainy days. It also served as an auditorium for programs which the children prepared for their classmates and parents.

Bonnie has the last grade card ever issued at the school. The card is spangled with triangular A's — except for a string of B's for conduct. "I was teacher's pet," she chuckled.

The envelope, called a "grade card pocket," bears number 27 — the total number of pupils in the school in 1954. The card is dated May 18, 1954, the last day classes were ever held at the St. Patrick School.

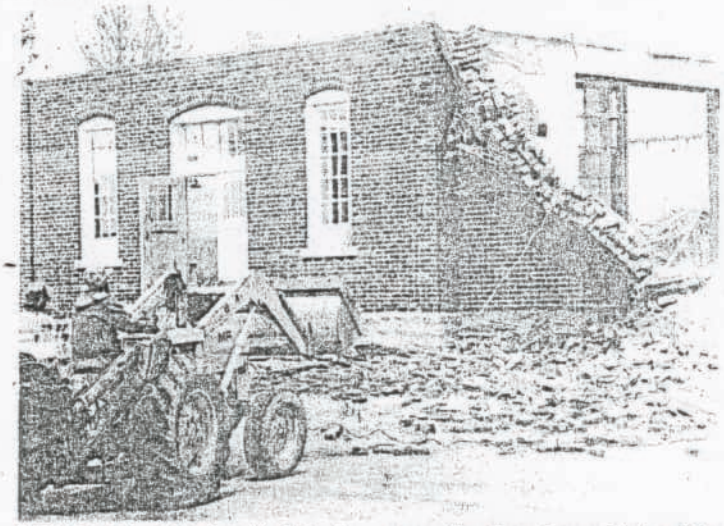
Today the building is a pile of rubble, but the memories are still vivid in the minds of the former pupils and their teachers who worked and played there.



ST. PATRICK Elementary School stands in its rubble waiting for the bulldozer to level it to the ground. Members of the last class to complete all six grades in the school visit the beginning of their formal education one cool, rainy Sunday in May recalling memories of work and play which they shared between 1948 and 1954 while they were students at the school. The group, recalling playground fun, are (l-r) Kenneth Eilerman, Robert Puthoff, Frank Turner, Bonnie Turner and Linda Franck. (Staff photo by Shearl Edler)



THE LAST class to finish all six grades at St. Patrick Elementary School in 1954. Standing in the first row are (l-r) Kenneth Ellerman and James Plas. In the second row are Bonnie (Puthoff) Turner, Linda (Bensman) Franck, Robert Luthman (deceased) and Robert Puthoff.



THE WALLS of St. Patrick School come tumbling down. The school held its first classes in the fall of 1908 and closed in the spring of 1954. Since that time, it has been used as a meeting place for residents of the area. On May 18 the building was reduced to a pile of rubble. (Staff photo by Mike Grone)

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1984)

Back Row: Hilda Benanzer, Betty Puthoff, Rev. J. Dennis Jaspars, Jean Poeppelman, Louise Boerger

Front Row: Jeff Holthaus, Jill Hoying, Denise Watercutter, Kelly Wray, Michelle Siegrist, Gary Meyer

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The Norbert & Henrietta (Flaute) Bensman Family (1966)

Standing: Ralph, Bob, Janet

Sitting: Norbert, Henrietta

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1966)

Back Row: Pam Westerheide, Linda Wehrman, Norma Marchal
Front Row: Marvin Eilerman, Charles (Chuck) Hoying, Doug Hoying
Sister - Teacher, Rev. William Goldschmidt

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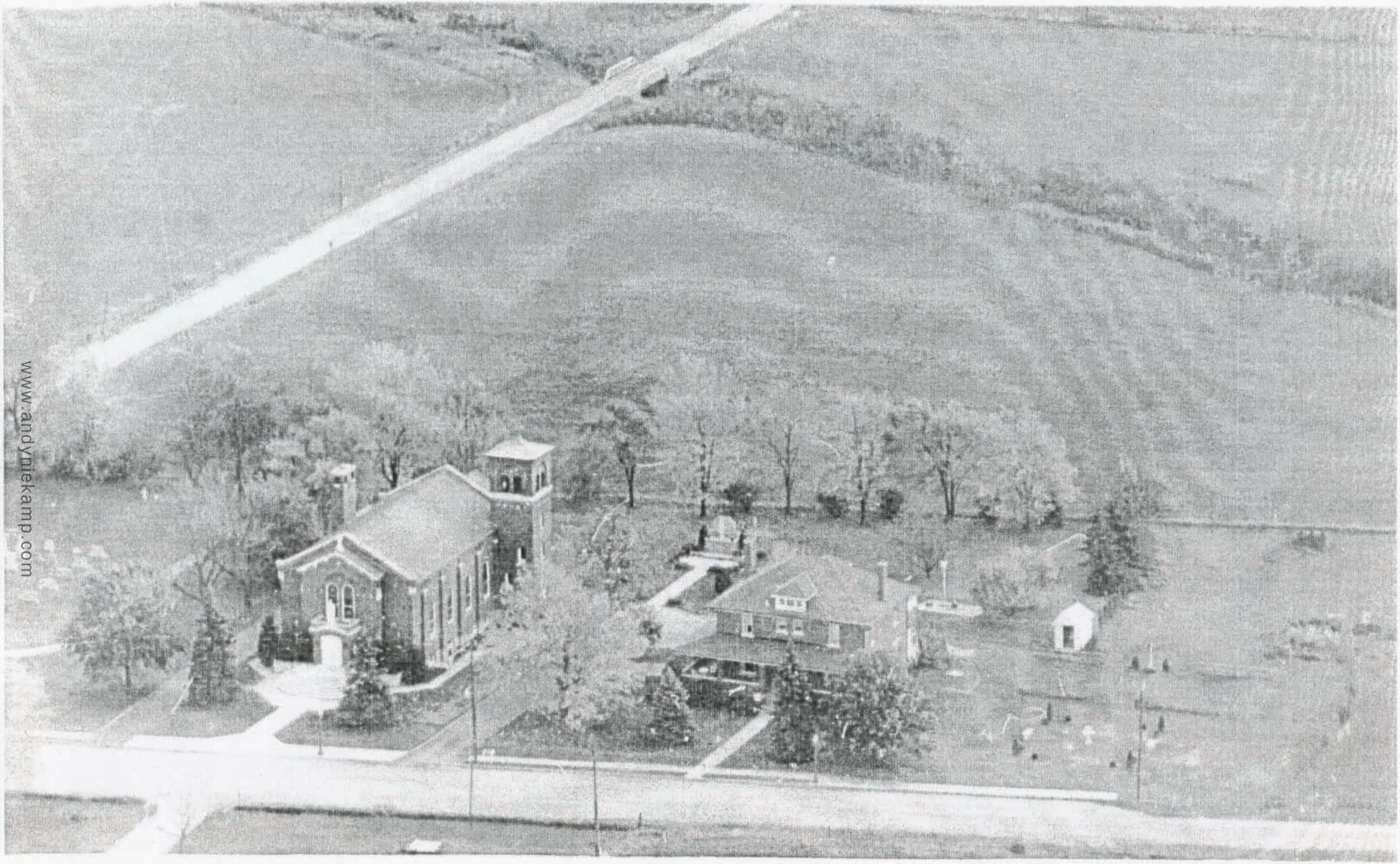


St. Patrick First Communion Class (1967)

Back Row: Sister-Teacher, Rob Hoying, Mark Berning, Wayne Meyer, Mike Geise, Philip Eilerman, Bruce Watercutter, Rev. Henry Ausdenmore

Front Row: Sylvia Poeppelman, Jeannie Puthoff, Rita Holthaus, Carol Meyer, Carol Raterman

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Aerial view of the St. Patrick area in the 1967 era



St. Patrick First Communion Class (1968)

Back Row: Sister Cleothia and Rev. Henry Ausdenmore
Middle Row: Dan Marchal, Jerry Hickerson, Bill Meyer, John Plas, Steve Hoying, Jeff Hoying, Steve Berning
First Row: Cindy Hickerson, Cheryl Barhorst, Sharon Eilerman, Treva Holthaus, Ruth Wehrman, Margaret Hoying, Mary Hoying

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The Vernon and Betty (Poeppelman) Hoying Family (1968)

Standing: Nancy, Ron, Doug, Joe, Jack

Sitting: Betty and Vernon

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Anton and Elizabeth (Sommer) Eilerman

Children:

Standing: Adolph, Paul, Vernon, Bertha, Teckla,Tony, John, Albert

Sitting: Louetta, Elizabeth, Verona, Mary (1968)



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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1969)

Back Row: Sister John Agnes, Jeannie Barhorst, Teresa Meyer, Cheryl Watercutter, Janet Hoying, Rev. Henry Ausdenmore

Front Row: Greg Luthman, Tim Magato, Fred Luebke, Dave Berning, Roger Wehrman, Jerry Hickerson, Chuck Eilerman, Tom Raterman

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1970)

Back Row: Sister - Teacher - Rev. Henry Ausdenmore

Middle Row: Jenny Puthoff, Ann Hoying, Cindy Raterman, Marla Berning, Barb Magato, Jackie Barhorst, Brenda Bensman

Front Row: Tom Geise, Bill Hoying, Mark Holthaus, Ken Luebke, Scott Hoying

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The Clarence & Evelyn (Raterman) Puthoff Family (1970)
Clarence, Judy, Evelyn, Jim

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1971)

Back Row: Sister-Teacher - Rev. Henry Ausdenmore
Middle Row: Bill Raterman, Tom Marchal, Bill Holthaus, Bob Barhorst, John Puthoff, Mike Poeppelman
Front Row: Sandy Meyer, Ann Hoying, Brenda Watercutter

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The Clarence & Martha (Ahrns) Poeppelman Family (1971)

Standing: Maureen, Roberta, Jo-Ann, Kenneth, Diane, Sylvia

Sitting: Michael, Martha, Clarence

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1972)

Rev. Edward F. Haskamp

Joan Wehrman, Jane Hoying, Sue Meyer, Jerry Holthaus, Tony Eilerman, Ron Barhorst

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Several area 4-H clubs held recent meetings. Reports of their activities follow.

JOLLY PATS

ST. PATRICK — The Jolly Pat's met last week at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick Church basement. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. All members were present including a new member, Deb Bensman. Diane Meyer also attended as a visitor.

For a community project, the club will be painting the church basement on Saturday.

Three new committees were formed — program, constitution revision and float.

Mary Hoying gave a health report on "The Four Main Food Groups."

Jeanie and Jackie Barhorst gave a demonstration on making decorations from yarn. Lunch was served by Pam Westerheile and Linda Wehrman.

The next meeting will be April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick Church basement. Hostesses will be Ruth and Betty Wehrman. A demonstration will be given by Carol Berning and Marla Berning.

Jolly Pats To Meet

The Jolly Pats 4-H Club met Tuesday at St. Patrick's Church basement. Twenty-eight members were present.

Members are to meet at the church basement on Monday at 7:30 p.m. to examine the projects and to provide suggestions.

Tuesday at 12:30 members are to meet in front of the St. Patrick school house and from there go to Sidney to get their clothing projects judged.

The club is going to hold a bake sale at the American Legion in Fort Loramie on July 14 during the chicken fry. Each person is to bring two baked items to the St. Patricks school house July 14 by 3 p.m.

Ann and Jane Hoying demonstrated how to make a bulletin board. Lunch was served by Theresa and Peggy Meyer.

The next meeting will be held on July 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick church basement. Assignments for that meeting are lunch to be served by Sheila and Shelby Thomas, a demonstration is to be given by Mary and Margaret Hoying.

Jolly Pats Elect Officers

ST. PATRICK —On Dec. 13 the Jolly Pats 4-H Club met in the St. Patrick's Church basement to elect new officers for the coming year.

They are: president, Pam Westerheide; vice president, Linda Wehrman; secretary, Betty Wehrman; treasurer, Cindy Meyer; newsreporter, Norma Marchal; recreation leader, Carol Meyer; health leader, Mary Hoying; safety leader, Rita Holthaus and scrapbook keeper, Margaret Hoying.

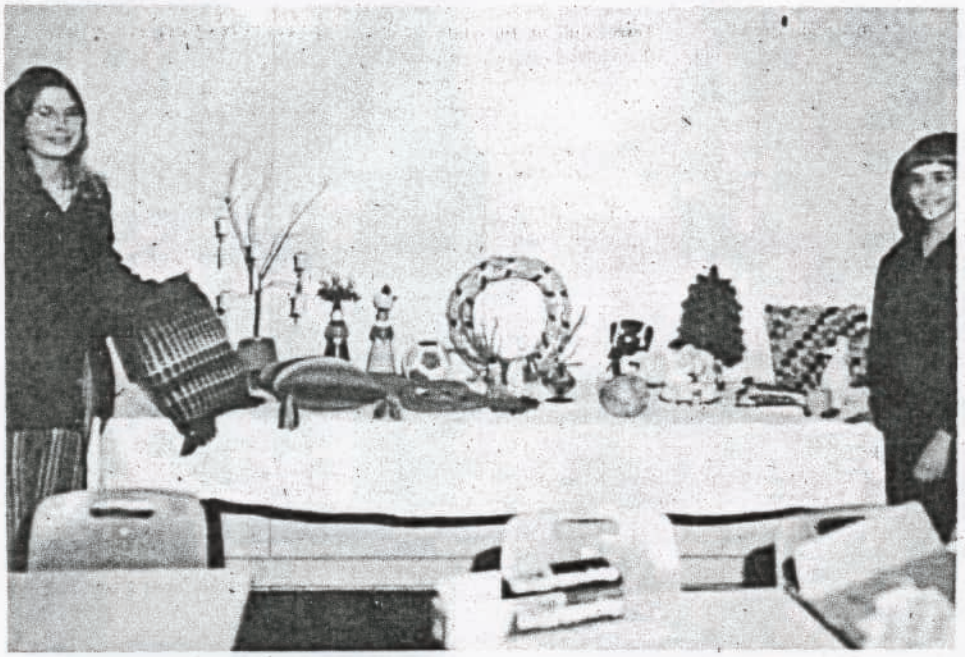
The club now has 28 members.

The girls had a white elephant Christmas gift exchange and a surprise visit from The Rev. Robert Bruening, St. Patrick's Church pastor.

Mary and Margret Hoying served as hostesses for the meeting.

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4-H Craft Show Scheduled For Sunday



Pam Westerheide and Ann Hoying pictured with the 4-H craft display which will be held Sunday.

The Jolly Pats 4-H Club will be having a Craft Show on Sun. Oct. 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick Church basement, St. Patrick, Ohio. This craft show is open to the public. Many unique items made by the 4-H members will be displayed. Among these items include ceramics, candles, decoupage, 3-D, string art, straw wreaths, cornhusk dolls, nature crafts, bottle crafts, lovely crocheted and knitted pillows and other items, dolls, foam art, numerous Christmas decorations and items for the home.

Come, look around, and if you find an item you like, place your order and it will be finished before Christmas. These craft items make great Christmas gifts!

JOLLY PATS 4-H Club members elected officers when they met February 8. Norma Marchal is the president with Pam Westerheide serving as vice president.

Other officers elected were Ruth Wehrman, secretary; Margaret Hoying, treasurer; Cheryl Barhorst, news reporter; Mary Hoying, recreation; Sandy Thomas, health and Ann Hoying, safety.

Members learned that an officers meeting was held February 12 at the courthouse.

Brenda Bensman and Cheryl Watercutter will furnish refreshments for the March 14 meeting planned in the St. Patrick Catholic Church basement at 7:30 p.m. Advisors for the club are Miss Eulita Bensman, Mrs. Ivo Hoying and Miss Kathy Hoying.

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The Carl and Marie (Zumberge) Pence Family (1972)
Standing: Kathleen, Mary Ann, Charles, Jeanette, and Carol
Sitting: Marie and Carl

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The Robert & Dorothy Hoying Family (1972)
Nick, Don, Bob, Carol, Bill Buehler, Mark, Rob
Lower Right: Bob & Dorothy



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St. Patrick Church, St. Patrick, Ohio (Shelby County) celebrated its centennial year in 1962.

According to the best information available. Father Patrick Henneberry C. PP. S., operating out of Sidney, was the first pastor of this congregation. The first Church building, a log structure, was erected in 1863. The second Church, a frame building standing toward the front of the present cemetery, was built in the early 1870's by Father William Sidley. The present Church building was started in 1915, and was dedicated by Archbishop Henry Moeller on the first Sunday of October of 1916. Father Goswin Menge was pastor at that time. The contract, presently in the files of the Church indicate that the Church was built for the sum of $18,750.00.

Futher improvements were made by Father Warren Hook during his tenure of 18 years, from 1938 until his death in 1955. We note that the walks and the steps leading into Church were changed and improved during his time. Many interior changes, especially in the sanctuary were also accomplished during his time.

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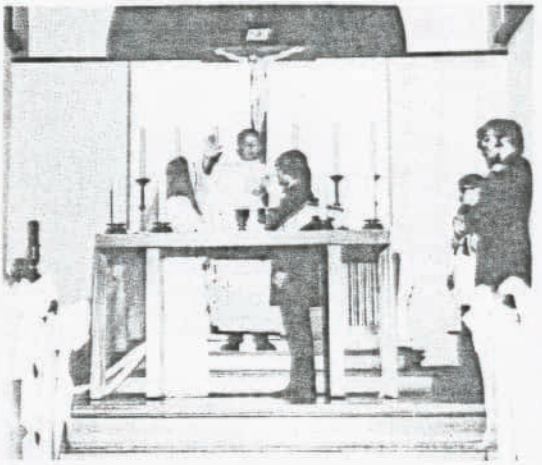






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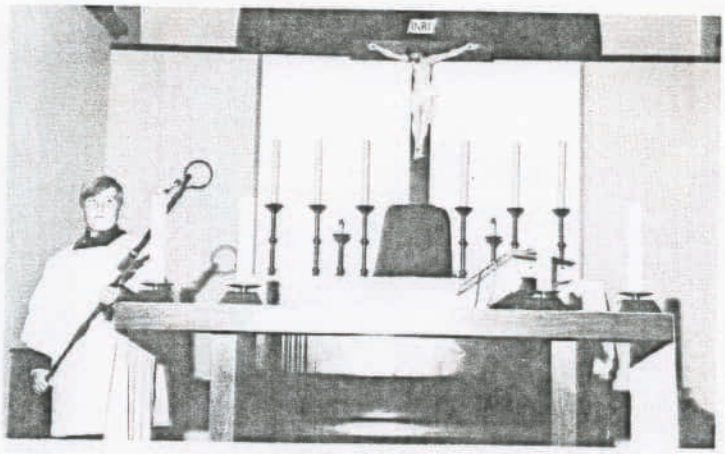


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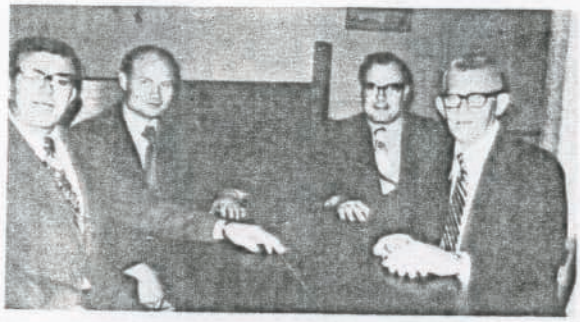
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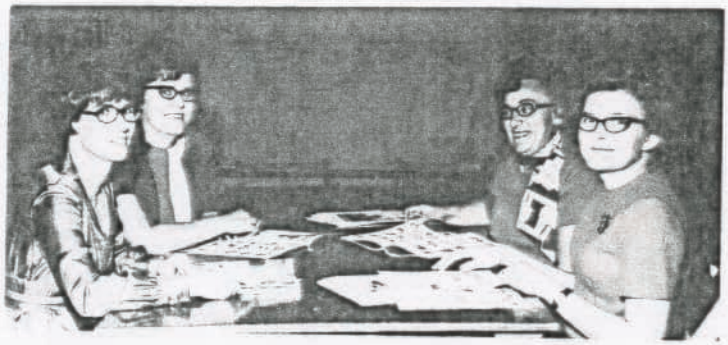
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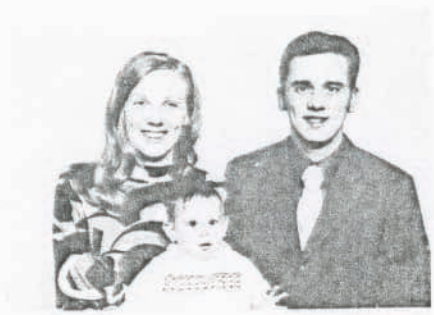
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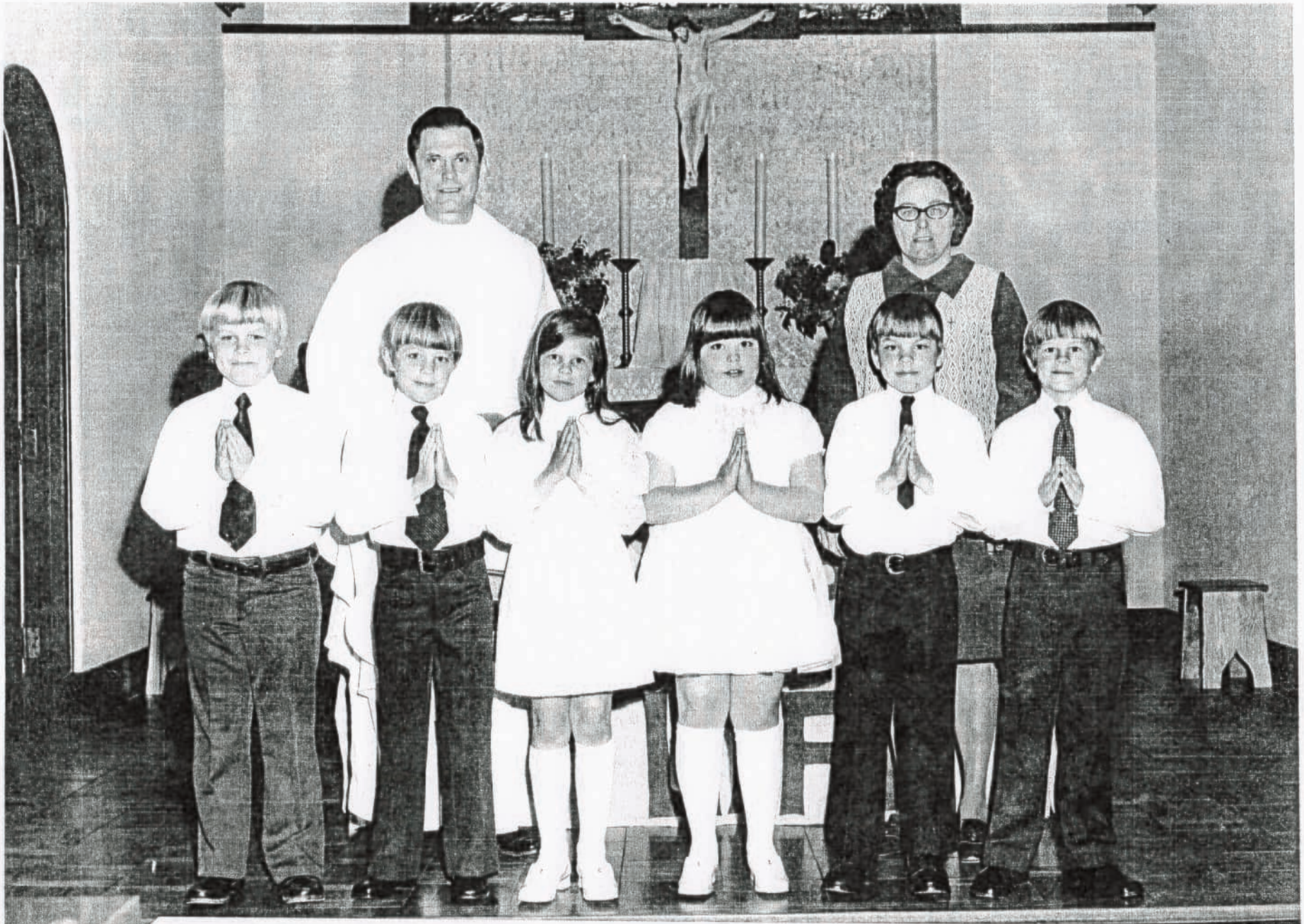
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The following article was written by Clarence B. Raterman and published in the Sidney Daily News on June 27th, 1973.

