ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH 150 YEAR HISTORY

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St. Andrew's 20th Century Sunset

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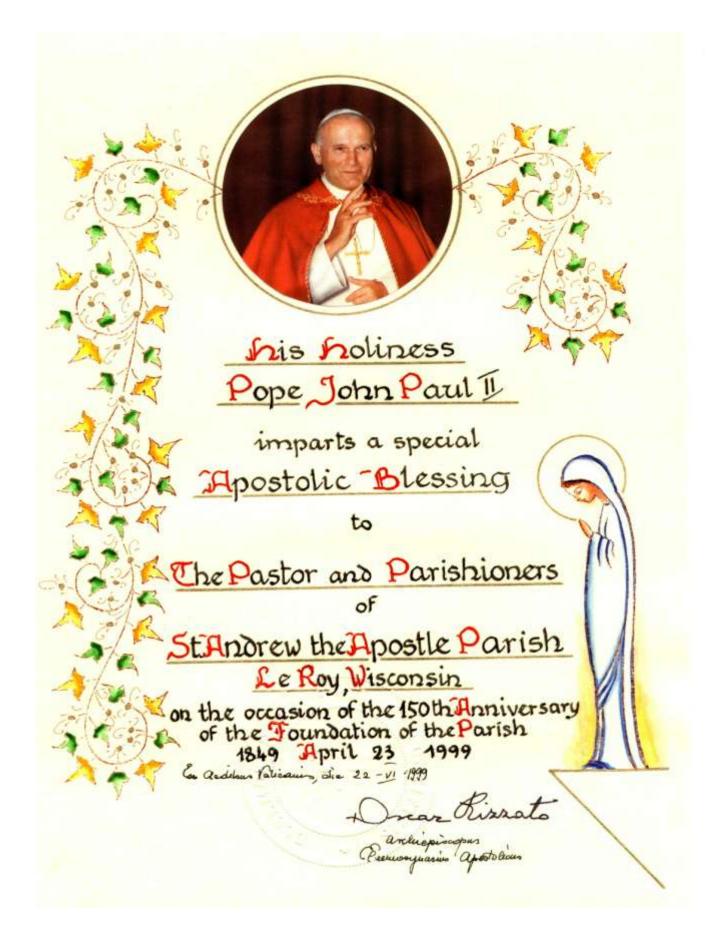
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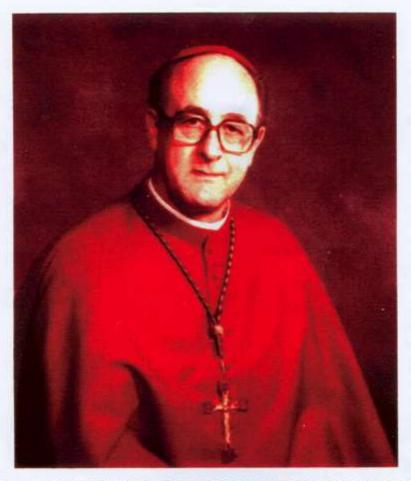
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Reaped by love
Stored within the heart
Shared by example
Fed generously
Grown to heavenly heights
Rested in peace eternally

Marilyn Oechsner 1999

St. Andrew Catholic Church, Le Roy, Wisconsin.







THE MOST REVEREND REMBERT G. WEAKLAND O.S.B. ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Born April 2,1927 Ordained a Priest June 24, 1951. Elected Coadiutor Archabbot of St

Elected Coadjutor Archabbot of St. Vincent Archabbey June 26,1963. Elected Abbot Primate of the International Benedictine Confederation on September 29, 1967

Appointed the Ninth Archbishop of Milwaukee by Pope Paul VI on September 20, 1977

Responsibilities;

In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee there are approximately 598,884 Catholics in 10 counties. Auxiliary Bishop Richard J. Sklba assists Archbishop Weakland. There are 526 Diocesan Priests, 358 Religious Order Priests, 154 Permanent Deacons, 100 Brothers, and 2,418 Sisters assigned to the Archdiocese. There are also 145 diocesan and parochial elementary schools serving approximately 28,200 students and 7 diocesan / parochial and 6 private high schools serving 7,593 students; 4 colleges and one university; one diocesan and one religious seminary; 12 general hospitals; 25 homes for the aged other health care centers and specialized schools, centers for social services, institutes, agencies and lay organizations.



November 21, 1999

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish W3081 County Highway Y Le Roy WI

Dear Parishioners,

God has indeed been good to your parish in these 150 years. One only has to think of the many people who came to worship here in your parish church and the many people who received all of the sacraments here. Each time we can say that God's goodness reached out to them through the means of this parish and church.

We Catholics celebrate anniversaries such as this in order to strengthen ourselves for the future. We remember all the good things that God did for us in the past, and that strengthens our resolve to move forward then toward the unknown. We know that God will always be with us.

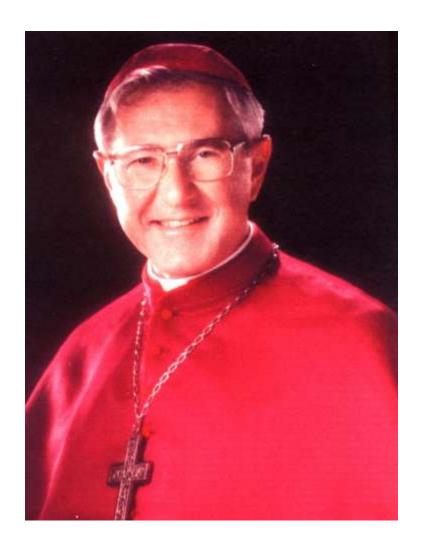
Thank you for all the strength of faith that the parishioners of the past and present of St. Andrew's have shown. Peace and continued blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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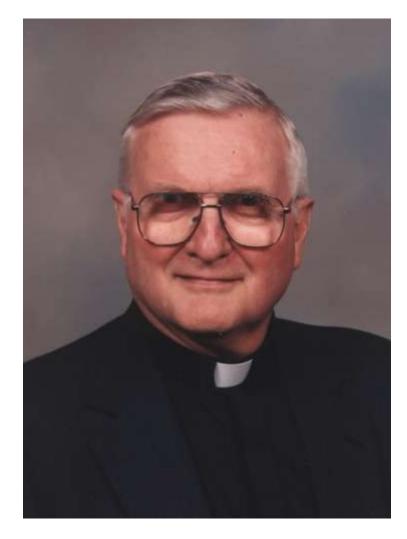


The Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba

Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

Vicar General / Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Sklba is a known and respected Biblical scholar. A native of Racine, Bishop Sklba holds advanced degrees from several prestigious institutions in Rome, Italy. As a priest, Bishop Sklba gained pastoral experience 30 years ago