"Unincorporated St. Patrick - - A Church Oriented Community"

ST. PATRICK - "I tell people I live at an Anna address, use a Minster telephone, send my kids to Fort Loramie schools, attend Knights of Columbus at McCartyville and go to church in St. Patrick," stated Carl Wehrman.

And like many of his neighbors he could have added, "We shop in Sidney, Loramie and Minster, take our grain to Swanders, Kettlersville, Minster or Loramie and use either the services of Dayton Power & Light or Pioneer Electric."

This in general describes the circumstances of the average resident of St. Patrick, a community born in 1862, with its birth unrecorded in county annals, and reborn in 1956, with its birth properly registered. Unmarked on most maps, St. Patrick is an excellent example of the fact that a community is not limited by corporation markers, since 300 people proudly say, "We are from St. Patrick."

The community, located on Hoying Road in northwestern Shelby County, is strictly Catholic oriented. Surrounded by Catholic parishes in nearby McCartyville, Minster, and Fort Loramie, it has a community radius of approximately one mile on the north, west, and east, while extending five miles to the south.

Early history books describe St. Patrick, as well as its neighbor, McCartyville, as "settlements, reminding one of the Irish, who came in droves, to build the railroads, settle briefly, and then move on to the cities leaving only the names to conjure with. Early records of land grants, tombstones, and hearsay show the early residents to have such Gaelic names as Quillin, Carper, Gowan, Cole, Quinn, Costello, Farley, Halpin, Hunter, Brennan, McMonigal, Dundon, Donnelly, and Quinlin, completely engulfing such Germanic names as Lauterbur, Ritter, and Schmidt.

The late Henry Fealy of the McCartyville area once said that when he was a lad the area between McCartyville and St. Patrick was dense woods. The only way over was a path called Donnelly's Lane.

"We had an agreement with the Irish over there," he said, "They got the church; we got the post office. We used to walk to church every Sunday and one place along the lane (between the former Henry Arling farm and Robert Wuebkers) there was an old bog. We wore boots and got to carry all the women and girls across."

Due to the marshy condition of much of the land surrounding the old peat bogs and Loramie Reservoir, ague, a malarial like fever, was a common malady. Mr. Fealy often described how the old Irish would take care of the situation.

"When we felt an attack coming on we took a nip of whiskey and started walking toward St. Patrick. At every house we came to we stopped and had another nip. We continued doing this until we arrived at the farthest Irish home to the south of St. Patrick. Coming back we did the same, and we usually lost the fever along the way."

The old log church he described was erected on land donated by Patrick Brennan and James McMonigal in 1862 and 1863. It was founded by horseback riding missionaries of the Precious Blood Order, based at Maria Stein and Minster. They continued to service it while it was a missionary of Holy Angels, Sidney.

In the early 1870's a frame church replaced the old log structure. By 1882 the Irish at McCartyville had grown in number and built their own church and Gaelic pride made it the new sponsor of the mission church at St. Patrick. This arrangement, under a common pastor,

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continued until 1913, when St. Patrick lost its mission status and had a pastor based in Fort Loramie.

In 1915, the present brick church was built on land donated by Anna Barhorst. Early settlers recall a beautiful picture of St. Patrick, which hung above the altar. The painting has since been restored but does not have the same place of prominence under Germanic-American influence.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bensman, in their 80s and two of the oldest residents of the community, have a picture taken in 1915 which shows the whole town of St. Patrick. It shows Thaman Brothers creamery directly across from the present rectory, the present Rosella Plas home, a brick school without the present two wings, a store building, now the residence of John Plas; a barn, where the present stockyards stand; a brick church (no rectory); an old frame church, on the site of the cemetery near cedar trees that are still standing; a home across from the store (the former Stukenborg residence, since torn down). The John Beaver home may also have been there, as it would have been hidden by the barn. Mrs. Bensman said the store was formerly the public school for the area, recounting the days she went to school there.

John Beaver age 84, came to St. Patrick in 1944 to move in with his uncle, the late veteran school teacher, Frank Lachey, (Lachat') who was responsible for the education of many St. Patrick residents. He remembers that in 1944 there were 15 people living in the town itself. Latest figures reveal a total of 23 inhabitants with four additional residences.

John moved to Dayton several years ago when his wife died but soon tired of city life and moved back, explaining it this way: "I was housed up too much in Dayton. Everyone was good to me, but I came back in nine months. I sure wanted to get back to St. Patrick. My wife is buried here and I go the mass every morning. It's convenient, I like it here. Everyone pays good to keep the church. If I miss mass one of my neighbors comes down to check on me. I tell them that if they see buzzards, it's too late."

Sie (Clarence) Plas, runs the local Kleinhenz stockyard, the only business in St. Patrick since the long ago demise of the creamery. The stockyard dates back to 1933 and was formerly run by his father, Albert Plas.

Sie says, "We do an annual business of $500,000.00, and cover an area of 20 miles. We have a five-day a week service from the company office in St. Marys. We take no cattle; we deal only in hogs and lambs. One fourth of our business is lambs. We have no local demand for the meat, so lambs are mostly shipped to the east coast where they are the favorite meat among large groups of Italian and Polish people.

"Sheep and lambs are something that a farmer reverts to when he is older. It's a sort of retirement deal. Most people are surprised at the amount of sheep and lambs we handle," said Plas. "I like living here. I don't know of any place where I would rather live. You are out in the country. I know the resale of homes is better in Minster, but I built here.

"The church doesn't grow much. We used to get people from Filburn's Island but they quit coming. Now, during the summertime, we get some from Lehmkuhl's Landing. We older church members like our church here and attend it regularly, but I know some of the younger ones, when they move away, just don't attach as much importance to it as we do," said Plas.

St. Patrick is the birthplace of seven priests and 14 sisters. At present only one student is studying for the religious life. Commenting upon this, Walter Arling, local contractor said, "People today do not give the priest as much respect and authority as they did when I way a boy. It used to be that the priest's word was law. That isn't true anymore. All the main doctrines are the same, but there is too much confusion about the little things. On some of those, you won't find three priests that will tell you the same thing."

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"Most of our girls take some sort of additional training after high school and about one third of the boys attend college, but they sure won't stand up and be counted when it comes time for them to donate any free time to the church" said Arling. "It's always, 'Let John do it'. I really don't believe, though, that we are in too much danger of losing our church. It makes a nice parish for a priest to retire to."

In 1956 Arling platted the first lots to be recorded in county annals for St. Patrick. In his words, "At that time the older people were starting to retire and the young people were taking over the farms. People were trying to buy roadside lots in St. Patrick but no one would sell. There was no place to retire. I platted five lots for myself and three for Sie Plas. I just missed the trend. Before my houses were built, people started to retire to Minster. Everybody else followed the leader.

"In Minster there is a whole street that could be called St. Patrick street. We ended up with no retirees. I sold two houses to local people working elsewhere and they bought the rest of my lots. Sie sold one house and built his home on the remaining two. Now a trend to retire on one's own land has started."

"We also have four homes in our community where factory workers have bought some land and built their homes. Most of the dwellings today run around $35,000.00. Considering the cost of drilling a well and providing for sewage disposal, it probably costs around $1,500 to $2,000 more money to build in the country, but when you have finished you have privacy because your land area is so much bigger than what you can get in town.

"Our community is going to grow, but not in the little burg of St. Patricks itself," predicted Arling.

"Our growth will continue to be in the rural areas by either father or son building a second home on the farm itself. It's not likely that a lot of outsiders will come in as most of the farmers will not sell their land to anyone except relatives. Living in St. Patrick itself offers no real advantage, since there is no store there. As for walking to church, it seems to be out of style. All those people who moved to Minster so they could walk to church now use their cars."

In the late 30's and 40's, the church grounds and buildings underwent vast changes under the leadership of a skilled artisan, The Rev. Warren Hook. During this time the people learned to work together by donating their labor for the projects. Out of this experience was born a unique example of Christian brotherhood.

Whenever tragedy strikes in the form of tornadoes or fires, the victim finds his buildings restored in record time. As Joe Mertz, veteran farmer, said, "My barn burned on a Thursday night. The next day it rained. As soon as it cleared, the mess was cleaned up and from the time they started to build the barn, it was 4 1/2 days until I had a new one. It would have taken an ordinary carpenter crew, if I could have gotten one, over a month to do the same job.

These sentiments were echoed by Mrs. Joe Bensman when she said, "Here in St. Patrick, we are just one big family. Our fathers cleared this land. We always had the same church. We had the same priest, and the church is what makes our community."

The Rev. John Bensman, visiting with his parents, brought up a sore point for some of the older residents: "The fact that they took our school didn't change our community. As long as we have our church, we will have a St. Patrick."

In the spring of 1928, in order to keep their independence in school matters, the St. Patrick church voted to purchase the old 1908 school building from the school board. During the summer two wings were added by the people and in the fall of the same year it was rented back to the school board. This building was used as a school until 1954, when, after an attempt to start a

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parochial school failed, St. Patrick children were sent to Fort Loramie, McCartyville, and Hardin. The school at present is used as a community center and religious education school.

As Carl Wehrman said, "Our kids used to go to school in St. Patrick. They went to mass every morning. They don't get to do that any more. Present community activity is about nil. The fact that we helped remodel the church and surroundings give us older ones a sense of community, but the young people are more for themselves. Put wheels under them and they are over at Al's or the Legion in Loramie.

"As the generations go on we are going to be a lot less closely knit," said Wehrman. "The school is the center of a child's life not the church. The older people, even when they move away, keep their sodality dues paid here at the church. As for me, I don't feel like I have been to church unless I go to St. Patrick. Even there we have less cooperation than what we used to have. Ninety per cent of the women used to attend the sodality meetings. The other night, hardly anybody showed up."

Raymond Hoying is one of the farmers who decided to build on his own land rather than move to town.

"St. Patrick is a community of young farmers," he said. "The oldest active farmer is this area wouldn't be over 66 years old. Most of our farms are passed down from father to son. Very few strangers buy into our area. The investment is too much for the sons to buy their own farms, so the tendency is for the father to retire around 60 or 62 and turn the farm over to the boys."

"All those people who moved to Minster to retire were actually too young to retire, but in order to keep their boys on the farm they had to do something," Hoying said. "In Minster they were able to get jobs in the factories or engage in other services. The tendency now is to stay on the farm and build your home on your own land. You're going go use your car wherever you go, and a person can build just as modern a home here as in any town. The secret is to build close enough to help, but far enough away, so as not to meddle."

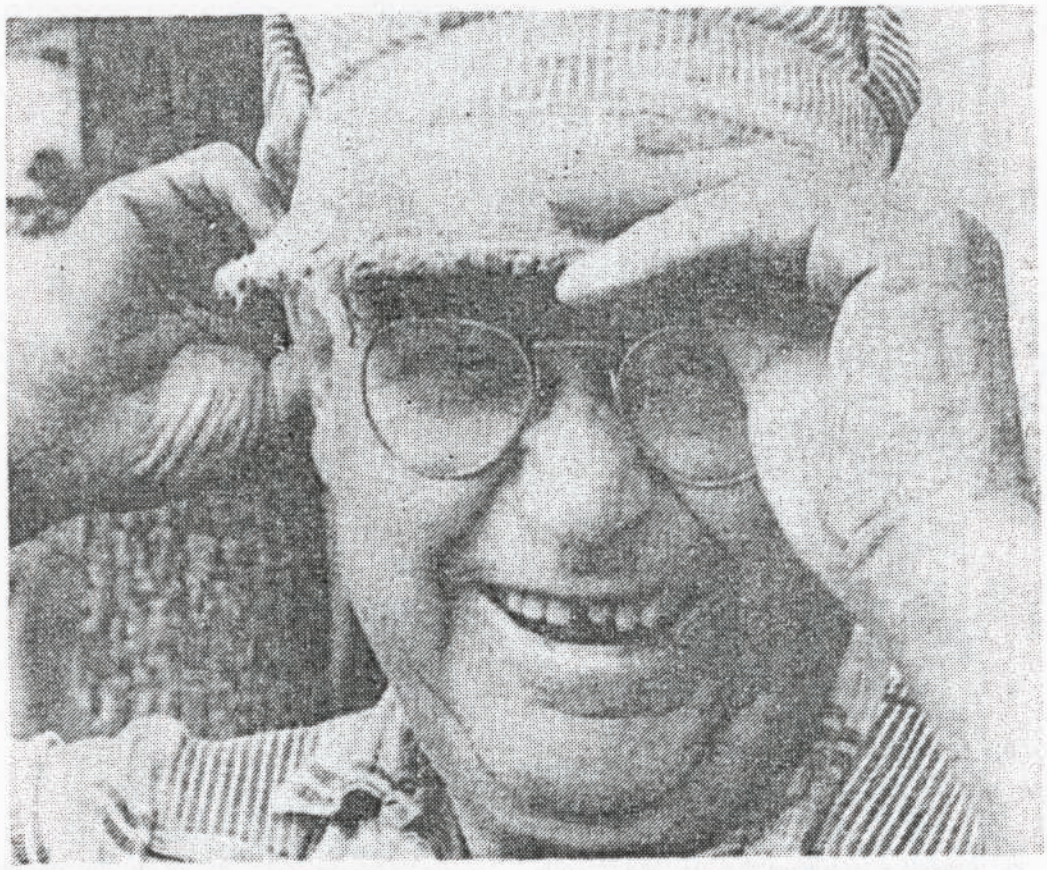
"We have about eight dual residents farms at the present time," said Hoying. Our church, of course, is the center of our community. If the church goes, the community goes. Schools are usually the centers of activity in rural areas. We have none. We are proud of our church and its tradition. It is worth every cent it is costing us to keep it."

"After every mass you will find little knots of people talking. I'll admit that a stranger might have a hard time breaking in, but if he acts friendly and starts to talk, I'm sure he will be welcomed."

"Our farm organizations are no longer a cohesive force. Probably less than 50 per cent of our people are full-time farmers. It takes about 200 to 300 acres of ground to support a family. Some of the farmers of this community farm up to 420 acres. It takes that much land to warrant buying the farm machinery. Because of this, many of the farm homes you see house the family, but the farmer has rented his land and has a job in town. In other cases the boy works in town, builds on the home farm, and helps Dad after work", said Hoying.

"Out here the troubles of the world seem farther away. Of course you never know, but our kids seem safer from dope. They have a lot of new ideas and we have to accept a lot of changes, since we are living under different conditions than we had when we started out. Probably it was the same way with our dads, who had to accept the changes when we took over the farms."

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JOHN BEAVER, 84, oldest resident of St. Patrick, moved to Dayton several years ago but quickly returned. "I sure wanted to get back to St. Patrick," he said.

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Main Street Reveals Quiet Hamlet In Countryside

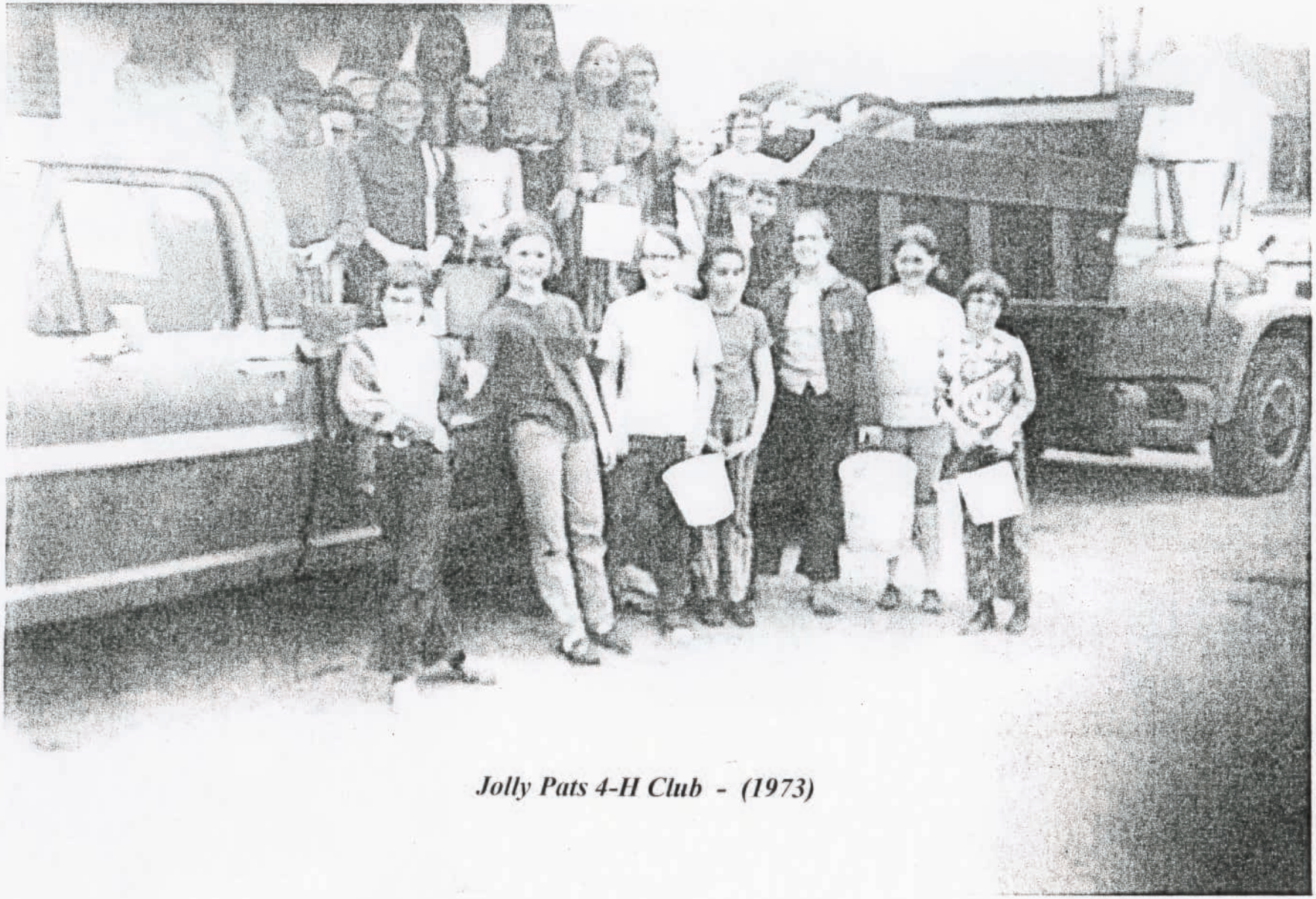
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Tinky Plas's Religion Class (1973)

L-R: Sylvia Poeppelman, Treva Holthaus, Carol Raterman, Cheryl Barhorst, Jeannie Puthoff, Margaret Hoying, Rita Holthaus, Edna Eilerman, Ruth Wehrman, Carol Meyer, and Mary Hoying.

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Jolly Pats 4-H Club - (1973)

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4-H Club Meets

ST. PATRICK —Jolly Pat's 4-H Club in January in the St. Patrick Church basement with Pam Westerheide presiding.

Projects for the year were discussed and committees formed. Jane Hoying was welcomed as a new club member.

Ann and Jane Hoying served refreshments. Recreation was led by Carol Meyer.

The next meeting will be Tuesday in the church basement.

Candidates Chosen By Jolly Pats 4-H Club

ST. PATRICK — The Jolly Pats 4-H Club held a meeting June 4 at the St. Patrick Schoolhouse with Pam Westerheide presiding. All three advisors and 26 of the members were present.

After the members were informed of changes in the club constitution, candidates were picked for summer events. Deb Bensman was chosen for "Miss Chick" candidate. Peg Meyer is the candidate for the junior fair queen. The candidate for Miss Independence is Betty Wehrman. For the older division of the modeling contest, Cindy Meyer and Norma Meyer were chosen. For the younger division, Margaret Hoying and Brenda Bensman.

All members of the Float Committee are reminded to meet on June 11 in the St. Patrick Schoolhouse at 7:30 p.m. Members were asked for ideas for a trip. It was suggested that the club visit Johnson's Farm.

Rita and Treva Holthaus gave a demonstration on embroidery. Lunch was served by Cindy Raterman and Brenda Watercutter. Recreation was provided by Carol Meyer with the assistance of Linda Wehrman.

The next meeting will be held June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick Schoolhouse. Members are asked to bring their projects. Assignments are: lunch, Peg Meyer and Theresa Meyer, and demonstration, Ann and Jane Hoying.

ST. PATRICK — The Jolly Pats met Tuesday in the St. Patrick's Church basement.

As safety leader, Rita Holthaus gave a report on "The Importance of Safety on Ice."

As community project this year the club decided to paint the church basement where the meetings are held.

A demonstration was given by Brenda Bensman and Cindy Raterman on "How to Put in a Hem." Jackie Barhorst and Jeannie Barhorst are to present a demonstration for the next meeting.

Hostesses were Cheryl Barhorst and Sharon Eilerman. Linda Wehrman and Pam Westerheide will serve lunch at the next meeting which will be March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Club To Visit Hueston Woods

Pam Westerheide conducted this week's meeting of the Jolly Pats 4-H Club which was held in the basement of St. Patrick Church. Twenty-two members were present with eight members absent.

A lively discussion was held regarding locations for a club trip. It was decided the club would go to Hueston Woods Thursday. Members are to meet in the St. Patrick Church basement at 7:45 a.m. and take along bats, gloves, balls and swim suits.

Members were congratulated for their success at the fair and for receiving an "A" ribbon on the booth.

Theresa Meyer held a demonstration on "The DO NOTS's of Sewing." Barb Magoto gave a demonstration on using seam binding. Refreshments were served by Carol and Cindy Meyer.

The next meeting is to be held on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. Carol Raterman and Deb Bensman are to be hostesses, while Cindy and Carol Meyer are to give a demonstration.

Demonstration On Decorations

ST. PATRICK — The Jolly Pats 4-H Club met April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement with Pam Westerheide presiding.

The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Cathy Hoying. Following committee reports a bake sale was discussed for later in the summer.

A demonstration on making Easter baskets and decorations was given by Marla and Carol Berning. Lunch was served by Betty and Ruth Wehrman. The girls also practiced the songs they will be singing at the Presbyterian Home April 29.

The next meeting will be May 8 at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses will be Barbara Magato and Brenda Bensman. The demonstration will be given by Sharon Eilerman and Sheri Barhorst.

Jolly Pats Entertain Moms

ST. PATRICK — The Jolly Pats 4-H Club held a mother-daughter banquet at the St. Patrick Schoolhouse Oct. 10 with Pam Westerheide presiding.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Robert Monnin.

Members were presented fair certificates and checks. Club officers of this past year were recognized for their help. Linda Wehrman gave the club history.

Mrs. Georgianna Hoying, Mrs. Euleta Bensman and Miss Kathy Hoying were thanked for their services as club advisors.

Skits were presented during held.

4-H Activities (1973)

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New Shelby county crop

TV studio sprouts in cornfield

By BILL FOX
Daily News Staff Writer

ST. PATRICK — In the cornfields of western Shelby County are cattle, hogs, neatly kept farms and now a television studio.

The TV center, set up in a converted one-room schoolhouse in this German farm community, is breaking new ground by using cable television for church work.

Inside the old school, the Rev. Robert Monnin sat in the narrow television control booth eyeing the monitor nearby.

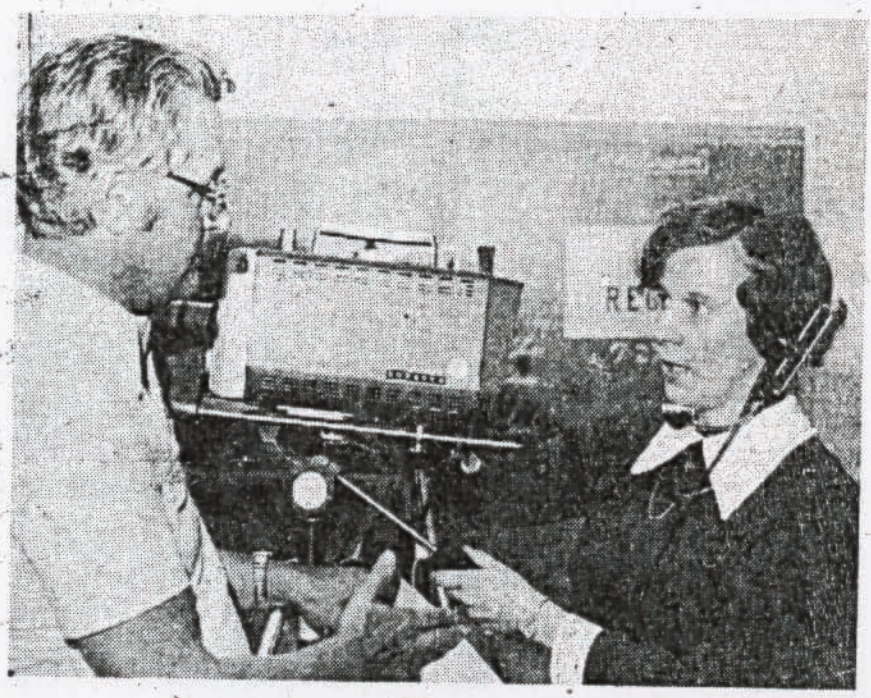
When the filmed scene of a church steeple rolled across the screen, Father Monnin threw a hand signal through the window to Sister Angela Ann Zukowski standing in the television studio.

THE DAYTON NUN cued a record, and majestic organ music blended into a television tape. It took split-second timing. The priest and the nun had rehearsed the sequence over and over.

Father Monnin and Sister Angela are resource people for the Northern Area Religious Education Office at Sidney which serves 60 Catholic parishes and 16 parochial schools north of Dayton.

They are also co-producers of Religious Education Cable Action Program, or RECAP, which attempts to focus on issues, secular and religious, concerning the Catholic church of the '70s.

"We worked far into the night," Father Monnin said. All the effort was to produce the introduction and closing to a series of 15-minute programs which will be telecast weekly over cable television systems in Piqua, Minster, Versailles, New Bremen, Fort Loramie, Sidney, Wapakoneta and St. Marys starting in September.



Father Monnin, Sister Angela Ann work in their new studio

THE PRODUCERS figure there is a potential audience of 20,000 to 30,000 subscribers.

It's the fourth year the education series has been featured on cable TV but the first year the RECAP team has had its own studio facilities.

Father Monnin, pastor of St. Patrick parish, spent his vacation in June remodeling the old schoolhouse, hanging sound curtains, putting in a stage, designing and building the control booth and setting up the special lighting.

Taping of programs began in July. "We've got 18 programs in the can and we feel rich," said Father Monnin.

"If I interview," said Sister Angela Ann, "Father Monnin runs the control room as producer with a head set and

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THE REV. ROBERT MONNIN, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in St. Patrick, officiates at daily Mass in a chapel which formerly served as the rectory dining room. The conversion was made in an effort to conserve fuel. St. Isidore Chapel, named after the patron saint of the farmer, also has a fireplace which has never been used. Father Monnin said he plans eventually to say Mass by firelight. Also included in the chapel are religous banners depicting farm scenes with St. Isidore and a statuette of the farmer's patron saint. "We've got everything in here but the plow," he chuckled. Father Monnin is also the northern area superintendent, Archdiocese of Cincinnati. (Staff photo by Susan Wicker.)

Rectory Chapel Saves Fuel; Worship Is More Intimate

By Susan Wicker

ST. PATRICK — The Rev. Robert Monnin, pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, found a way to beat the energy crisis and bring his congregation closer together at the same time.

Father Monnin has converted the dining room of the church rectory where he lives into a tiny chapel, complete with religious banners, candles and a statue of its patron, Saint Isidore.

The idea came to him after he received notice that fuel supplies to the church, hall and rectory were each being cut by 25 per cent.

Father Monnin said he began to think of fuel-conserving measures. Since the hall is used only on Saturday mornings for religious education classes, there wouldn't be much savings there, he said. In the rectory, the temperature is always set at 68 degrees, anyway, and upstairs rooms are kept cool all the time, so not much savings could be done there, either, he said.

He contemplated the energy saving measures that could be taken in the church. Daily Masses were attended by a handful of people, yet the entire church was heated. He began to think and the conversion of the dining room came to mind.

The church is shut most of the week, now, and about nine people attend daily Mass in the chapel.

"It's the first time I 've had a full house," Father Monnin chuckled," or at least my church is now half-filled with people every morning."

Father Monnin has a warm, out-going personality and is prone to look on the optimistic side of. He's told the morning church goers they are always welcome to stay for breakfast or coffee at the rectory. Most of the people who attend Mass during the week are elderly parishioners who never fail to show up regardless of weather.

The chapel is named in honor of St. Isidore, patron saint of the farmer. A statue of the saint rests on the mantle of the fireplace next to the portable alter. Father Monnin found the altar in the basement of the church.

A religious banner depicting St. Isidore sprinkling seeds in a harvest scene hangs from the door and another banner, "Let Your Light Shine" decorates the front of the altar.

Father Monnin removed an oval rug from the room and laid other rugs and runners down to protect the floors.

He uses a ceramic cup as a chalice during Mass and wears a beige-type monk's cloth vestment. He alternates the colored stoles (religious vestments worn around the neck which falls from the shoulders).

A small organ has been added to the chapel by Vickie Cotrell who plays during Mass three mornings a week.

Father Monnin said the creation of the dining-room chapel has done more than just save energy; it ' has brought the people who attend Mass into a closer, more intimate union. Flexibility of the Liturgy is shown and people feel as if they are more a part of the Mass instead of being observers, Father Monnin explained.

He said the people have no qualms about coming to Mass in the chapel. Since there are no kneelers and is no genuflecting, the parishioners only have to stand and sit. There are no lines for distribution of Holy Communion and no collections.

"It goes a long way beyond fuel conserving," Father Monnin said of the chapel. "It's a crummy old dinning room that has become sacred."

He said when the time comes that he has to return to the morning Masses in the church, he will not be in a hurry to leave.

Father Monnin added that he, also, grew up on a farm.

"We never used the dining room anyway," he said.

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1974)

L-R: Rev. Robert Monnin, Lisa Eilerman, Margie Holthaus, Lynn Meyer, Jerry Meyer, Ron Raterman, Don Hoying, Sister Mary Alice

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The Bernard and Ruth (Albers) Holthaus Family (1974)

Back Row: Rosemary, Marlene, Treva, Rita, Pat, Ruth, Marian, John Bensman, Bernard E., Rick, Fred, Bernard F., Dorothy, Carol

Front Row: Margaret (Margie), Robert, Gerald, William, Mark

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1975)

Back Row: Rev. Robert Monnin, Sister Mary Alice
Middle Row: Lynn Watercutter, Kurt Hoying, Sharon Holthaus, Donna Bey, Jeff Barhorst, Barb Wehrman
Front Row: Craig Rosengarten, Mitch Hoying, Mark Bensman, Rusty Eilerman, Keith Eilerman

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Stockyards operated by Albert & Clarence (Sie) Plas (1932-1975)

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Joseph & Katherine (Puthoff) Wehrman (1920)
Witnesses: Fred Wehrman & Louise Puthoff



Children: Bob, Dorothy, Ralph, Carl, Don (1975)

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The Albert and Marie (Bruns) Eilerman Family (1975-1976)

Standing: Sharon, Mary Ellen, Ken, Ronald, Barb, Judy

Sitting: Alfred, Marie, Albert, Edna

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St. Patrick

ST. PATRICK — This former Irish settlement is situated on Hoying Road, a short distance from Lehmkuhl Road, which connects the Swanders-Loramie Road with Ohio 119. Its population is about 30. It contains one business establishment, a stockyard operated by Clarence Plas and the Catholic Church, which serves the surrounding community.

Tracing the history of this community is very difficult. The first lots were not platted until 1956, when Walter Arling established his subdivision. No news correspondents wrote in the early papers concerning the settlement. Church records account for most of the data, coupled with the accounts of a few old times residents.

According to church records, an old log church was built here in 1863, after at least four years of missionary activity based on the Precious Blood fathers in Wapakoneta. The frame church erected in 1871 survived until 1915, when the present structure was built. In 1919 the present rectory was completed. The land for the present church and rectory was donated by Mrs. Anna Barhorst.

Since the first church was built in St. Patricks, it must be presumed that the concentration of Irish must have been heavier than in McCartyville, as religion played a very great part among the Irish immigrants. This would also give credence to the idea that missionary activity in this area probably dated back to the canal days of the 1840's.

A saloon is known to have existed somewhere near the present stockyard. Richard Thaman recounts that he, as a boy, used to take care of the priest's horse when the priest came from Minster on saddle back in the 1870's. His father ran a general store in a part of the present home of John Plas. The livery stable stood where the stockyards now are.

The site of the Thaman Brothers Creamery was near the present Rosella Plas home, across from the rectory. Stukenborgs had a home across from the old store building. This is no longer there. Mrs. Joseph Bensman, in her 80's, remembers going to school in the store building when she was a girl.

The old school building, now occupied as a church-run community center, was probably built around the turn of the century. In 1928 the parish bought this school and added two wings. In 1954 the school was discontinued and the majority of the pupils went to Fort Loramie.

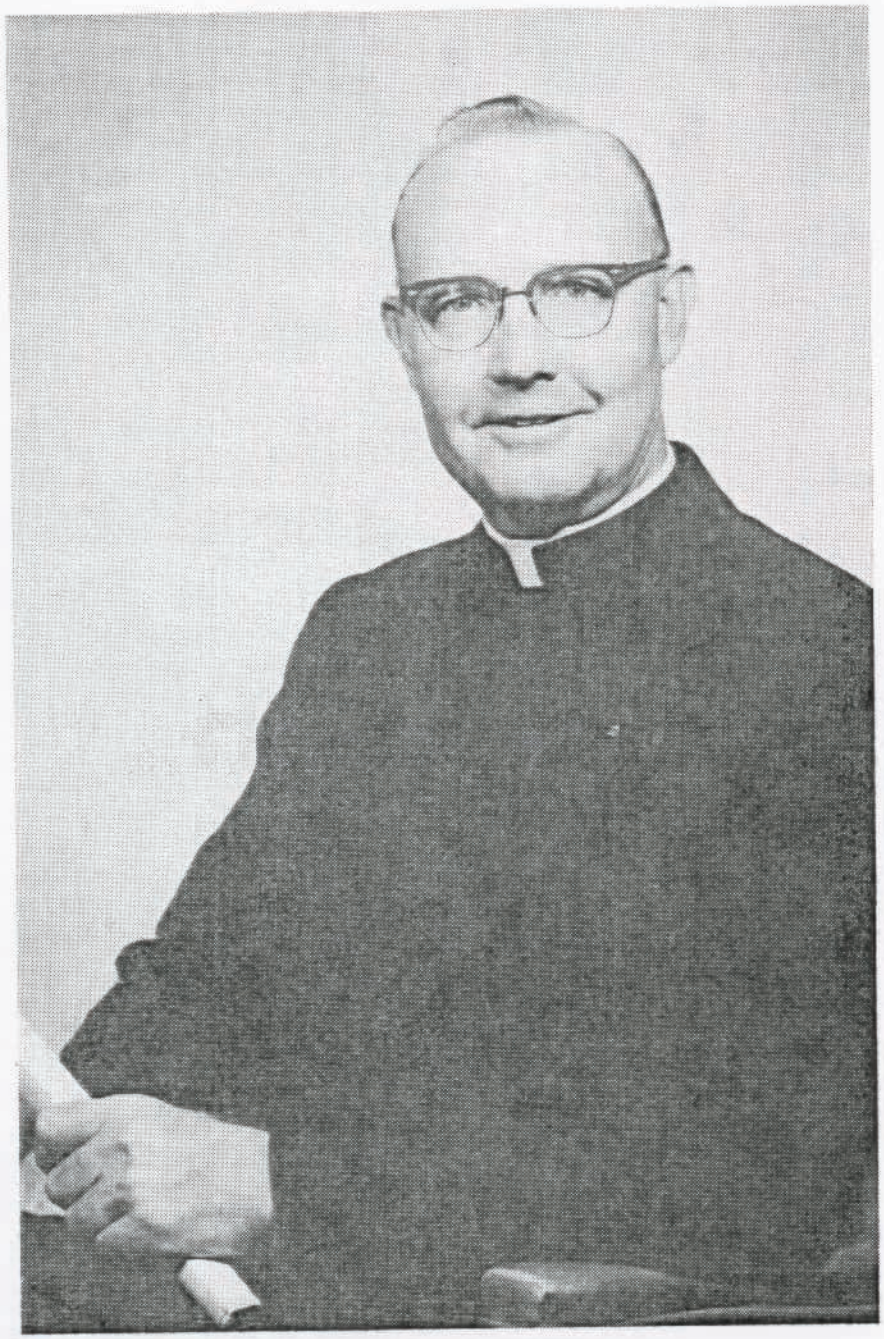
Since a 1956 addition by Walter Arling, the building boom has ended and the little town has experienced little growth.

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His Excellency
Most Reverend Paul F. Leibold, D.D., J.C.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati

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Rev. Charles B. Koverman
Present Pastor
Born November 26, 1916
Ordained May 30, 1942
Appointed to St. Patrick
March 15, 1960

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Rev. Warren G. Hook
Born February 6, 1895
Ordained March 15, 1919
Pastor of St. Patrick
July 6, 1937 — March 10, 1955
Died March 10, 1955



Rev. Clarence F. Leibold
Born September 25, 1910
Ordained May 22, 1937
Pastor of St. Patrick
June 16, 1955 — March 15, 1960

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Bernard Holthaus — Louis Zircher
Adolph Eilerman

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Secretary — Robert Puthoff
Treasurer — Ronald Eilerman

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A PLEDGE OF GOD'S FAVOR

Clear evidence of God's favor is found in the number of vocations to the Priesthood from St. Patrick's. Through the zeal of the Pastors and the exemplary lives of the people, seven sons of the parish are now priests and one is in preparation for this high office. Another son of the Parish, Father Joseph Behr, spent his first twenty years at St. Patrick's, but was a member of St. Michael Parish, Fort Loramie, at the time of his ordination.

REV. LEO HOYING, C.PP.S.
- Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoying
- Born December 5, 1896
- Ordained May 14, 1933 at St. Charles Seminary
- First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick
- Celebrated Silver Anniversary at St. Patrick, May 21, 1958
- Present Pastor of St. Boniface Church, New Riegel, Ohio

REV. JOSEPH HOYING, C.PP.S.
- Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoying
- Born February 8, 1913
- Ordained May 14, 1939 at St. Charles Seminary
- First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, May 17, 1939
- Chaplain in United States Army—1946-1950; 1951-1953
- Present Pastor of St. Catherine Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

REV. URBAN HOYING, C.PP.S.
- Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoying
- Born March 7, 1915
- Ordained March 8, 1942 at St. Charles Seminary

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MEMORABLE EVENTS OF THE PAST

"Farewell! St. Patrick is well established: New sacristy, one new white cope, one new black cope, one fine monstrance, 2 newly gilt chalices and 1 ciborium, new suits for altar boys, etc. Greetings! J. G. Sailer, Pastor. Oct. 26, '96."

So wrote Father J. G. Sailer, C.PP.S. upon completion of his term as pastor of St. Patrick Church at least thirty four years after it had been established as a parish.

The history of St. Patrick Parish is difficult to follow during these first thirty four years. The first baptismal records indicate that Father Patrick Hennebery, C.PP.S. was active in the area in 1860 and 1861. However, it is generally believed that it was in 1862 that Father Hennebery established St. Patrick as a new congregation. Father John Lamott in his "History of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati," after first describing the organization of Holy Angels Parish, Sidney, in 1845, writes: "The sole filial church of Sidney is the congregation of St. Patrick's, Shelby County, which was organized by Father Hennebery in 1862."

Interior of the church, Forty Hours 1962.



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Second church built in the early 1870's by Father William Sidley.

Ground for the new church was donated by Patrick Brennan and James McMonigal, and in 1863 the first church building was erected. It was constructed of logs. Here Fathers Michael Pendergast, C.PP.S., Florintine D'Arcy, C.PP.S., and Joseph H. Drees, C.PP.S. served the congregation. Father Matthias Kreusch, C.PP.S. was pastor from 1866 until 1871 and again around 1876.

During the early 1870's St. Patrick's was a mission of Holy Angels Church, Sidney, and under the care of Father William Sidley. It was evidently during this period that the old log church was torn down and a new church of frame construction was erected. The logs of the original church were sold and are at the present time still serving as the wing of a farm house a couple miles from the church.

During the remainder of the 19th century the Precious Blood Fathers had charge of St. Patrick Parish. Father P. Paul Reuter, C.PP.S., in 1876; Father P. George Fleisch, C.PP.S., 1877; Father Peter Kuhnmuench, C.PP.S. in 1878; Father Albert Voag, C.PP.S. from 1879 to 1881.

From August 1881 until 1885 Father Dominic Schunk, C.PP.S. was pastor. In 1882 he saw the need for the erection of a new parish in McCartyville, and established Sacred Heart Church there.

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For more than thirty years thereafter St. Patrick was a mission of Sacred Heart Church.

Father Ambrosius Schumack, C.PP.S. served as pastor from 1885 until 1888. For a short period in 1889 Father Raymond Verimont was in charge, to be succeeded by Father Erhard Fritz, C.PP.S. who was pastor until January 1, 1893. He was succeeded by Father Joseph Sailer, C.PP.S., who served until April 11, 1896.

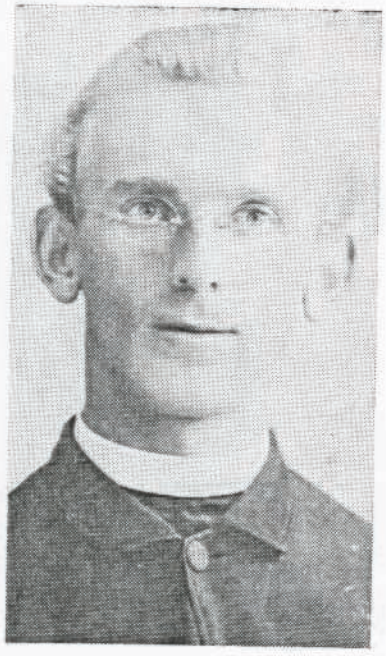


Rev. Joseph Sailer, C.PP.S.

Father Sailer realized the need of a place where the priest could see the people privately and so proposed the building of an addition to the church which would serve the triple purpose of sacristy, office and living quarters. The permission of the Most Reverend Archbishop Elder was obtained and the plan submitted for the approval of the people on March 22, 1895. Father Sailer recorded the results as "13 Nays and 17 Yeas. Carried: 4 Majority." The sacristy was built.

During the closing months of 1896 and the opening months of 1897 Father Erhard Fritz again returned as Pastor, to be succeeded by Father Michael Muehe, C.PP.S. He in turn was succeeded by Father Faustin Ersing, C.PP.S. in 1903.

On August 23, 1906 Father John H. Metzdorf, a diocesan priest was appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart, McCartyville, and St. Patrick. He was followed in January 1910 by the Rev. Francis Kuehnle, who remained pastor of the two parishes until September 1, 1913.



Rev. Michael Muehe, C.PP.S.

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Present rectory built by Father Joseph Koch in 1919.

With the appointment of Father Goswin Menge on September 1, 1913 a new era began for St. Patrick Parish. After fifty years the congregation lost its status of a mission and received its first resident pastor. A later pastor, noting this event, wrote: "The congregation being in a flourishing condition, the members of St. Patrick's, feeling that they could support a pastor, petitioned the Most Reverend Archbishop, Henry Moeller, for a resident priest. Rev. Goswin B. Menge was appointed pastor in 1913.



Father Goswin Menge directed the construction of the present church in 1915.

The need was almost immediately felt for a new church. Some members of the congregation were dissatisfied with the location of the parish church and circulated a petition to change the location of the church. But after a great deal of deliberation and discussion, it was decided to keep it at St. Patrick, Ohio, and to build a new church there.

Ground for the new church and a new parsonage was donated by Mrs. Anna Barhorst, and the building of the present church began in 1915. The cornerstone was laid on June 13, 1915 and the

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church was blessed and used for services for the first time on Christmas Day 1915. The Church was dedicated by the Most Reverend Archbishop, Henry Moeller, on the first Sunday of October 1916. The total cost of the church was $18,750.00.

From October 1916 until June 1917, St. Patrick was attended to by Rev. Anthony Moeller and Rev. Albert Von Hagel, the pastor and assistant of St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie. In June 1917 Father Joseph Koch was appointed Pastor.



Father Koch

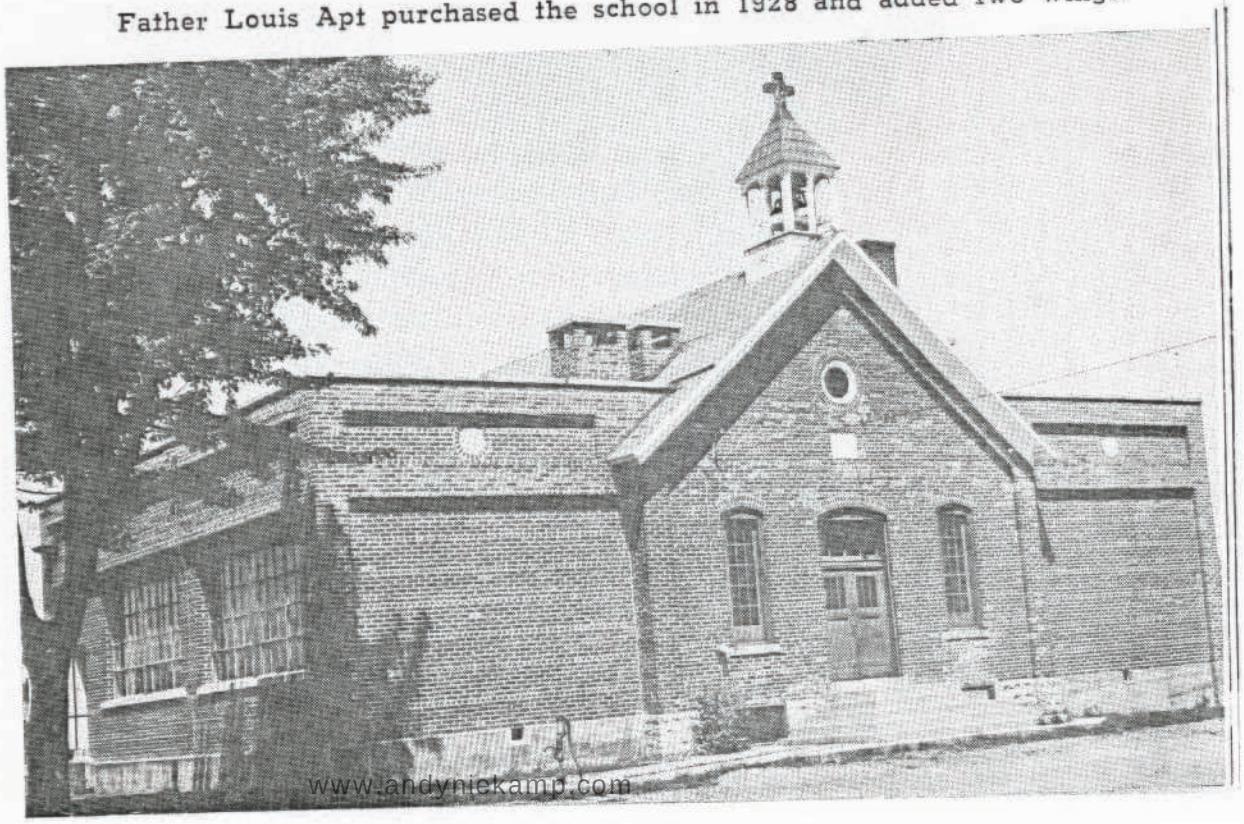
The pressing need of the parish at this time was for a rectory. On February 15, 1918 a contract was entered into between Father Koch and the building committee of St. Patrick and Mr. Louis Ley, General Contractor and Builder of Minster, to construct a rectory for the sum of $6,973.00. The new rectory, consisting of eight rooms and two baths, was completed in January of 1919.



Father Apt

In March 1919, Father Koch was succeeded by Father Albert Kroum who remained as pastor until September 9, 1923.

Father Louis Apt purchased the school in 1928 and added two wings.



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Father Louis Apt assumed his duties as pastor on October 1, 1923. In 1925 he had the Church frescoed at the cost of $1,900.00. To beautify the cemetery a crucifixion group was constructed in 1927. In 1928, in order to keep their independence in school matters, the people of St. Patrick and their Pastor voted to purchase the St. Patrick public school and add to it a room on each side of the existing structure. Permission having been obtained, the school was purchased for $300.00 and the additions made at the cost of $10,645.95. During the summer of 1928 bricks were hauled by the parishioners and work went forward on the addition to the school. It was dedicated on September 9, 1928 at 3:00 in the afternoon with Monsignor Buckley of Springfield presiding.

On March 9, 1931 Father Apt was appointed pastor of St. James Church, White Oak near Cincinnati, and Father Henry Meyer became pastor in his place. He died Monday, November 30, 1936, while Pastor of St. Patrick's.

Father Warren Hook was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick Church on July 6, 1937. In his more than seventeen years as pastor he worked unceasingly to improve the spiritual and temporal life of the parish. His accomplishments were so many and so varied that the imprint of his finger is ever visible, and will be so for years to come.

The country as well as the parish was just emerging from the Great Depression. The parish was in debt $10,000.00. Between 1937 and 1950 Father Hook not only paid off the debt, but built up a parish improvement fund which, at its peak, was $13,000.00. By making the parishioners conscious of their duty to their parish he not only increased the yearly revenue of the parish, but imbued them with a spirit of generosity in giving of themselves in the form of personal labor for the projects which he proposed. The exterior ap-

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RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, March 17, 1942
Present Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hill City, Kansas

REV. ANDREW J. HOYING
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoying
Born January 3, 1919
Ordained December 18, 1943, Cincinnati, Ohio
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, December 19, 1943
Present Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio

REV. JOHN L. BENSMAN
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bensman
Born May 28, 1929
Ordained May 26, 1956, Cincinnati, Ohio
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, May 27, 1956
Present Assistant Pastor at St. Elizabeth Church, Norwood, Ohio

REV. LEO A. HOYING
Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoying
Born July 10, 1930
Ordained May 26, 1956
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, June 3, 1956
Present Assistant Pastor of St. Saviour Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

REV. RALPH J. WEHRMAN
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wehrman
Born March 7, 1924
Ordained May 14, 1960 at LaCrosse, Wisconsin
First Solemn Mass, St. Patrick, May 22, 1960
Present Professor at Holy Cross Seminary, LaCrosse, Wisconsin

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REV. IGNATIUS JOSEPH BEHR, S.D.S.
Lived during his early years at St. Patrick
Ordained a Salvatorian Father, June 5, 1951
First Solemn Mass, St. Michael Church, June 10, 1951

DENNIS BENSMAN
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Bensman
Born June 29, 1947
Entered the Gregorian Program at St. Gregory Seminary, September, 1961

During the past one hundred years a representative number of young women from St. Patrick have dedicated their lives to God in the religious vocation. Twelve young women left to enter religion while still members of St. Patrick's. Others lived here during their early years, but were actually members of other parishes in the vicinity when they entered the convent.

SISTER FRANCIS JEROME, S.C.
Ida Quinlin
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Quinlin
Entered the Sisters of Charity, Mount St. Joseph, nearly seventy years ago

SISTER MARY ROSAMUNDA, C.PP.S.
Josephine Hoying
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoying
Entered the Precious Blood Order, November 21, 1908
Celebrated her Golden Jubilee at St. Patrick, July 13, 1958
Missioned: St. Mary's Novitiate, Burkettsville, Ohio

SISTER MARY BENEDICTA, C.PP.S.
Antoinetta Stukenborg
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stukenborg

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Entered the Precious Blood Order, August 15, 1914
Missioned: Academy of the Little Flower, San Luis Rey, California

SISTER ANN MAGDALEN, S.C.
Magdalena Zircher
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zircher
Entered the Sisters of Charity, September 8, 1924, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Mount St. Joseph, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio

SISTER MARY MARINA, C.PP.S.
Elizabeth Berning
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berning
Entered the Precious Blood Order, December 8, 1922
Missioned: St. Boniface School, New Riegel, Ohio

SISTER MARY LEONITA, C.PP.S.
Irene Westerheide
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide
Entered the Precious Blood Order, January 21, 1928
Missioned: Superior at the Academy of the Little Flower and Principal of the High School, San Luis Rey, California

SISTER MARY EDMUND, S.C.
Mary Bensman
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bensman
Entered Sisters of Charity, September 7, 1937, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Mount St. Joseph, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio

SISTER MARY JOSEPHINE, S.C.
Elizabeth Bensman
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bensman

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Entered the Sisters of Charity, September 7, 1939, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Little Flower Convent, Cincinnati, Ohio

SISTER MARY ANN, C.PP.S.
Rosalinda Westerheide
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Westerheide
Entered the Precious Blood Order, July 26, 1941
Missioned: Regina High School, Norwood, Ohio

SISTER FRANCIS ELIZABETH, S.C.
Edna Rose Hoying
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoying
Entered the Sisters of Charity, August 15, 1941, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Guardian Angel Convent, Detroit, Michigan

SISTER JOSEPH MARIA, S.C.
Lorene Bensman
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bensman
Entered the Sisters of Charity, September 7, 1943, Mount St. Joseph
Missioned: Seton High School, Cincinnati, Ohio

SISTER MARY ALACOQUE, O.S.F.
Marjorie Eilerman
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Eilerman
Entered the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, August 25, 1957
Missioned: St. Joseph School, Fort Jennings, Ohio

SISTER MARY JEAN RENE, C.PP.S.
Lucille Hoying
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoying
Entered the Precious Blood Order, January 6, 1960

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Student at the Convent of Our Lady of the Precious Blood, Regina Heights, Dayton, Ohio

SISTER MARY ADELINE, C.PP.S.
Anna Marie Mertz
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mertz
Moved to Holy Angels Parish, Sidney, shortly before entering Sisters of the Precious Blood, August 15, 1944

SISTER MARY HILARY, C.PP.S.
Louise Barhorst
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barhorst
Moved to Holy Angels Parish shortly before entering Sisters of the Precious Blood, August 13, 1942
Missioned: Carroll High School, Dayton, Ohio

For one hundred years St. Patrick Cemetery has served as the last resting place of the parishioners. Father Warren Hook beautified it, adding walks, shrubs and a new setting for the statue group.



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ST. PATRICK

Family Name	Parents and Children at Home
ARLING	Walter, Irene
BARHORST	Harold and Thelma, Rebecca, Cynthia Ann, Sheryl Lynn
BARHORST	Lionel and Norma Jean, Jeanne Marie, Jacqueline Ann
BEAVER	John and Emma,
BENANZER	Urban and Loretta, Joan Mary
BENSMAN	Fred and Bernadine,
BENSMAN	Joseph and Emma, Victor
BENSMAN	Leo and Norma, Donald, Linda, Betty, Melvin
BENSMAN	Norbert and Henrietta, Janet, Ralph, Robert
BENSMAN	Werner and Euleta, Gerald, Dennis, Kathleen, Gregory, Susan, Daniel, Deborah, Brenda
BERNING	Eugene and Irene, Susan, Kathleen, Marla
BERNING	Fred and Frances, Andrew
DUNDON	Catherine, Emma
EILERMAN	Adolph and Veronica, Patrick
EILERMAN	Albert and Marie, Kenneth, Ronald, Judith, Alfred, Mary Ellen, Barbara, Edna, Sharon
EILERMAN	Anthony and Evelyn, Charles Anthony

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Family Name	Parents and Children at Home
EILERMAN	Elizabeth, Vernon
EILERMAN	John and Marie, Dolores, Elizabeth
EILERMAN	Norbert and Rita, William, Dale, Joan, Marvin
EILERMAN	Paul and Victoria, Linda, Richard, Daniel, Donald, Steven, Philip
EILERMAN	Thomas and Susan, Sharon Susan
EILERMAN	William and Josephine, Ralph
GEISE	Donald and Margaret, John Anthony, Michael Jerome, Thomas Raymond
HOLTHAUS	Bernard and Ruth, Rosemary, Bernard, Dorothy, Marlene, Carol, Frederick, Marian, Richard, Patricia, Rita, Treva, Mark
HOYING	Edward and Patricia, Steven
HOYING	Fred and Irma, Donna Mae, Dennis, Richard
HOYING	Henry and Anna,
HOYING	Ivo and Georgianna, Mary Elizabeth, Margaret Ellen, Ann Marie
HOYING	Linus and Mary, Michael, Kathleen Joan, Gerald, Charles, William
HOYING	Ludwig and Theckla, Douglas, Scott

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HOYING	Patrick and Patricia, Jeffrey
HOYING	Ray and Helen, Dianne, David, Monica, Rita, Thomas Koverman
HOYING	Robert and Dorothy, Carol Jane, Donald, Nicholas, Mark, Robert
HOYING	Vernon and Betty, Nancy, Joseph, Ronald, Douglas, Jack
LUTHMAN	Viola, Robert, Alvin, Carol Ann, Lawrence
MAGOTO	Phyllis, Timothy Joseph, Barbara Ann
MARCHAL	Norman and Esther, Deborah Ann, Dennis Lee, Norma Jean, Daniel
MERTZ	Joseph and Alberta, James
MEYER	Clarence and Ruth, Mary Jo, Kathleen, Jane, Margaret, Cynthia, Carol, William, Teresa
MEYER	Joseph and Henrietta, John, Joseph
PENCE	Carl and Marie, Mary Ann, Charles, Kathleen, Carol Ann, Jeanette
PLAS	Anna, Clarence, Rosella
PLAS	Bernard and Martha, Carl, Alvin, Norma, Lois, Mary Ann
PLAS	John and Martha, James, Janice, Judith, John
PLEIMAN	Genevieve, Karen Jean

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PLEIMAN	Robert,
POEPPELMAN	Alvin and Martha, Victoria
POEPPELMAN	Ben and Genevieve,
POEPPELMAN	Clarence and Martha, Roberta, Diane, Maureen, Kenneth, Jo-Ann, Sylvia
PUTHOFF	Bernard and Bertha, Robert Lee, Bonnie Lou
PUTHOFF	Clarence and Evelyn, Judith Ann, James
PUTHOFF	Clem, Lawrence
PUTHOFF	Donald and Phylis, Jeannie Lynn, Jenifer Louise
RATERMAN	Anne,
RATERMAN	Thomas and Rosemary, Carol Marie, Thomas, Cynthia Ann
SCHMIESING	Walter, Jan, Joyce
SIEGRIST	Jerome and Ann, Christine, Jerome, Louis
WATERCUTTER	Orville and Jeanette, Bruce, Cheryl
WEHRMAN	Carl and Kathleen, James, William, Raymond, Elizabeth, Linda, Ruth, Roger
WEHRMAN	Joseph,
WESTERHEIDE	Maurice and Doris, Pamela Jean, Gregory
WUEBKER	Robert and Henrietta, Mary, Carl
ZIRCHER	Frank and Leona, Ralph, Theresa
ZIRCHER	Louis and Marcella, Paul, Robert
ZUMBERGE	Joseph,

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The Joseph and Emma (Hoying) Bensman Family (1962)

Standing: Herbert, Victor, Sister Mary Edmund (Mary), Father John, Juliana, Joe Sr.
Sitting: Sister Joseph Maria (Lorena), Emma, Joseph Sr., Sister Mary Josephine (Elizabeth)

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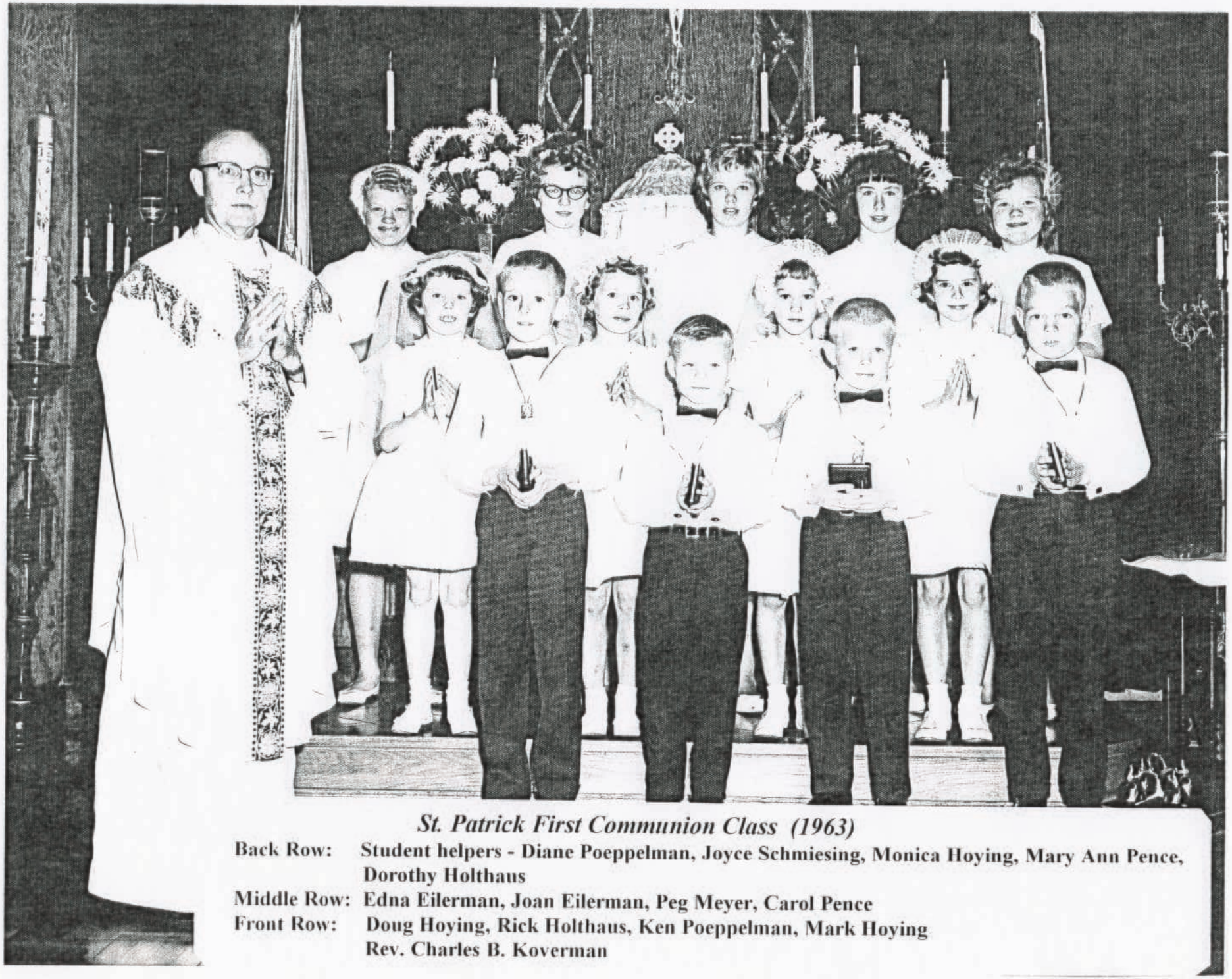
CHERISHED CHALICE — St. Patrick Church has set aside Feb. 3 to use the Menge heirloom chalice at the celebration of Holy Communion by Rev. Charles Koverman (holding chalice). Rev. Goswin Menge, former pastor, gave the chalice to the church.

Feb. 3, 1963

"25 YEARS AGO" (1958)

A 104 year old gold communion cup, known as the Menge Chalice is the property of Rev. Goswin Menge of Versailles. First to use the chalice was Rev. John Menge who received it at his ordination in Cincinnati from his sister Anna of Osnabruck Hanover, Germany. The chalice then made a trip across the ocean to Rev. Goswin Menge, John's brother and an uncle of the Versailles pastor. He was affilliated with the cathedral in Osnabruck. Upon his death the chalice again returned to Cincinnati to Rev. Bernard Menge, third of the brothers to enter the priesthood. The fourth Rev. Menge to receive the chalice was Rev. Bernard Menge brother of the Versailles priest. He had it only four months when he died and the cup was then presented to the present owner. After the death of Rev. Goswin Menge the chalice is to pass to St. Patrick's Church near Minster a former pastorate of Rev. Goswin Menge.

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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1963)

Back Row: Student helpers - Diane Poeppelman, Joyce Schmiesing, Monica Hoying, Mary Ann Pence, Dorothy Holthaus

Middle Row: Edna Eilerman, Joan Eilerman, Peg Meyer, Carol Pence

Front Row: Doug Hoying, Rick Holthaus, Ken Poeppelman, Mark Hoying
Rev. Charles B. Koverman

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The Robert & Henrietta (Benanzer) Wuebker Family (1963)

Standing: Carl, Mary, Robert
Sitting: Henrietta & Robert

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Fred and Bernadine (Schroeder) Bensman (1963)
Golden Wedding Anniversary

Children: Leo, Hilda, Clara, Norbert, Helen, Luetta, Fred.

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Shrine of the Blessed Virgin



Sancta Maria
Erected: 1963
Statue donated by Ann Hackett

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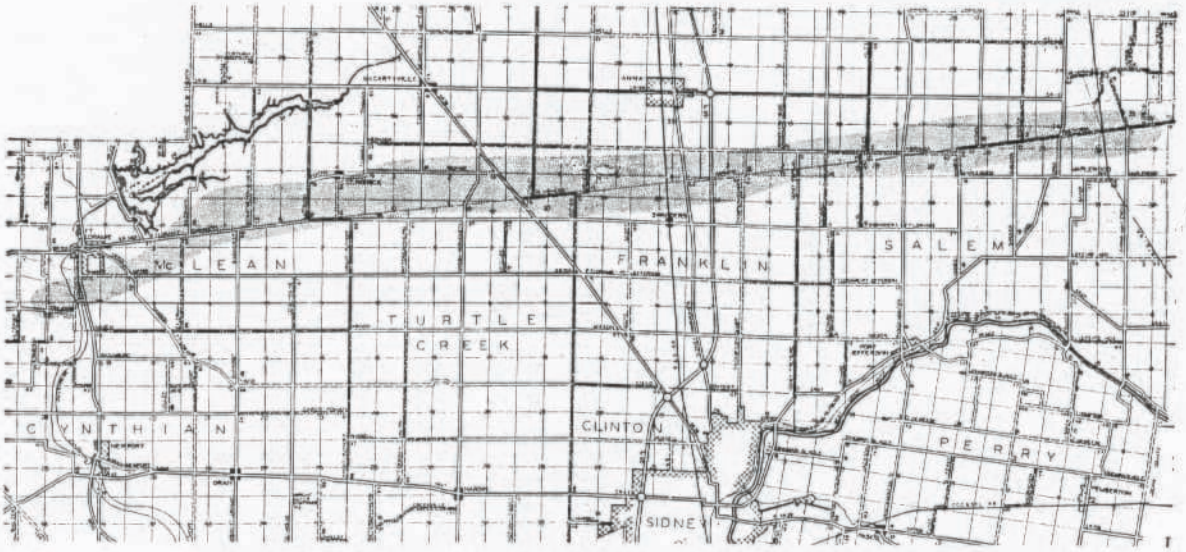


St. Patrick First Communion Class (1964)

Back row: Rev. William Goldschmidt, Sister Michael Maureen, S.C.
Middle row: Dennis Marchal, Jerry Hoying, Jack Hoying, Ray Wehrman, Dan Bensman
Front row: Susan Berning, Cindy Barhorst, Jeanette Pence, Debbie Bensman

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TORNADO SECTION
The Sidney Daily News



Path of Palm Sunday Tornado Across Shelby County

Three Die As Tornado Hits County

It was a few minutes before 10 o'clock on Palm Sunday night, Apr. 11, 1965, that the killer tornado first touched down in the western section of Shelby county.

Before it was to finally lift, some 15 minutes or so later and nearly 20 miles to the east, it had cut a swath approximately a half-mile wide for that distance, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

It was undoubtedly the worst tornado to sweep across Shelby county, at least in the memory of present day residents.

Three persons died and nearly 50 others were sent to the hospital for treatment of the injuries they received, with some of the latter in a critical or serious condition. Many others suffered minor injuries that did not require medical attention.

The intensity of the storm was so great that it literally blew some 50 cars of a northbound, moving Baltimore and Ohio freight train off the rails.

The loss in personal property on the more than 60 farms in the path of the tornadic winds was expected to reach and possibly exceed one and three-quarter million dollars.

The fact that there was not a heavier loss of life and more injuries was undoubtedly due to the fact that the tornado skirted all the more heavily populated areas, with damage confined almost exclusively to rural sections of the county.

The twister, one of a series spawned throughout the midwest that Sunday afternoon and evening, apparently first touched down a short distance southwest of Fort Loramie. Swirling across the southern limits of that community, it then swung slightly to the northeast and then east along the Fort Loramie-Swanders road.

Actually, the storm seemed to follow along almost on a direct line with the famous Greenville treaty line as it moved on across McLean, northern Turtle Creek, southern Van Buren, Franklin, Salem, and a part of Jackson townships.

Heaviest damage was in the area adjacent to the Fort Loramie-Swanders road in the western section of the county, and along the Meranda road in the eastern section.

The three victims of the storm were, Mrs. Bernadine Barhorst, 75, of R. R. 1, Minster; Mrs. Addie Zimpfer, 84, and Isaac Cashner, 90, both of R. R. 1, Maplewood. The latter two were sister and brother.

Mrs. Barhorst was killed when her home on the Schmitmeyer-Baker road, where she lived with her son, Martin, collapsed in the face of the tornadic winds. Her son was hopitalized with injuries he received.

Neighbors who first reached the Barhorst home said they thought Mrs. Barhorst was alive, but by the time they returned with help to get her and her son out of the riddled home she was dead. She succumbed to head and abdominal injuries.

Mrs. Zimpfer and her brother lived on the Meranda road just off the Lochard road in eastern Shelby county—the latter in a trailer at the rear of the Zimpfer home. Both suffered fractured skulls.

The Zimpfer residence collapsed and the trailer home of the brother was blown off the foundation. Only small parts of it were found.

Mrs. Zimpfer was removed to Wilson Memorial hospital for treatment but was pronounced was dead at the scene.
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Destruction throughout the entire area swept by the tornado was terrific, with farm homes and barns, as well as other buildings being ripped apart, levelled or extensively damaged. Trees were ripped up or limbs broken off and utility poles and lines torn down.

In many portions of the devastated area the appearance was one of reminiscent of war-torn areas of Europe.

Numerous narrow escapes from death or serious injury were reported by those caught in the destructive blast of the tornado. Amazement was expressed that there was not a heavier loss of life or more serious injuries.

First notification of the storm reached the Shelby county sheriff's office shortly before 10:30 p.m. coming from the state highway patrol, all telephone communication in the stricken area having been wiped out.

Immediate mobilization of rescue agencies got underway, although at that time the full impact of the storm and its destructiveness was not known.

Assisted by members of the county civil defense units, Sidney, Fort Loramie, Anna, Botkins, and Jackson Center police, and units from the Miami, Champaign and Auglaize county sheriff's department as well as numerous volunteers, Shelby county sheriff's deputies worked throughout the night searching damaged homes and rescuing many pinned when buildings collapsed.

As more and more units became available sections of the stricken area were blocked out so that a systematic search could be carried on. Units kept in touch with the central headquarters and each other by way of radio.

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THE THREE victims of Sunday night's destructive storm died in what remains of these two houses shown above. The upper photograph shows the flattened home of Mrs. Addie Zimpfer on the Meranda road. Her brother, Isaac Cashner, another storm victim, resided in a trailer at the rear of the home. It was completely demolished. The lower picture shows what is left of the farm home where Mrs. Bernadine Barhorst was fatally injured when the building collapsed. Her son, Martin Barhorst was injured at the same time. The Barhorst home was located on the Schmitmeyer - Baker road in Northwestern Shelby county.

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Three Killed. . .

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In many cases these rescue groups were forced to literally "cut" their way through fallen trees and tangled utility lines that blocked the highways throughout the devastated area.

At Wilson Memorial hospital, a previously developed disaster alert was put into operation immediately after the first news of the storm was received and by the time the injured began to reach the hospital in any numbers a complete staff of doctors, nurses and other personnel was on hand to render aid.

There were a number of cases where automobiles with their passengers were literally picked up from the highways and tossed or rolled into nearby fields. In most cases the occupants, fortunately, escaped with relatively minor injuries.

At farm homes throughout the stricken area automobiles were tossed around like toys.

Along Interstate 75 traffic between the Fort Loramie-Swanders and Meranda road overpasses was halted for a considerable period immediately after the storm because of high tension lines of the Dayton Power and Light Co. being blown across the highway.

With the coming of daylight on Monday, the full destructiveness of the tornado became apparent and those who had suffered from the twister began to turn their attention to salvaging what they could from the ruins and to start planning for repairs.

Utility crews of the Dayton Power and Light Co., Pioneer Rural Electric Co-op, and Ohio Telephone Service Co., alerted to the task, during the night, began the long and tedious process of restoring service throughout the devastated area.

A total of 24 poles of DP&L, carrying 66,000 volt high tension lines were blown down along state route 29. There were 14 more poles, carrying similar lines down along IS 75. In addition the utility had another 60 distribution line poles broken or torn out by the tornado.

Efforts of workmen were first concentrated on the restoration of distribution lines in the rural area, and by late Monday night most of this service had been restored.

Some 16 crews were pressed into service by DP&L for this work, being drawn from Russell Point, Bellefontaine, Urbana, Piqua, Dayton, Coldwater, Washington C. H. and Wilmington to assist Sidney crews.

Damage to lines of Pioneer Rural Electric were even more extensive, with those serving the entire northern section of the county being knocked out, affecting areas around Minster, Egypt, Fort Loramie, Jackson Center, Anna, Botkins, and Montra.

Aided by crews drawn from cooperatives at Urbana, Greenville, Bellefontaine, Piqua, and Butler county, service into much of the area was restored on a single phase basis by Tuesday.

Trunk lines of the Ohio Telephone Service Co. into Anna, Fort Loramie, Botkins, Jackson Center and Swanders were knocked out by the tornado, with an estimated 150 poles torn down.

With the assistance of crews brought in from Greenville and Indiana trunk lines to most of the affected area had been restored and efforts were directed toward the restoration of service to individual customers.

In the meantime wrecking crews on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad arrived on the scene about noon Monday to begin cleanup operations of the tracks north of Swanders where some 50 cars were piled up as a result of the storm.

Railroad officials reported that one "extra-large" box car was literally "blown out" of the train, with the cars behind it rolling on to meet up with the forward section of the train.

In most other cases, the cars were simply toppled from the rails and then other cars piled up behind them. Approximately half of the wrecked cars were loaded, railroad officials indicated.

By noon on Tuesday the cars had been removed from the track and damaged rail replaced, so that traffic could begin to move through the damaged area. Removal of the wrecked cars was expected to be completed by the end of the week.

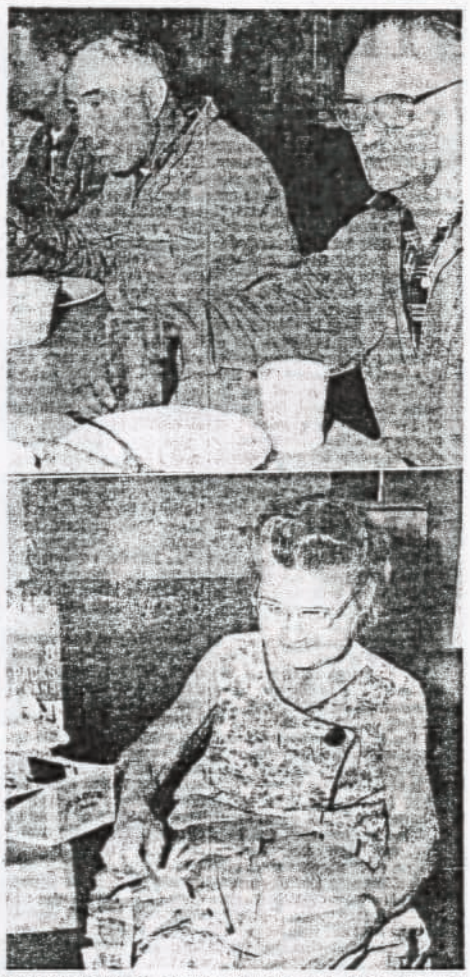
Railroad officials placed an estimated loss on railroad equipment at $165,000. They pointed out, however, that this did not include damage to the contents of the wrecked cars.



BEFORE AND AFTER — The two photographs provide a graphic picture of the damage caused by Sunday night's tornadic winds. Shown at the top is a view of the former Wenger homestead near the intersection of the Sidney-Freyburg and Meranda roads, northeast of Sidney, as it appeared several months ago. The bottom picture is how it appeared after the tornado had swept through the area Sunday night. The farm, now owned by Robert Boyer, was occupied by his brother John and family. They had moved into their new home on Saturday before the storm struck.



AMONG THE HOMES extensively damaged in the Sunday night tornado was that of Mrs. Beulah Young on the Meranda road. It is shown in the upper photograph above. One of the numerous automobiles tossed around like toys by the storm is shown in the lower picture, taken near the Don Iler farm home on the Harmon road. The house and all the buildings around it were completely flattened by the storm's wind.



VICTIMS, HELPERS, neighbors and persons involved in the cleanup operations near Maplewood during the early part of the week found coffee and all types of hot food awaiting them at the Maplewood Grange hall, where the women set up a temporary lunchroom service. Just finishing lunch after a morning's work are (left to right) Louis Steenrod, Harold Metz and Wallace McIntire, all of the Maplewood area. Steenrod and McIntire were aiding Metz with a cleanup job at his farm. Below Mrs. N. R. Michael, of the Hardin area, is mending and sewing buttons on articles of clothing donated to the church women of the New Hope EUB church for distribution to victims of the Sunday night storm. A relief station was set up at the church near the tornado area, with women on duty all day to help storm victims with their needs.

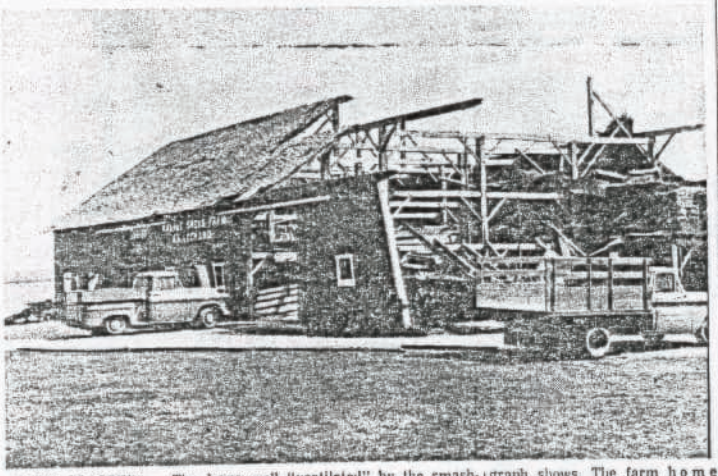
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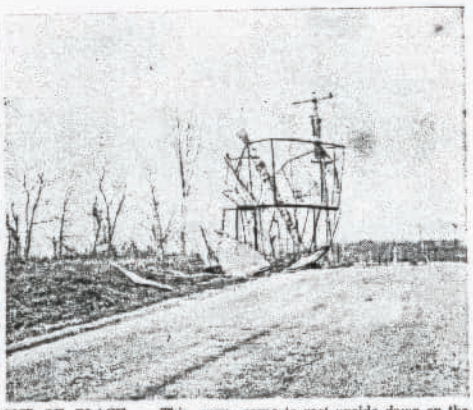
BUSINESS WRECKED — One of several business structures in the Fort Loramie area destroyed by the Sunday night tornado was Tom's Body Shop, located along state route 66 at the south edge of that village. What remained of the establishments is shown in the top picture above. The lower photograph, taken in the same area, shows crews of the Dayton Power and Light Co. working along state route 66 to restore damaged service lines into the Fort Loramie community. The scene was one that could be found duplicated on many of the rural highways of the county for several days following the storm.



CHARACTERISTIC of the scenes that greeted Shelby county residents with the coming of daylight Monday morning is this scene at the Julius Thobe farm on the Harmon road. This is what remains of the Thobe home from which Mrs. Thobe was rescued after being pinned as the structure collapsed.



BARN BLASTED — The large barn on the W. A. Lochard farm, on the Pasco-Montra road, was well "ventilated" by the smashing effect of the Palm Sunday tornado as the above photograph shows. The farm home also received extensive damage from the tornadic winds.



OUT OF PLACE — This corn crib, either lifted from its foundation or rolled along, finally came to rest upside down on the Meranda road just east of the IS 75 expressway.

Co. Residents Respond To Provide Assistance

No sooner had the wind died down and scattered reports of damage begun to come in from the tornado area early Monday morning, people of Shelby county began to respond.

In spite of the fact that telephone communication was disrupted to the storm area and father north, grapevine communication started to point up the need for help for the victims.

Shelter, food and clothing, the basic needs of people were the first consideration.

Maplewood grange, at the east edge of the storm area, some of whose members had suffered loss of property and life, set up an emergency food service.

Almost as soon New Hope EUB Church women, on the south edge of the storm area to the west, started collecting clothing and mending the donations.

Before communications were re-established Maplewood grange members had driven through the stricken area, informing workmen, utility crews, those helping the victims and law enforcement officials they were "welcome to come there to eat their lunch.

By Monday noon New Hope church had a skeleton force of women hanging up clothes and mending those that needed attention.

Shortly after supper Monday night, Minster residents, in neighboring Auglaize county had planned a canvass for clothing and household goods that resulted in an avalanche of donations all taken to the American Legion home in Fort Loramie just north of the damaged area.

Anna which was cut off from the storm area and Sidney by broken wires announced Wednesday they would have clothing, canned foods, furniture and other household items available for the tornado victims.

Eight Troops of Girl Scouts in Minster through with Red Cross administration approval voted to collect sheets, pillowslips, towels and wash cloths as a public service.

They plan to deliver their donations to the Legion Home in Fort Loramie for distribution through that center.

Officials at Fort Loramie, swamped with an abundance of donations, declared they will provide for Shelby countians first and the remainder will be trucked to the northern part of the state where the conditions are even worse than locally.

Botkins announced Wednesday they had collected household goods including bedding, draperies and kitchen utensils for distribution.

Throughout the entire emergency, the hospital has been a clearing house for the injured, treating the wounded. Attaches there reported that other area hospitals had offered their assistance either in personnel or equipment or beds.

As soon as dawn came Monday morning neighbors of farmers who suffered damage arrived at the splintered homes to help sift the rubble and clear away the debris.

Meanwhile the Red Cross office was open all hours to help with money and orders for clothing and furniture to re-establish families as soon as possible.

Red Cross officials emphasized that whatever is provided through their office is an "outright gift," including money, orders for groceries and clothing.

Knowing that some people are reticent to accept such gifts they reminded people of Shelby county that they are only returning to them the money they have given to the organization through their generosity in other years.

Granges plan to keep the clothing and food shelters open as long as there is need.

Those in charge of the centers felt that some families might be hampered in transportation because of damage to cars parked in garages that were demolished putting the autos out of commission.

They assured those who need help that it will be available and stated that transportation could be provided to the centers if necessary.

Clearing house for transportation is the Shelby county sheriff's office or the Red Cross office.

Tornado Second In Four Years For This Area

Sunday night's tornado marks the second time within a four year period that twisters have struck Shelby county.

It was on the night of July 28, 1961 that a tornado touched down in the western section of Sidney, and then hop - skipped its way across the central section of the city causing considerable property damage but no serious injuries.

Fifteen persons were hurt with four homes in the Stewart addition being leveled and 17 others receiving damage. Loss in the storm was estimated at approximately $200,000.

The miniature tornado also caused extensive damage to the Sidney Machine Tool Co. plant on Highland avenue before touching down again to damage Uncle Daves Salvage Inc. at the New York Central switch tracks and the Pemberton - Sidney Farmers Exchange, where a storage bin was wrecked.

Considerable damage was also caused at the Shelby county fairgrounds where the annual fair was preparing to open the following day.

Several large trees in the fairgrounds were broken off and some of the concessionaires suffered damage from flooding, but the fair opened on schedule the following day.

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TOTAL LOSS — Although this house was found standing, it was declared a total loss from damage incurred during the tornado, by the owner W. E. McIntyre, who plans to remove the structure from the farm, located on the Meranda road near state route 65. There will be no replacement, McIntyre indicated.



KEEPING A PROMISE — Nine-year-old Bobby Boyer, son of John Boyer, whose home on the Sidney-Freyburg road was destroyed in Sunday night's storm has a special recovery program of his own in the above picture. He has a brother, David, 7, whose arm was broken during the height of the storm. All the family's possessions were wiped out. Bobby had promised his injured brother that he would recover as many of their toys as he could find among the splintered boards that were once the house. The family is temporarily housed with Boyer's parents in Anna.



STORM DEPOSIT — A section of another building rests among the scalped trees in front of this heavily - damaged home along the Meranda road, just east of the Mrs. Addie Zimpfer home, where two persons were killed by the tornado.

County Takes Steps To Aid Tornado Victims

Just how much aid Palm Sunday tornado victims may expect from state and federal sources is still indefinite, but local officials are leaving nothing undone toward getting a fair share.

Some of the steps already taken include:

1 — Action of county commissioners in meeting with state civilian defense officials and gaining approval of loss estimates on which pleas for assistance are based.

2 — Preparations by County Auditor Thomas W. Short to reappraise destroyed or damaged property so that real estate tax burdens may be eased.

3 — Compilation by Sheriff Robert Burns of accurate damage reports.

4 — Similar action by Warren Ringle, Shelby county civil defense commander, in making loss statistics available to the state and federal CD offices as preliminaries to disaster area aid.

Commissioners Roger Elsass, William Sandham and Merton Maxwell, along with County Engineer Carl Roeller, have toured the tornado zone on several occasions and have made county equipment available in cleaning up debris.

Commissioners authorized Roeller to temporarily barricade some roads for clean-up purposes. That was after the original task of re-opening affected roads to traffic had been accomplished.

Auditor Short arranged for property re-appraisal in storm areas to get under way next Monday. The work will be done by the Allied Appraisal Co., of Bowling Green, O., which is retained by the county for such work.

Next Wednesday at 2 p.m., Short will confer in his office with Edwin F. Sawicki, a representative of the State Board of Tax Appeals in reference to procedures in equalizing valuations.

State Rep. Dale Locker has also been on the alert in behalf of his native county.

Locker has telegraphed President Johnson relative of the Shelby situation and has contacted U. S. Senators Stephen Young and Frank J. Lausche.

The representative said yesterday he will urge Gov. James Rhodes to personally visit the Shelby tornado belt to see for himself the need of disaster relief.

Heart Attack Fatal

FRANKLIN, Ind. (UPI)—Allen R. Hass, 51, editor of the Franklin Evening Star, suffered a fatal heart attack at his home Friday.



HOME GONE — All that was left were the concrete footers to the farm home occupied by the James Riggs family after the tornado swept away the residence on the Meranda road near the Pasco-Montra road. Miraculously, all nine members of the family survived the terrible blow, although five of the youngsters were blown into a nearby field. A relative had attempted to call just before the storm struck to instruct the family to take cover in the nearby block house shown in the above photograph, but was unable to contact them.



BUSINESS WRECKED — One of several business establishments in the Fort Loramie area to feel the early effects of the tornado was the Fort Loramie Cast Stone Products. The roof of the building was ripped off with the debris being deposited amongst the statues and other products in front of the structure. One wall was partially torn away.



CLEANSE WITH FIRE — The remains on the Harry Frilling farm, located on the Fort Loramie-Fayetteville road, were set afire after a half - dozen men were unable to pull the structure down in an effort to clean up the place which was hit by the Palm Sunday tornado that swept through the Fort Loramie area.

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RESIDENCE DAMAGED — The Albert Ammon home on the Shroyer road was typical of the damage wrought by the tornado on buildings in its path during the Sunday night storm.



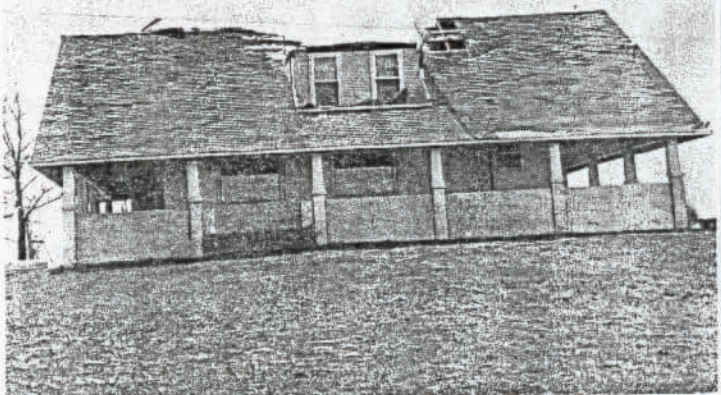
REPAIRS UNDERWAY — The above scene was re-enacted many times during the early part of the week as utility crews undertook the task of restoring telephone and electric service to areas laid waste by the Sunday night tornado. Telephone crewmen are shown preparing to reset a pole broken off on the Sidney - Freyburg road at the Meranda road.



FRAMED BETWEEN what remains of trees is this farm house on the Meranda road from which the tornadic winds "gently" removed the roof, leaving the two lower floors standing. Damage to the house, however, was extensive.



ALTHOUGH THE FARM home in this case appears to have escaped complete destruction, the barn and other buildings located on a farm on Meranda road in the eastern portion of the county were torn asunder. The force of the wind is indicated by the distance the timers from the structure were hurled. They can be seen in the foreground.



LANDMARK DAMAGED— This residence, occupied by the Leroy Gehle family, was literally "topped" by the tornado. Located just west of state route 47 on the Meranda road, it had been looked upon as a landmark

Owners Of Property Damaged By Tornado

An unofficial list of owners of damaged property in the Shelby county Palm Sunday tornado zone was made public this week by Sheriff Robert Burns.

The record was compiled by sheriff's deputies, Sidney police and other law enforcement agencies.

As is known, most of the devastation occurred in a half-mile belt extending east-west across Shelby county from a point southwest of Fort Loramie to near the Logan county line.

That then is the address of most of those whose names appear on the list, although some property in Jackson Center and other adjacent areas was damaged and is included.

Names of the property owners, as listed by the sheriff, follow:

Carl Wehrman, Alvin Poeppleman, Clarence Poeppelman, Tom Roderman, Gene Roderman, Ben Puthoff, Don Puthoff, Robert Boying, Harry Frilling, Leo Goubeaux, William Ernst, Mrs. Freytag, Pollie Miller.

W. Daniels, Julie Borger, Middendorf Stockyard, Paul Boerger, Al Barhorst, Frank Danzig, Urban Barhorst, Wayne Spencer, Orville Winner, Robert Platfoot, Chester Ware, J. Barhorst, Herman Winner Sr., Urban Schulze, A. J. Pleiman, Adrian Close, Vernon Schmitmeyer.

Paul Christman, Albert Reithman, Carl Pence, Bernard Plas, Urban A. Benanzer, Bernadine Barhorst, Anthony Gaier, Tom's Body Shop, Wendeln Cement Products, Henry Cardo, John Kloeker.

Julian Boerger, Middendorf Stockyards, T. Barhorst, Russell Sayre, Russell Lenhart, Swanders Elevator, Robert Elsner, Dick Lynn, Roscoe Timeus, Virgil Timeus, Sylvester Berning, A. L. Lentz & Sons.

Barney Ahrns, Cuba School, Frank Zircher, Werner Bensman, Walter Schmiesing, Matt Hoying, Joe Zumberger estate, Morris Hickerson, William Holthaus, Henry Schlater, Clem Bender, Lawrence Ihle, Virgil Howell.

Doyle Fogt, Clarence E. Fogt, L. H. Harman, Ralph C. Van Horn, Louis Bertsch, Edward Zimpfer, Shroakes residence, Riggs residence, Hugh Lochard Henry Long, Mrs. Beulah Young.

Albert Ammon, George Symonds, Leroy Gehle, Robert Mees, Bernard Clinehens, Cecil Musser.

Hospital Lists Those Receiving Treatment

Wilson Memorial Hospital officials today released the names of all who were tretaed and admitted or released either Sunday night or early Monday morning as a result of injuries received in the tornado.

There were a total of 18 admitted with an additional 22 persons treated and released.

Only 10 remained hospitalized Friday afternoon, the hospital report shows.

Admitted and later released were Barbara Ahrns, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ahrns; Mrs. Ahrns, 34; Jill Elson, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elson of R. R. 1, Minster;

Thomas Niekamp, 26, his wife, Mary, 23, their children, Angela Niekamp, 1, and Daniel 3; Mrs. Henrietta Thobe, 46, R. R. 4, Sidney;

William Schweitzer, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schweitzer of 1020 Hayes street, Sidney.

Still hospitalized are Linda Ahrns, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ahrns of R. R. 2, Anna; Frank Elson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elson of R. R. 1, Minster.

Donald Iler, 38, his wife, Loretta, also 38, and three of their children, Virginia, Lora Lee, and Donald Jr. all of R. R. 4, Sidney: Mrs. Hazel Symonds, 59, wife of George Symonds of R. R. 1, Maplewood. Martin Barhorst, R. R. 1, Minster.

Largest number in any one family treated and all released were Mr. and Mrs. James Riggs, of R. R. 5, and their seven children, John, 7, Jeffrey, 3, Kenneth, 8, Bobby, 6, Jerry, 5, Rita, 4 and James Jr. 9.

Others in the out-patient department were Mrs. Virginia Pequignot, and Pamela Pequignot both of R. R. 4, Sidney; Carl Pence, 10, R. R. 2, Sidney; Charles Pence, 14, both of R. R. 2, Sidney; Bernard Ahrns, R. R. 2, Sidney; David Boyer, 7, Anna; Robert Boyer, Anna, Charles Close, Mrs. Leo Christman, R. R. 2, Anna.

Mrs. Betty Schmitmeyer, 35, wife of Vernon Schmitmeyer, of R. R. 2, Anna, George Symonds, 59, of R. R. 1, Maplewood; Julius Thobe, 50, of R. R. 4, Sidney; and John Whitman, of R. R. 6, Sidney.

In cases where the ages are not listed, the hospital records are incomplete, they said today.

However, the majority of those treated appears to be children, they observed.

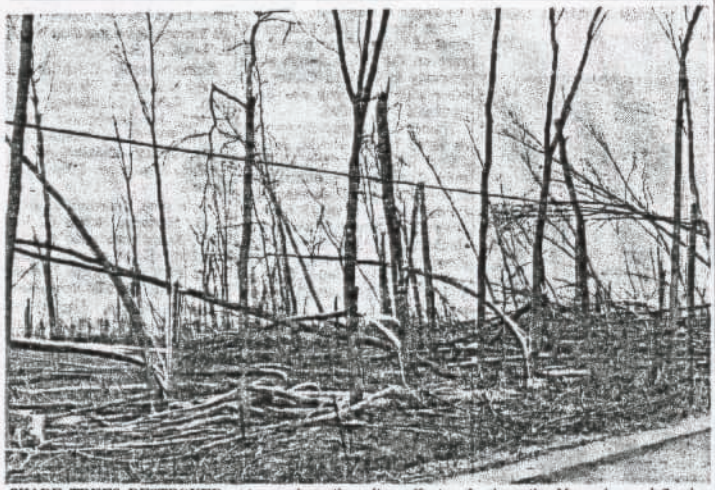
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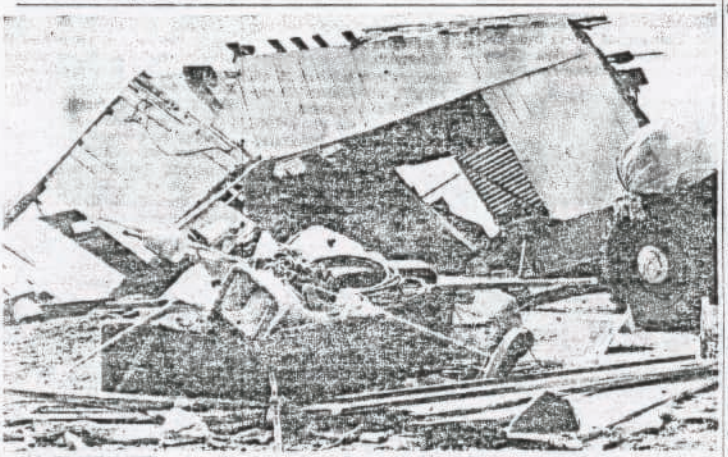
WOODS SCALPED — A woodland area that once added beauty to the drive along the Meranda road west of state route 65 was badly mauled by the force of the tornado as the above photograph gives ample evidence.



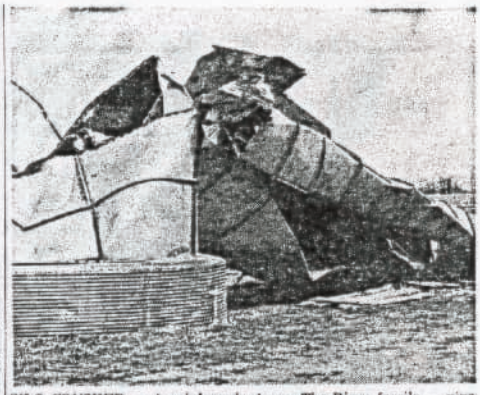
TICKET BATTERED — The heavy thicket, which borders the Fort Loramie-Swanders road near Fort Loramie, took a severe plastering from the Palm Sunday tornado, as one can gather from the above photograph.



SHADE TREES DESTROYED— Appearing more like desert cactus than shade growth, these trees show the after effects of the tornadic winds which swept along the Meranda road Sunday night.



ALL THAT'S LEFT — A collection of household items in the container in the foreground represents just about all that was salvaged at the George Symond's farm, located on the Meranda road near state route 65. The barn in the background was virtually dismantled by the tornado, and the house completely destroyed, with Mrs. Symonds sent to the hospital with injuries received in the storm.



SILO CRUSHED — A reinforced metal silo on the James Riggs place on the Meranda road was little more than a toy for the tornado as the above photograph shows. The Riggs family — nine in all —miraculously escaped injury when their home collapsed during the deadly storm.

Storm Wipes Out More Than 150 Structures

Some indication of the viciousness of the storm that swept through Shelby county Sunday evening is revealed in the report of losses compiled by Shelby County Sheriff Robert Burns.

The total, prepared from individual reports of inspections made Monday and Tuesday, showed losses in execss of $1,500,000, closely approaching the $1,750,000 estimate made by Robert Siler, representative of the state civil defense authority.

Burns pointed out that of necessity the reports had to be on an estimate basis, but he added, "they do provide a vivid picture of the loss in real estate, personal and public property, resulting from the tornado."

The survey was made with the assistance of the Sidney police department, and the Miami county sheriff's office, Burns said.

Three Shelby county cruisers, two from the Sidney police department and one from the Miami county sheriff's office were assigned the task of making a survey throughout the devastated area and checking with each property owner wherever necessary.

The sheriff reported that the survey showed 24 farm homes completely destroyed; 38 barns a total wreck, and 88 other buildings destroyed. The latter included larger structures, such as machinery and tool sheds, brooder houses, etc.

Also destroyed by the storm were several business establishments in the Fort Loramie area, including Tom's Body Shop, the Fort Loramie Stone Products Co. and a bulk fertilizer operation.

Listed as having received major damage were 10 homes, 10 barns, and four other large buildings. Burns pointed out that damage to some of these buildings might be so great they would have to be torn down and rebuilt.

In a minor damage category were listed 21 homes, 10 barns, and nine other buildings. "When we refer to minor," the sheriff added, "we don't mean just a few shingles torn off, but rather damage that could require more than just a small investment for repairs."

The loss in real estate was estimated, on the basis of the survey, at more than $1,000,000, with the loss in personal property, such as clothing, home furnishings, and the like, between $100,000 and $150,000.

Burns said the loss in farm machinery was estimated at around $125,000, with the livestock loss going as high as $100,000. More than 100 head of cattle and 125 head of hogs were either killed or so injured they had to be destroyed.

A check of public property damage to road signs, damage to highways guard rails, etc. was estimated at $15,000.

Some 30 automobiles were reported as destroyed or so heavily damaged it was doubtful they could be repaired. There was less damage to numerous other vehicles.

Although an accurate check on the loss to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad as a result of the wreck north of Swanders due to the storm was not available, the damage to equipment alone was set at around $165,000.

This figure did not include any estimate of damage to contents of the wrecked cars, of which approximately half were loaded.

Burns pointed out that his figures did not include damage to utility lines of the Dayton Power and Light Co., Pioneer Rural Electric Co-op, and the Ohio Telephone Service Co. This figure was expected to be substantial.

'1948' Storm Widespread In Damage

Frequent reference has been made to "1948" during discussions of the recent Palm Sunday tornado.

What happened in 1948?

Damage was extensive here and elsewhere. But was it due to a wind storm, tornado, cyclone or other type of disturbance?

Willis E. Ailes, secretary-treasurer of the Shelby County Farmers Mutual Insurance Association at Anna, supplied a factual answer today.

"It was classed as a windstorm - a strong one," he said. "Unlike the Sunday tornado, it caused damage over the entire county—practically the whole state.

"But the damage was not as violet as that which happened to property in the relatively narrow path of the Sunday tornado."

Ailes said the Anna insurance company received approximately 1,600 claims in 1948, with many of them coming from Shelby, Auglaize and Mercer counties.

Sunday's twister thus far has produced between 200 and 250 claims with the local area concerned.

"But dollar volume involved now is much larger than that from the greater number of claims in the earlier wind disaster, Ailes said.

The Anna firm official said that insurance companies here and elsewhere have not as yet completed their own estimates of property loss.

"Thus far, we are using the figures compiled by Civil Defense, the county commissioners and Sheriff Robert Burns," Ailes said.

He did not indicate whether final estimates could be higher or lower than the present $1,750,000 total on which applications for disaster area aid were based at the outset.

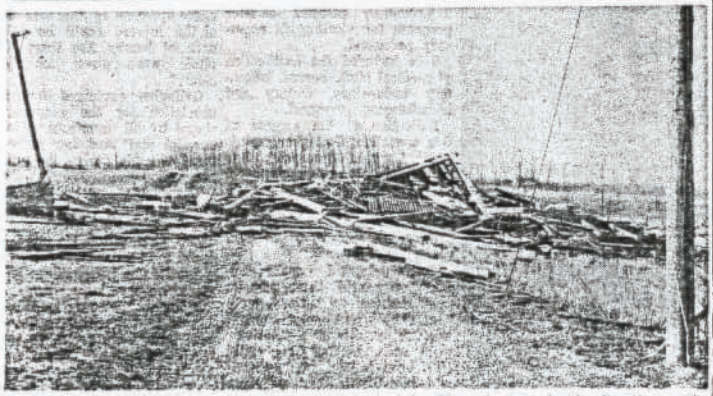
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AS CLEANUP operations moved forward throughout the county, the picture at top left was indicative of the scene found at many of the farm homes in the stricken area as neighbors and friends gathered to assist in the handling of livestock and salvaging what they could from wrecked homes and buildings. One of the last places to feel the damaging effects of the Sunday night tornado was the Robert Mees property, shown at the top right along state route 65 just north of Maplewood. Evidence of the destructive effect of the wind on trees is shown in the middle picture at the left while some of the damage to trees in Pearl cemetery at Swanders can be seen in the photograph opposite. Additional evidence of the power of the tornadic winds on the tombstones in St. Jacob's Lutheran Church cemetery along county road 25-A is revealed in the photograph at the bottom left. Characteristic of many spots throughout the stricken area are the pieces of barn roofing rolled up along the fence rows and highways such as shown in the picture at lower left.



ONCE WAS A HOUSE — So characteristic of the damage wrought by the Sunday evening tornado is this scene along the Meranda road in the eastern section of the county. As was true in so many cases where the storm struck there was little that was really salvageable.



A MASS OF TIMBERS — Although there were some 10 buildings on the Henry L. Harshbarger property on the Harmon road Sunday evening, by Monday morning they had been reduced to a pile of rubble by the tornadic winds that swept across the area shortly after 10 p.m. The farm home was not wrecked completely although it received [illegible] and the [illegible] were killed four persons

Moulton Hit In 1920 By Tornado

It was on Palm Sunday in 1920 that a tornado struck the little village of Moulton in Auglaize county. The date was March 28.

A reader of The Sidney Daily News pinpointed the time of this disaster after reading reference of the Shelby county disaster to the earlier catastrophe.

Three persons died at Moulton —two children, ages 6 and 4, and an 18-year-old youth.

Destruction was widespread.

Razed by the twisting wind were the Trinity Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal and United Brethren churches, the Detjen grain elevator and a general store bearing the same name. Three homes were leveled.

That was back in the days of the old Western Ohio interurban line and 500 feet of its trolley wire and supporting poles became casualties.

Before aiming at Moulton, the 1920 tornado struck the western Darke county village of Nashville, [illegible] and killed four persons there. It passed through the vicinity of St. Henry and Coldwater.

Cridersville, northeast of Moulton, apparently was the last touch-down site.

Rockford Gets Kokomo Debris

CELINA—Last Sunday's tornado, among other thing, apparently uncovered a non-stop wind route from Kokomo, Ind. to Rockford.

Russell Fleming of that community reported that he found a 16-page Kokomo city directory on his property Tuesday. The directory, dated July, 1927, apparently was blown almost 100 miles from Kokomo to Rockford by the high winds.

On Monday, another Rockford area farmer reported discovering a 1963 joint income tax return filed by a Kokomo man and wife.

Edison Succumbs

NORWALK, Conn. (UPI) — Mrs. Marion Edison Oser, 92, the eldest of the children o Thomas A. Edison, died Friday

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TORNADO'S HAVOC — In these pictures the photographer has caught some of the scenes of destruction in the county resulting from Sunday night's tornado. At upper left, William Loffer, Swanders, points to the spot from which he and others rescued Mrs. Julius Thobe, when their home on the Harmon road, collapsed during the storm. At upper right, little remains of the old Cuba school house on the Hardin - Wapakoneta road near the Bernard L. Alurns farm on which every building, including the home was leveled. Middle left shows the basement of the farm home occupied by John Boyer, where part of the family took refeuge from the storm and from which they were later rescued. At the middle right is the wrecked barn on the Vernon Schmitmeyer farm on state route 29, while at the lower left is the house on the same farm from which the top was ripped off by the tornado. At lower right is an interior view of the Oliver Schroerlucke farm on the Miranda road, where the roof was torn from the house and the interior turned into shambles by the storm. Mr. and Mrs. Schroelucke saved themselves by dropping off their beds onto the floor just as the storm struck.



TWO OF THE SCORES of automobiles damaged during the Sunday night tornado are shown above. These vehicles were parked near the Don Iler farm on the Harmon road in the direct path of the storm. More than 30 automobiles were destroyed throughout the county, while numerous others received more or less serious damage. In a number of cases the autos were blown from the highways with the occupants suffering

Twister Damages Many Structures; 50 Hurt

Alerted for action shortly after the tornado loosed its fury on northern Shelby county Sunday night, Wilson Memorial Hospital soon became a beehive of activity that continued into the daylight hours of Monday morning.

Hospital Administrator J. V. Gallagher said the first alert to the hospital came at approximately 10:45 p.m. from Shelby County Sheriff Robert Burns.

Although the full impact of the destructive storm was not known at that time, the hospital official immediately put into operation a previously planned disaster program for alerting all necessary personnel.

This included the notification of medical staff, nurses, laboratory technicians, dietary and housekeeping personnel.

Indicative of the success of this operation, Gallagher reported that within 30 minutes after the initial call was received, all members of personnel who could be reached because of damaged telephone communications in some areas, were at the hospital ready for duty.

Fortunately, the hospital administrator said, there was no peak demand on hospital facilities. The injured were brought into the hospital at a relatively even pace, so that they could be immediately "processed" with no real backlog developing.

Six of the injured brought in required surgery, with surgeons remaining on duty until 4 a.m. Two o those admitted were listed as serious or critical with the balance having relatively minor injuries. One person was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Learning of the disaster, officials at Piqua Memorial hospital, Dettmer General Hospital and Mary Rutan Hospital at Bellefontaine early advised Gallagher that they were placing their staffs on a standby basis in case it should be necessary to transfer some of the injured to other hospitals for treatment.

At 2 a.m. these hospitals advised Gallagher that they were still standing by. When it became apparent by 2:30 that most of the injured could be taken care of locally, the three hospitals were given an "all-clear."

Gallagher expressed deep appreciation for the cooperation shown by all members of the hospital staff and law enforcement officials during the emergency.

"Everybody pitched in and did whatever job there was to be done," the administrator added. "The teamwork was wonderful to observe and enabled us to handle the injury cases without any appreciable delay."

Gallagher also expressed thanks to the sheriff's department and Sidney police for their assistance in the routing of calls and handling necessary details beyond the immediate confines of the hospital.

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A DISASTER CREW sponsored by the Mennonite church whose motto is "bear another's burdens" has moved into the tronado area to help with clean-up work on farms in the northwestern section of the county. Left to right eating lunch at St. Patricks school are Ralph E. Yutzy, Homer Detweiler, Lee Yutzey, John H. Yoder, Lawrence Gingerich, and Can Hostettler, Below is Joe Neer of West Liberty receiving a bowl of soup from Mrs. William Eilerman, member of St. Patrick church. The lunch arrangements were set up by the national Farmers Organization, Shelby county aided by the women of St. Patrick church. Food was provided by the National Red Cross as part of the disaster relief. Leo Buehler of the NFO said the crews will work in the section through today and then move on to the Maplewood area where lunches will be served at the Maplewood Grange. A spokesman for the church group said they would be here as long as there is a necessity. The Mennonite Disaster Service was set up in 1952 to aid stricken areas. Nelson Hostettler of West Liberty is co-ordinator for the area that extends as far east as Plain City. On the Menu are vegetable-bean soup with luncheon meat and hot ham sandwiches, cookies and milk or coffee. As the crews joined by Shelby countians leave the school building they are given extra sandwiches to take along.

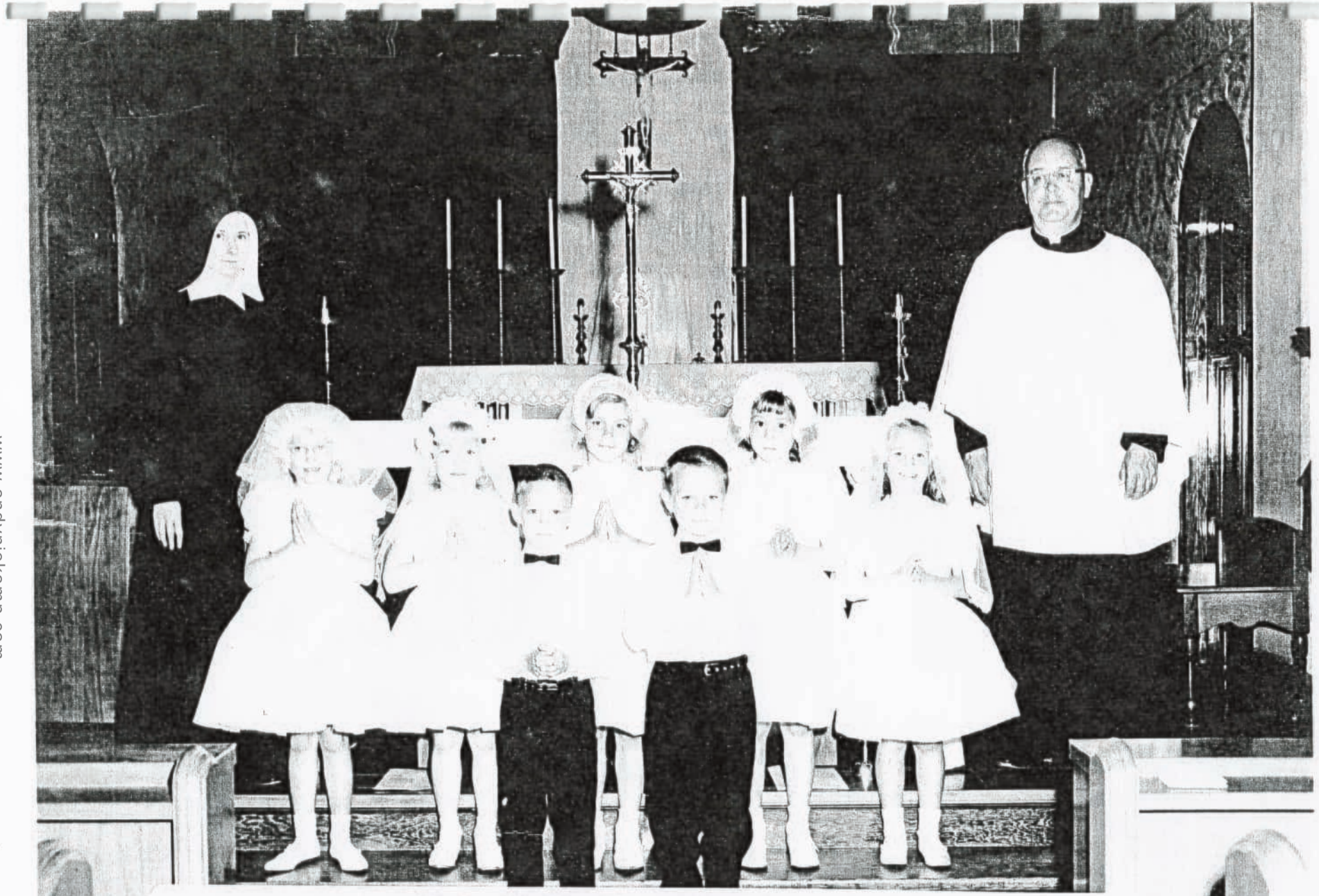
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The Alvin & Martha (Fisher) Poeppelman Family (1965)

Daughter - Vicki



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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1965)

Back Row: Sister - Teacher - Rev. William Goldschmidt
Middle Row: Jo Ann Poeppelman, Patty Holthaus, Betty Wehrman, Cindy Meyer, Kathy Berning
Front Row: John Geise, Tim Berning

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The Lindy & Mary (Poeppelman) Hoying Family (1965)

Standing: Kathy, Mike, Jerry

Sitting: Bill, Lindy, Mary, Chuck

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St. Patrick prepares for closing

ST. PATRICK — St. Patrick Catholic Church is to close June 30 after 132 years of providing pastoral services to residents of the small community and the surrounding area.

The decision was made by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati that, due to lack of available priests and declining church attendance, that the St. Patrick parish close, reported Ray George, public information officer for the Archdioese.

"Any kind of closing is painful," George said. "In the case of St. Patrick, this will be a painful closing to them."

He continued that the Archbishop concluded that "the entire Catholic community would be best served with the consolidation of the St. Patrick parish into neighboring parishes."

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That consolidation is one of the issues which local church officials and members plan to work out in the days ahead. Tom Raterman, president of the parish council at St. Patrick, said all concerns about church boundaries, church records, the church building and the cemetery will be properly taken care of.

Raterman noted that, by law, the cemetery property cannot be sold. George assured that the cemetery would continue to be maintained

The date of the closing Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church has yet to be scheduled.

Membership dwindling

There are approximately 80 families who are members of the St. Patrick parish, a membership which has been dwindling recently, Raterman said. Since 1989, St. Patrick has been sharing the services of the Rev. Henry F. Albietz with Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport.



ST. PATRICK Catholic Church has served the Turtle Creek Township community for well over a century. This year, however, due to declining Mass attendance and a shortage of priests, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has decided the local parish will close. (Staff file photo)

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes are held through a joint program at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the programs' activities conducted at the Fort Loramie church.

During a recent parish council meeting, Jeff Rexhausen of the archdiocese attended to discuss the decision to close the local parish, said Raterman.

George said consultation on this issue began with the local parish in 1991. He said St. Patrick is the second rural church in several years to be close throughout the 19-county region of the Cincinnati Archdiocese. He said mergers of churches in large cities have taken place.

He commented that all parishes in the archdiocese were urged, as the new century approaches, to plan the direction of their individual parishes. He said all parishes needed to "take an inward look" as to how the mission of the church would be carried out, particularly in a time when the number of men entering the priesthood is declining.

Church history

St. Patrick Catholic Church was organized at the former Irish settlement on Hoying Road in 1862. The Rev. Patrick Henneberry headed the organizing efforts.

Land was donated a year later on which to build a church. Eleven years later the church was torn down and a new one built. At that time the church was a mission of Holy Angels Catholic Church at Sidney.

In 1913 the congregation petitioned Archbishop Henry Moeller for a resident priest. The request was granted and the Rev. Goswin Menge was appointed as the first resident priest.

Also at this time, the congregation set upon constructing a new church. The cornerstone of the current St. Patrick Catholic Church was laid June 13, 1915. Land for it was donated by Anna Barhorst, according to a church history. The cost of the building was $18,750. The first service there was on Christmas Day, 1915. The Archbishop dedicated the church in October 1916.

In 1928, under the direction of the Rev. Louis Apt, the church purchased the St. Patrick school building for $300 and built an addition for another $10,645. The St. Patrick School was discontinued in 1954.

In 1950 a number of improvements were made to the building, including a new heating system, landscaping, and electric operation of the church bells.

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2 local communities boast of Irish past

By Judy McElheny-Owen

There's no telling where you'll find a leprechaun today but if history is any clue, your best bet locally is northwest Shelby County.

The McCartyville and St. Patrick communities were founded by Irish settlers and that influence continues today as the towns prepare for the 11th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration Friday and Saturday.



IRISH EYES are smiling on the Shelby County community of St. Patrick today. St. Patrick and McCartyville were both settled by the Irish. (Staff photo by Judy McElheny-Owen)

The two-day party hosted by McCartyville has everything from an Irish jog to a parade open to anyone who wants to participate.

Sutton's History of Shelby County, published in 1883, states a man named Cory was one of the first white settlers to move to what is now McCartyville. He bought 40 acres there in 1833. At the time, McCartyville lay along an Indian path, blazed through the woods in the 1800s by Indians wishing to travel to Sidney from St. Marys.

A half mile to the east of McCartyville was the Hardin-Wapakoneta trail, connecting Wapakoneta, a Shawnee Indian village, with the area around old Piqua and the now historic Johnston Farm on Hardin Road.

Early settlers found lots of gravel in McCartyville. They used it to build a road, the Sidney-St. Marys Pike, in the mid 1800s. That road is now Ohio 29. The other key road in McCartyville is Ohio 119. It came into being in 1875, making the area a logical place to lay out a town.

On Jan. 7, 1876, an Irishman, Patrick McCarty, bought a lot in the vicinity. The land was surveyed on Jan. 26, 1876, and McCartyville was born.

Just southwest of McCartyville is St. Patrick. There are nine houses there, 10 if you count the rectory of St. Patrick Catholic Church. It was founded in 1862, also by the Irish.

One of the best anecdotes about the St. Patrick/McCartyville areas comes from the late Henry Fealy. He recalled when he was a lad, the area between the two communities was a dense woods. There was a bog in the woods and people would walked by it sometimes got "ague," a malarial-like fever.

"When we felt an attack (of ague) coming on, we took a nip of whiskey and started walking toward St. Patrick. At every house we came to, we stopped and had another nip. We continued to do this until we arrived at the farthest Irish home to the south of St. Patrick. Coming back we usually did the same, and we usually lost the fever along the way."

So, enjoy St. Patrick's Day and don't rule out that leprechaun. As Irishman John Mahaffy once said, "Ireland is a country where the probable never happens, and the impossible always does."

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The Clarence & Ruth Ann (Bensman) Meyer Family

Standing: Peg, Sue, Bill, Ruth, Phil, Clarence, Ron, Cindy, Jane, Kathy
Kneeling: Jenny, Sandy, Teresa, Carol, Ann
Sitting: Mary Jo, Lynn

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The Werner & Euleta (Bertke) Bensman Family (1994)

Front row: Kathleen, Gary, Euleta, Werner, Brenda

Back row: Gregory, Susan, Dan, Debra, Dennis

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Decree

After consulting with the Council of Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, its Pastoral Council and the pastor and lay leadership of St. Patrick Parish, St. Patrick, I have determined that the pastoral mission of the Catholic Church in northwestern Shelby County would be best served by closing St. Patrick Parish.

There are many factors which support this decision. St. Patrick Parish is a small congregation which has had difficulty in recent years fulfilling its ministerial and financial obligations. The close proximity of its members to other parish churches makes transportation relatively easy. There will not be a priest available to serve the parish as pastor. Most importantly, parochial ministry in our time has become increasingly complex and demands the most efficient utilization of personal and material resources. Sharing their gifts with neighboring parishes will enable the people of St. Patrick Parish to contribute more effectively to the mission of the Church.

For these reasons, and in virtue of my office as Diocesan Bishop, in accord with Canon 515.2 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby decree that St. Patrick Parish, St. Patrick is closed. I decree further that the assets and liabilities of St. Patrick Parish shall belong to St. Michael Parish, Fort Loramie. The sacramental records of St. Patrick Parish are to be retained in good order by the pastor of St. Michael Parish. St. Patrick church shall remain a sacred place, suitable for the celebration of the Catholic liturgy at the discretion of the pastor of St. Michael Parish. This same pastor may seek secularization of the church at any time in the future, should circumstances warrant it in his judgment.

I decree further that the territory of St. Patrick Parish is to be apportioned among St. Michael Parish, Fort Loramie, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Newport and Sacred Heart Parish, McCartyville. That portion of the St. Patrick Parish territory lying within the Ft. Loramie School District, now and in the future, will be attached to St. Michael Parish. The portion of St. Patrick Parish territory lying within the Anna School District, now and in the future, as well as that portion lying in the Hardin-Houston School District north of Mason Road, will be attached to Sacred Heart Parish. The portion of St. Patrick Parish territory lying within the Hardin-Houston School District south of Mason Road, now and in the future, will be attached to Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.

The people and pastors of St. Michael, Sts. Peter and Paul and Sacred Heart Parishes are to provide a means for welcoming St. Patrick parishoners into their respective communities. The talents and traditions of St. Patrick parishoners are to be accepted with gratitude and integrated into their new parish communities whenever possible.

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This Decree shall take effect on the first day of July, 1994. It is to be published no later than May 15, 1994 in a manner selected by the pastors of St. Patrick, St. Michael, Sacred Heart and Sts. Peter and Paul Parishes, such that the Catholic people of their respective parishes will be properly notified.

+Daniel E. Pilarczyk

Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Given at Cincinnati, Ohio
on this Twenty-Sixth day of
April, 1994

Thelma L. Gallo

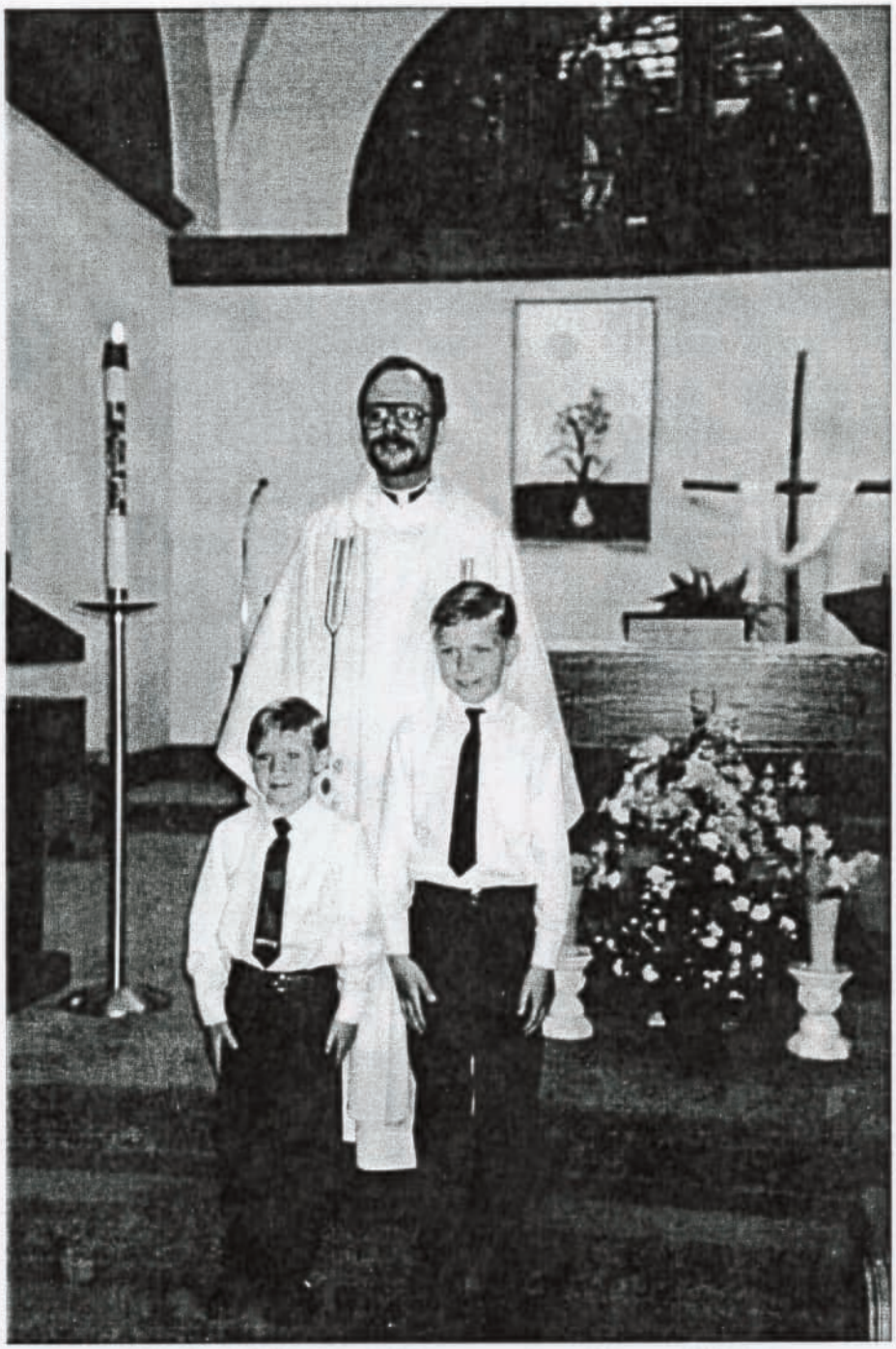
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St. Patrick First Communion Class (1994)
Greg Holthaus, Rev. Henry Albietz, Chip Hoying

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

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St. Patrick parishioners look ahead to new homes

By Lenore Christopher
Catholic Telegraph

ST. PATRICK — Parishioners of St. Patrick Church, founded by Irish immigrants 132 years ago, will bid farewell to their spiritual community during a 3 p.m. Mass Sunday, June 12, celebrated by Father Henry F. Albietz. On hand will be many of the former pastors who are also expected to join parishioners and friends at a picnic following the service.

The Shelby County church will officially close its doors as a parish community July 1, but parishioners have known for some time that when "Father Hank" completed his term as pastor for St. Patrick, no other pastor would be assigned.

"When I came on board two years ago, it was hanging over us," said Tom Raterman Jr., parish council president. "My role has been to make people feel as comfortable as possible."

With time to plan for the transition, Raterman said many parishioners have tried to look upon St. Patrick's end not as a death, but as a new beginning for worshipers who will be welcomed into neighboring parishes. For those who were baptized and reared in the now 80-family parish, however, the realization that the church is closing has been traumatic.

Raterman understands because his parents were reared on the "home farm" in the parish community and his grandmother was an organist at the church. Parishioners were able to express some of their emotions and recollect the past moments of a once-active church during a "Going Out in Style" dinner for about 150 in May.

The theme was discussed after a handful of parishioners met with archdiocesan personnel in 1993 hoping there could be an alternative to closure. After that meeting, the group "knew it was going to happen," said Connie Muhlenkamp, chairperson of the parish fun committee.

According to Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk's official decree, St. Patrick "has had difficulty in recent years fulfilling its ministerial and financial obligations. The close proximity of its members to other parish churches makes transportation relatively easy. There will not be a priest available to serve as pastor. Most importantly, parochial ministry in our time has become increasingly complex and demands the most efficient utilization of personal and material resources. Sharing the gifts with neighboring parishes will enable the people of St. Patrick Parish to contribute more effectively to the mission of the church."

"At times Father Hank experienced some difficulty finding people to take on different responsibilities," explained Jeff Rexhausen, director of the archdiocesan Office of Planning and Research. "There was also the difficulty of finding a full range of lay ministers for the different roles at Mass because the parish is so small. In reviewing this information, it appeared that they did not have the human resources to fulfill the increasing number of demands that there are to a parish today. They were extended beyond themselves."



St. Patrick Church, St. Patrick (Anna)

St. Patrick Parish has rich history

ST. PATRICK — The former Irish settlement on Hoying Road, Anna, in Shelby County, was organized as St. Patrick Church in 1862. Father Patrick Henneberry headed the organizing efforts.

Patrick Brennen and James McMonigal donated land for a church, which was built in 1863. Just 11 years later the old church was torn down and a new church was built under the direction of Father William Sidley of Holy Angels Church, Sidney. St. Patrick was attached to Holy Angels as a mission.

The church flourished and in 1913 the congregation petitioned Archbishop Henry Moeller for a resident priest. The request was granted with Father Goswin Menge's appointment.

The cornerstone of the present church was laid June 13, 1915. Land for the church and rectory was donated by Anna Barhorst, according to a church history, and cost of the building was $18,750.

Under the direction of Father Louis Apt, the church purchased the St. Patrick Public School in 1928 at a cost of $300 and an addition was built for another $10,645.

The St. Patrick School was discontinued in 1954 and the church's religious education program ended in the 1970s; students began instruction at St. Michael in Fort Loramie.

"St. Patrick Church shall remain a sacred place, suitable for the celebration of the Catholic liturgy at the discretion of the pastor of St. Michael Church," the archbishop added. "This same pastor may seek secularization of the church at any time in the future, should circumstances warrant it in his judgment."

With new parish boundaries drawn for the three adjacent churches, about 70 families will become members of St. Michael Church, Fort Loramie; the remaining 10 or so will be divided beween two other parishes, Sts. Peter and Paul, Newport, and Sacred Heart in McCartyville.

"It is painful to see one's church close," said Father Gerald Bensman at Sacred Heart, but the boundaries follow public school system lines. "It was a wise decision because in rural communities as well as in church, people form natural communities. Everybody seems pleased with that decision." St. Patrick Church encompassed three school districts — Fort Loramie, Anna and Hardin-Houston.

In terms of religious education, at St. Michael, which operates a released-time program with the Fort Loramie school system, parishioners' children will have religious education classes during the school day. Sts. Peter and Paul and Sacred Heart, both of which overlap more than one school district, have evening religious education programs for their youth.

St. Michael will take charge of the St. Patrick buildings and grounds, its sacramental records and the upkeep of the cemetery. Church registrations will be distributed to the churches where parishioners have been assigned.

"I have always been impressed with the commitment and the respectfulness (of the St. Patrick parishioners) in a situation which, because of the pain, can also create anger," said Rexhausen. "But at no point were they in any way unkind to the archbishop and they have really shown the Christian faith by that attitude and by becoming participating members of other parishes."

"Most are going to a parish we came from," said Raterman. "It's not as if we are going into uncharted waters." For example, St. Michael — a six-or seven-minute drive — has been taking care of the religious education of the youth at St. Patrick for many years.

"So in many ways, they have already been an integral part of our parish life and ministry," said Father Tim Bunch. St. Michael parishioners "are looking forward to the wonderful gifts that parishioners of St. Patrick will bring. Their desire to be absorbed into the community is heartening."

The additional families will boost St. Michael to about 900 families.

"We are saddened by the closing, but it is lessened by the fact that we are going to (parishes) where we are being so well received," Raterman said. "St. Michael is a class act," said Raterman. "They have really welcomed us."

Sts. Peter and Paul will not only welcome new parishioners, but also a new pastor, Father Don Shelander, transferring from Bellefontaine's St. Patrick.

All three of the neighboring parishes are planning celebrations to make the families assigned to them feel welcome, said Father Bensman. Although Father Bunch expects worshipers to be on hand for Masses following the June 12 closing Mass, the more formal celebration of welcome for the majority of the St. Patrick family will be at the 11:30 a.m. Mass July 17, followed by a dinner in St. Michael Hall.

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St. Patrick's Church

7440 Hoying Road Anna, Ohio 45302



St. Patrick, Ohio

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NEWPORT RECTORY.....513-295-3001
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE....Werner Bensman
419-628-2296



June 12, 1994————11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

	MASSES	
June 12	3:00 p.m.	Living & Dec'd of the Parish

COLLECTION: June 5: $315.06. Thank you very much.

	NUMBER OF ENVELOPES	AMOUNT
$25 and above	3	$ 80.00
$20 - $24	2	$ 40.00
$10 - $19	9	$ 90.00
$5 - $9	10	$ 52.00
$1 - $4	4	$ 9.00
Loose Money		$ 44.06



Flag Day
June 14

OPEN HOUSE: Paul & Victoria Eilerman will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church. There will be an open house from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at K of C Hall in Minster on June 12. Everyone is welcome.

WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS: Newport, McCartyville, and Fort Loramie parishes will all be welcoming new parishioners from St. Patrick with a Mass and reception sometime in July. The schedule is as follows:

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish celebration will be held July 17 at the 10:15 a.m. Mass with a brunch to be held immediately afterwards. This celebration will also welcome Fr. Don Shelander to Newport.

McCartyville Sacred Heart Church will be having a Mass of welcoming on July 3 at 10:00 a.m. with refreshments afterwards.

St. Michael Parish will be having a welcoming celebration at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on July 17. A dinner will be served immediately after Mass at St. Michael's Hall. Meat and drinks to be provided, but everyone is requested to bring a covered dish.

MARIA STEIN CENTER PRESENTS: "Companions At The Table" July 18-24 w/Fr. Joe Nassal, C.PP.S. Please register by July 1. This retreat offers a fresh perspective on the spirituality of the Paschal Mystery. Week begins 8:00 p.m. Monday, concludes Sunday after 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. To register call 419-925-4538 or 1-800-648-3220 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Also, "Five Day Academy For Spiritual Formation" July 26-31. Please register by July 1. The academy is open to all lay and clergy of all denominations. Week begins with 6:30 evening meal Tuesday, registration is from 5:00-6:30; concludes Sunday after 12:30 dinner. To register call Rev. David Woodyard 419-394-4185 , 419-394-3615 or Ann Peat 614-890-3802. Also, "Maria Stein Country Fest" June 24,25,26. Enjoy three days of FAMILY FUN - for everyone! FREE PARKING! FREE ADMISSION! FREE ENTERTAINMENT! on Maria Stein Center grounds - 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein, OH. Call 419-925-4538 or 1-800-648-3220 for more information and schedule of events.

CATHOLIC ADULT SINGLES CLUB will go out to eat at the Pizza Hut in Celina on Friday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. and then to the Drive-In Movies. For more information, call 513-526-3330 or 419-629-2112.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The farmer in today's gospel planted seed and then waited patiently for results. He didn't understand the growth process but trusted it. As parents we can influence our children, but nothing we do can guarantee results. Today on Father's day, let's remember that like the farmer, a parent's trust is a sign of the Kingdom of God.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: We gather today for the last time as parishioners of St. Patrick. As difficult as that may be, it is important to remember that God the Holy Spirit remains with us---counseling, consoling, teaching, advocating, and leading us where he wills. That is an awesome truth. If we treat the Holy Spirit with courtesy, we will find the world again new and dazzling. there is an ancient Jewish proverb that says everyone should have two pockets. In the pocket on the left, should be a piece of paper that reminds us: "I am only dust". However, in our right pocket, there should be the message: "For me alone, the entire universe has been created".



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FINAL MASS

ST. PATRICK CHURCH

JUNE 12, 1994

3:00 P.M.



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CELEBRANT----------Rev. Henry F. Albietz
DEACON----------Rev. Mr. Werner R. Bensman

INVITED CONCELEBRANTS

Rev. Edward F. Haskamp (Pastor, 1971-72)
Rev. Joseph B. Bruening (Pastor, 1972-73)
Rev. Robert J. Monnin (Pastor, 1973-80)
Rev. J. Dennis Jaspers (Pastor, 1980-84)
Rev. John Bensman
Rev. Leo Hoying
Rev. Harold J. Sommer, S.J.

LECTOR: Tricia Hoying

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS: Jeanne Poeppelman, Joyce Hoying

GREETERS: Becky Overman, Tom Raterman, Jr.

SERVERS: Gary Meyer, Andy Bensman, Tony Hoying

ORGANIST: Sharon Holthaus



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ENTRANCE SONG: GP 126 "On Eagle's Wings"

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1, 4-5

RESPONSORIAL: I rejoiced because they said to me:
"We will go up to the house of the Lord".

I rejoiced when they said to me: "We will go up to the house of the Lord.
And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem--
Jerusalem, built as a compact city with compact unity.

Response

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David

Response

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper.
May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.
Because of my relatives and friends, I will say
"Peace be within you!"
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will pray for your good.

Response

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-17

ALLELUIA VERSE

GOSPEL: John 4:19-21, 23-24

HOMILY: Rev. Henry F. Albietz

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION: Becky Overman, Tom Raterman, Jr.

OFFERTORY SONG: GP 198 "Here I Am Lord"

HOLY, HOLY HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

GREAT AMEN

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION SONG: "For Everything There Is a Time"
(Soloist: Glen Hoying)

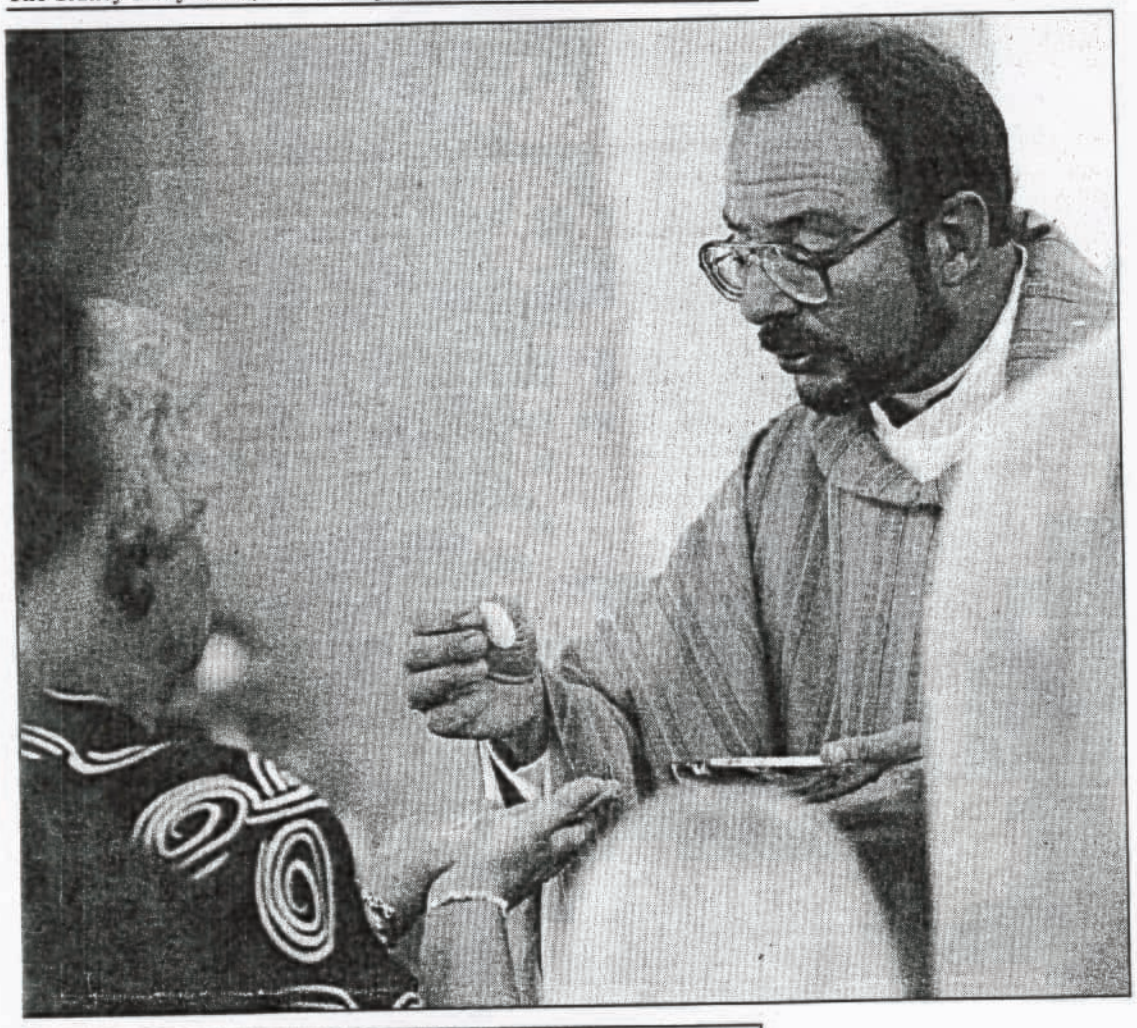
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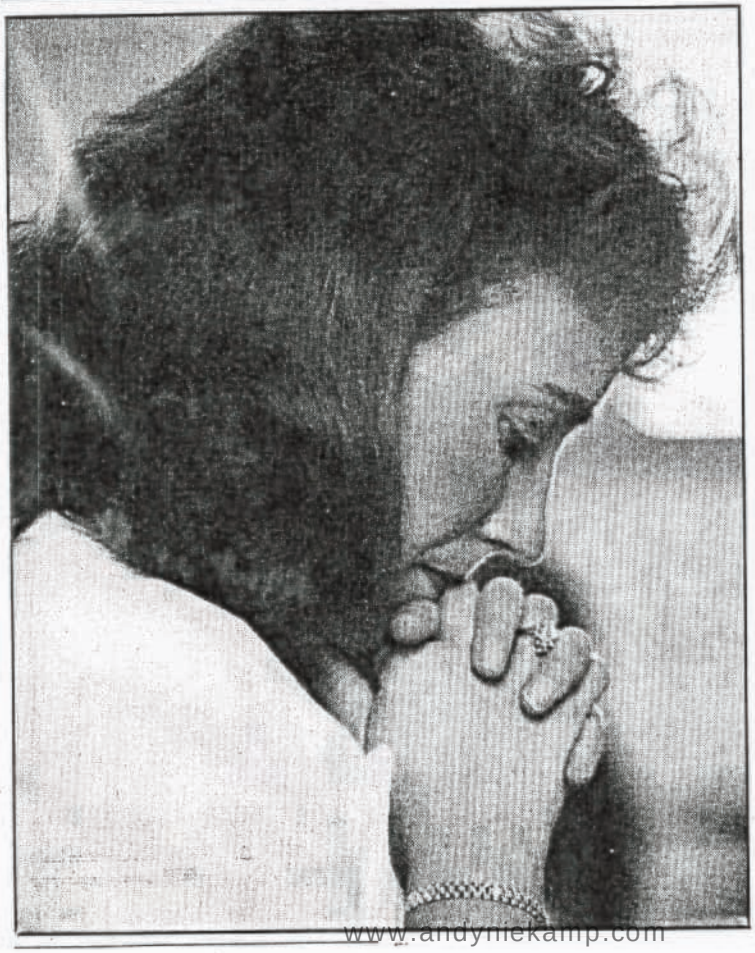
FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL: GP 187 "City of God"



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Last Mass

The Rev. Henry Albietz serves communion during the final Mass celebrated at St. Patrick Catholic Church in St. Patrick. Sunday's Mass marked the end of an era as the church closed after serving the community for 132 years. St. Patrick Catholic Church was founded in 1862. The current church building was constructed in 1915. At left, a woman pauses to pray during the service. Because of a lack of priests and declining enrollment, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati decided to close the church. Members of St. Patrick will now attend neighboring churches. Albietz will continue to serve Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport. He had served the St. Patrick and Newport churches since 1989. (Staff photo by Todd B. Acker)

PEG (MEYER) WRAY

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Final departure!

6-13-94



PARISHIONERS solemnly leave St. Patrick Catholic Church Sunday after the final Mass. The church closed after serving the Turtle Creek Township community since 1862. (Staff photo by Todd B. Acker)

Final Mass draws many back to St. Patrick

ST. PATRICK — The end of an era was witnessed by parishioners of St. Patrick Catholic Church Sunday when they gathered to hear the final Mass which was said by the Rev. Henry Albietz. The church has closed after serving the community for 132 years.

"We try not to think of it as the closing of a church but to think more in support of the new parishes we will be going on to," observed Tom Raterman, president of the parish council at St. Patrick. Raterman noted the church was more than three-quarters full Sunday."Some (parishioners) came back that hadn't been there in a long time. There were a lot of families there."

Raterman said that as he looked around at the congregation, "some people were crying and others seemed resigned that the church is closing. What can I say? It was an anti-climax, the end of the trail."

Because of the lack of available priests and declining church attendance, the Most Rev. Daniel Pilarczyk, bishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, decided earlier this year that the St. Patrick parish should close. He concluded that "the entire Catholic community would be best served with the consolidation of the parish into neighboring parishes."

St. Patrick Catholic Church was organized at the former Irish settlement on Hoying Road in 1862 with the Rev. Patrick Henneberry heading the organizing efforts.

Land was donated a year later on which to build a church, and 11 years later it was torn down and a new church was built. The church, at that time, was a mission of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sidney.

In 1913 the congregation gained a resident priest, the Rev. Goswin Menge, and the congregation constructed a new church. The cornerstone of the current St. Patrick Church was laid June 13, 1915. The first service there was on Christmas Day in 1915, and the Archbishop dedicated the church in October 1916.

Since 1989, St. Patrick has shared the services of the Rev. Henry F. Albietz with Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Newport.

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Visiting one another after Mass.
Something St. Patrick parishoners did frequently.

God, grand me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Pastors of St. Patrick's Parish

DATE		PASTOR	ORDER
1859	-1862	FR. PATRICK HENNEBERRY	C.PP.S
1861	-1866	FR. MICHAEL PENDERGAST	C.PP.S
1862	-1866	FR. FLORINTINE D'ARCY	C.PP.S
1863	-1866	FR. JOSEPH H. DREES	C.PP.S
1866	-1871	FR. MATTHIAS KREUSCH	C.PP.S.
1870	-1876	FR. WILLIAM H. SIDLEY	
1871	-1871	REV. PHILLIP RIST	C.PP.S
1876	-1876	FR. MATTHIAS KREUSCH	C.PP.S
1876	-1876	FR. P. PAUL REUTER	C.PP.S
1877	-1877	FR. P. GEORGE FLEISCH	C.PP.S
1878	-1878	FR. PETER KUHNMUENCH	C.PP.S
1879	-1881	FR. ALBERT VOAG	C.PP.S
1881	-1885	FR. DOMINIC SHUNK	C.PP.S
1885	-1888	FR. AMBROSIUS SCHUMACK	C.PP.S.
1888	-1889	FR. RAYMOND VERIMONT	
1889	-1893	FR. ERHARD FRITZ	C.PP.S
1893	-1896	FR. JOSEPH G. SAILER	C.PP.S
1896	-1897	FR. ERHARD FRITZ	C.PP.S
1897	-1903	FR. MICHAEL MUEHE	C.PP.S
1903	-1906	FR. FAUSTIN ERSING	C.PP.S
1906	-1910	FR. JOHN H. METZDORF	
1910	-1913	REV. FRANCIS KUEHNLE	
1913	-1916	REV. GOSWIN B. MENGE	
1916	-1917	REV. ANTHONY MOELLER	
1916	-1917	REV. ALBERT VON HAGEL	
1917	-1919	REV. JOSEPH KOCH	
1919	-1923	FR. ALBERT KROUM	
1923	-1931	FR. LOUIS ABT	
1923	-1931	FR. LOUIS ABT	
1923	-1931	FR. LOUIS ABT	
1931	-1936	FR. HENRY MEYER	
1937	-1955	REV. WARREN G. HOOK	
1955	-1955	REV. LEO HERLIHY	
1955	-1960	REV. CLARENCE F. LEIBOLD	
1960	-1964	REV. CHARLES B. KOVERMAN	
1964	-1964	FR. FRANCIS MOYER	
1964	-1966	REV. WILLIAM GOLDSCHMIDT	
1966	-1971	REV. HENRY T. AUSDENMORE	
1971	-1972	REV. EDWARD F. HASKAMP	
1972	-1973	REV. JOSEPH BRUENING	
1973	-1980	REV. ROBERT J. MONNIN	
1980	-1984	REV. J. DENNIS JASPARS	
1984	-1994	REV. HENRY F. ALBIETZ	

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1836	First Irish Settler in St. Patrick area - James O'Brien
1840	Canal days - missionary activity in area by Precious Blood Fathers
1862	St. Patrick parish organized by Rev. Patrick Henneberry, C.PP.S.
1863	First log church built
	Land donated by Patrick Brennan & James McMonagle (McMonigal)
1870	1870's - Community consisted of Thaman's General Store, Thaman Brother's Creamery,
	1870's - Stukenborg home, livery stable, saloon, and school was held in the store building.
1874	Frame church built - Fr. William H. Sidley, pastor (Old log church torn down Oct. 6, 1874.)
1892	Sr. Francis Jerome, SC (Ida Quinlin) joined Sisters of Charity (Approx. date)
1895	Sacristy, office, & living quarters added to frame church
	Church Treasurer: John Puthoff / Church Secretary: Joseph Schroder
1896	Church Treasurer: John Puthoff / Church Secretary: Joseph Schroder
1897	Church Treasurer: John Puthoff / Church Secretary: Philip Halpin / Warden: Henry Hoying
1898	Church Treasurer: John Puthoff / Church Secretary: Philip Halpin / Warden: Joseph Grieshop
1899	Church Treasurer: John Lauterbur / Church Wardens: Bernard Luthmann & Frank Puthoff
1900	Church Treasurer: John Lauterbur / Warden: Peter Bauer
1901	Church Treasurer: John Lauterbur / Warden: Philip Halpin
1902	Church Treasurer: B.J. Wuebker / Wardens: Joseph Hoying & Philip Halpin
1903	Church Treasurer: John Berning
1904	Church Treasurer: John Berning / Wardens: Herman Barhorst & Philip Halpin
1905	Church Treasurer: John Berning / Wardens: Herman Barhorst & Philip Halpin
1906	One room school building was erected (1906) (Fred Stukenborg - teacher in 1906) (see photo)
	The land for the school was formerly owned by John Berning & Wife and Herman Barhorst & Wife.
	Church Treasurer: John Berning / Wardens: Philip Halpin & Fred Hoying
1907	Church Treasurer: Henry Kaiser / Trustees: John Berning & Herman Pleiman
1908	Sister Mary Rosamunda, C.PP.S. (Josephine Hoying) entered Precious Blood Order
	Church Treasurer: Henry Kaiser / Trustees: John Berning & Herman Pleiman
	Frank Lachat' taught at St. Patrick School from 1908 until September, 1930.
	He taught school in the general store and then in the one room school house of which two wings were added after 1928.
	See school picture dated 1908 (56 pupils) (all 8 grades)
1909	Church Treasurer: Henry Kaiser / Trustees: John Berning & Caspar Luthman
1910	Church Treasurer: Henry Kaiser / Trustees: Fred Stukenborg & Caspar Luthman
1911	Church Treasurer: Henry Kaiser / Secretary: Fred Stukenborg / Warden: Caspar Luthman
1912	Church Treasurer: Anthony Hoying
1913	Church Treasurer: Anthony Hoying / Wardens: Louis Raterman & Henry Kaiser
1914	Church Wardens: Louis Raterman, Ferd Gaier, James Dundon
	1914-1915 School Year (Frank Lachat' -teacher-all eight grades-40 pupils)(see picture dated 11-13-1914)
	Sr. Mary Benedicta, (Antoinette Stukenborg) entered Precious Blood Order
1915	A new brick church was built - Rev. Goswin Menge, pastor

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Parish membership: 40 families
Seating capacity = 255 people / Louis Ley of Minster was the contractor
The land for the brick church and parsonage was donated by Anna Barhorst
The cornerstone of the church was laid on 6-13-1915
Church is Italian-Roman 13th century architecture
The stained glass windows were donated by:
East side: (front to back) Henry Liening, John Puthoff, Bernard & Caspar Luthman, & Clara Ronnebaum
West side: (front to back) Str. Antonii Et Caroli, Herman Barhorst, Frank Thaman, & John Berning
Upstairs in choir loft: (north-west) James Quinlan & Others & (north-east) Bernard Wuebker
Sacristy area windows: no names engraved
Front sanctuary window (St. Patrick): no name engraved
East sanctuary window: Philip and Mary Halpin
West sanctuary window: John and Margaret Dundon
Church Costs: approx. $19,000.00
The first services were held on 12-25-1915 and conducted by Rev. Anthony Moeller of St. Michael's Parish, Ft. Loramie
Church wardens: Louis Raterman, Ferd Gaier, & James Dundon
Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg

1916 Dedication of new brick church, Oct. 1, 1916
Dedicated by Most Rev. Henry Moeller, Archbisiop of Cincinnati
Church wardens: Louis Raterman, James Dundon, Philip Halpin
Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg

1917 Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg

1918 Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg

1919 Rectory was built
Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg

1920 Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg / School Directors: J.H. Westerheide, Fred Bensman, Joseph Hoying, Jake Zircher, L.A. Barhorst, & Louis Raterman

1921 Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg

1922 Church Board of Wardens: Joseph Hoying, Louis Barhorst, Anthony Eilerman
Sr. Mary Marina, C.PP.S (Elizabeth Berning) entered Precious Blood Order
Clerk of school: Fred Stukenborg / School Directors: Louis Raterman, Joseph Hoying, Fred Bensman, Louis Barhorst, & Jacob Zircher

1923 Church Board of Wardens: Julius Westerheide, Anthony Eilerman, Louis Barhorst
Clerk of school: Henry Plas / School Directors: Louis Raterman, Henry Hoying, Fred Bensman, Louis Barhorst, & Jacob Zircher.

1924 Sr. Ann Magdalen, S.C. (Magdalene Zircher) entered Sisters of Charity Order
Church Board of Wardens: Anthony Eilerman, Julius Westerheide, Joseph Wehrman
Clerk of school: Henry Plas / School Directors: Louis Raterman, Henry Hoying, Fred Bensman, Louis Barhorst, & Jacob Zircher

1925 Frescoed church and new furnace was installed.
Church Board of Wardens: Julius Westerheide, Joseph Wehrman, Fred Bensman
Clerk of school: Henry Plas / School Directors: Joseph Bensman, Louis Barhorst, Fred Bensman, Henry Hoying, & Louis Raterman

1926 1926-1927 School Year (Frank Lachat'-teacher-see school picture dated May,1927-48 pupils) (all 8 grades)

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	Clerk of school: J. H. Westerheide / School Directors: Fred Bensman, Joseph Bensman, Henry Hoying, Louis Raterman, & Louis Barhorst.
1927	1927-1928 School Year (Frank Lachat'-teacher-see school picture dated May 7,1928-40 pupils) (all 8 grades)
	Church Board of Wardens: Joseph Wehrman, Joseph Zumberge, Fred Bensman
	Crucifixion group constructed in cemetery where frame church was originally located.
1928	Parish bought St. Patrick public school for $300.00 and added two wings - Cost: $10,645.95 - Contractor: Charles Kaser, Sidney
	September 9, 1928 - Addition to school was dedicated by Monsignor Buckley of Springfield, Ohio
	1928-1929 School Year (Mary D. Gigandet-teacher-grades 1 through 4)
	1928-1929 School Year (Frank Lachat'-teacher-grades 4 through 8)
	Sr. Mary Leonita, C.PP.S (Irene Westerheide) entered Sisters of the Precious Blood Order
1929	1929-1930 School Year - (Mary D. Gigandet-teacher-grades 1 through 4)
	1929-1930 School Year - (Frank Lachat'-teacher-grades 5 through 8-see school picture dated April 29,1930) (15 pupils)
	Board of wardens: William Dundon, Clement Hoying, Charles Liening
1930	1930-1931 School Year - (Mary D. Gigandet-teacher-grades 1 through 4)(see school souvenir booklet)
	1930-1931 School Year - (Esther Gigandet-teacher-grades 5 through 8)
	Board of wardens: William Hoying, Clement Hoying, Charles Liening
	1930-1931 School Board: Louis Barhorst, Henry Arling, Joseph Wehrman, Joseph Bensman, Joseph Zumberge - Albert Plas (Clerk)
1931	Advisory Board: Charles Liening, William Hoying, Joseph Meyer
	1931-1932 School Year - (Mary Gigandet-teacher)
1932	1932-1933 School Year - (Mary Gigandet-teacher)
	Church Advisory Board: Henry Hoying, William Hoying, Joseph Meyer
	Stockyard began operations - Operators -Albert & Clarence (Sie) Plas 1932-1975
1933	Rev. Leo Hoying ordained 5-14-1933 (Son of Joseph & Rosa Hoying)
	1933-1934 School Year - (Esther Gigandet-teacher)
	Church Advisory Board: Joseph Meyer, Henry Hoying, Bernard L. Puthoff
1934	1934-1935 School Year - (Esther Gigandet-teacher)
	Church Advisory Board: Henry Hoying, Bernard L. Puthoff, Frank Bensman
1935	Advisory Board: Bernard Puthoff, Frank Bensman, Matt Hoying
	1935-1936 School Year - (Esther Gigandet & Joseph Kloeker-teachers)
	1935-1937 era - busing of students began / St. Patrick Bus Drivers (1935-1954) John Plas, Frank Zircher, Wm. Hilgefort, Maurice Westerheide, Sie Plas, Joe Mertz, Julius Barlage & Ralph Shepard
1936	1936-1937 School Year - (Marie Freytag-teacher-grades 1 through 4)
	1936-1937 School Year - (Ruth Carter-teacher-grades 5 through 8) (Joseph Kloeker - substitute)
	Church Advisory Board: Frank Bensman, Matt Hoying, Frank Pleiman
1937	1937-1938 School Year - (Marie Freytag-teacher-grades 1 through 4)
	1937-1938 School Year - (Ruth Carter-teacher & principal-grades 5 thru 8)
	Earthquake in St. Patrick's
	Church Advisory Board: Matt Hoying, Frank Pleiman, William Eilerman
	Sr. Mary Edmund, S.C. (Mary Bensman) entered Sisters of Charity
1938	1938-1939 School Year - (Margaret E. Kern - teacher) (Ruth Carter-substitute)

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1939	Rev. Joseph C. Hoying ordained 5-14-1939
	1939-1940 School Year - (Margaret E. Kern - teacher)
	Sr. Mary Josephine, S.C. (Elizabeth Bensman) entered Sisters of Charity
1940	1940-1941 School Year - (Margaret E. Kern & Henrietta Kehres - teachers)
1941	Sr. Francis Elizabeth, S.C. (Edna Rose Hoying) entered Sisters of Charity
	Sr. Mary Ann, C.PP.S (Rosalinda Westerheide) entered Precious Blood Order
	1941-1942 School Year - (Margaret E. Kern - teacher)
1942	Rev. Urban J. Hoying ordained 3-8-1942
	Sr. Mary Hilary, C.PP.S. ((Louise Barhorst) entered Sisters of the Precious Blood
	1942-1943 School Year - (Blanche Klipstine & Margaret Kern - teachers)
1943	1943-1944 School Year - (Blanche Klipstine - teacher)
	Rev. Andrew J. Hoying ordained 12-18-1943
	Sr. Joseph Maria, S.C. (Lorene Bensman) entered Sisters of Charity
1944	Sr. Mary Adeline (Anna Marie Mertz) entered Sisters of the Precious Blood
	1944-1945 School Year - (Blanche Klipstine - teacher)
1945	1945-1946 School Year - (Blanche Klipstine & Mrs. Bollinger - teachers)
1946	1946-1947 School Year - (Blanche Klipstine & Margaret Briner - teachers)
1947	1947-1948 School Year - (Mildred Dillehay - teacher)
1948	Tornado passed through St. Patrick area - March 19, 1948 (Feast of St. Joseph)
	1948-1949 School Year - (Mildred Dillehay & Margaret Briner - teachers)
1949	1949-1950 School Year - (Margaret Briner - teacher)
1950	1950-1951 School Year - (Henrietta Evers - teacher)
	Major improvements to church and surrounding area (heating system, landscaping, electrifed bells)
1951	Rev. Ignatius J. Behr ordained 6-5-1951
	1951-1952 School Year - (Henrietta Evers - teacher)
1952	1952-1953 School Year - (Mildred Dillehay - teacher)
1953	1953-1954 School Year - (Mildred Dillehay - teacher)
	Crucifixion group on cemetery was renovated.
1954	St. Patrick School closed
1955	Church Advisory Board: Clarence Puthoff, Leo Bensman, Joseph Mertz
1956	Rev. John L. Bensman ordained 5-26-1956 (son of Joseph & Emma Bensman)
	Rev. Leo A. Hoying ordained 5-26-1956 (son of William & Regina Hoying)
	Church Advisory Board: Leo Bensman, Joseph Mertz, Walter Schmiesing
	Walter Arling Subdivision established
1957	Sr. Mary Alacoque, O.S.F. (Marjorie Eilerman) entered Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis
	Church Advisory Board: Joseph Mertz, Walter Schmiesing, Bernard Plas
1960	Rev. Ralph J. Wehrman ordained 5-14-1960
	Sr. Mary Jean Rene, C.PP.S. (Lucille Hoying) entered the Precious Blood Order
1961	Plas Store closed (Operators: Henry & Bernadine Plas)

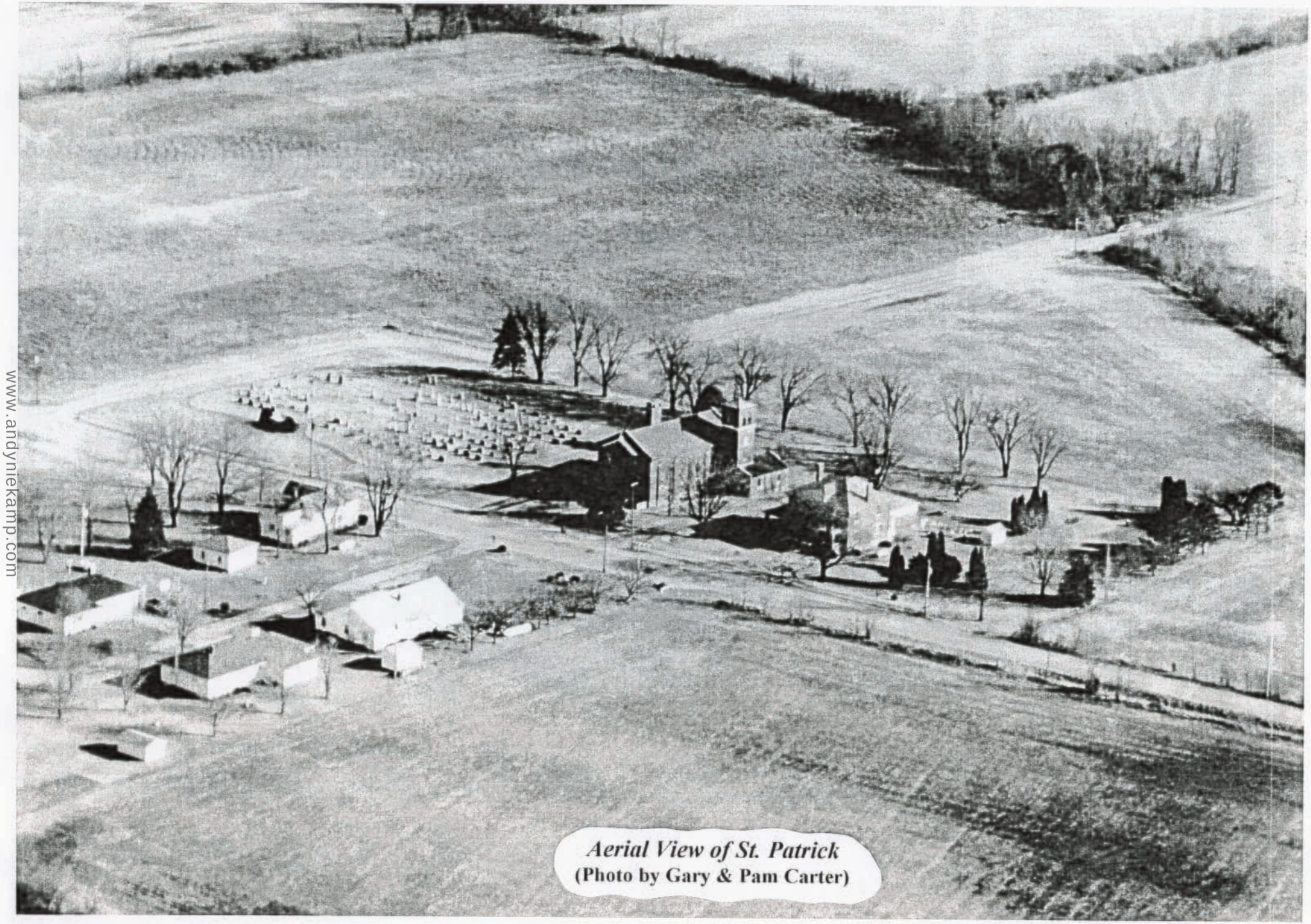
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1962	Parish Wardens: Bernard Holthaus, Louis Zircher, Adolph Eilerman
	100th Anniversary Celebration of St. Patrick Parish
	St. Patrick Church Booklet issued - "1862-1962" History (Fr. Charles B. Koverman - pastor)
1963	Shrine of the Blessed Mother erected between church & parsonage - statue donated by Ann Hackett
1965	Tornado passed through St. Patrick area - April 11, 1965 (Palm Sunday)
1972	St. Patrick Church Directory issued (Fr. Edward F. Haskamp - pastor)
1973	1973-1980 era / school building was used as a TV studio for religious education
1975	St. Patrick Parish Directory issued (Fr. Robert J. Monnin - pastor)
1978	St. Patrick Parish Directory issued (Fr. Robert J. Monnin - pastor)
1983	St. Patrick School razed
1984	St. Patrick Church remodeled / new altar dedicated
1987	125th Anniversary of St. Patrick Parish
	St. Patrick Church booklet issued - "Celebrating 125 Years" (Fr. Henry Albeitz - pastor)
1989	St. Patrick and Sts. Peter & Paul, Newport, share Fr. Hank Albietz as priest.
1991	Parish Membership = 108 families
	Fr. Hank Albietz initiates the closing of St. Patrick Parish with the archdiocese
	Fr. Hank Albietz proposed to the parish council the use of St. Patrick rectory as a group home.
	Fr. Hank Albietz and parish council drop the group home idea.
1992	Parish was informed of church closing
	Auction of rectory contents
	Parish rectory rented
1994	Official decree received from Archdiocese of Cincinnati to close St. Patrick Church (membership = 80 families)
	Final Mass at St. Patrick Church - (3:00 p.m. - June 12, 1994)

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Aerial View of St. Patrick
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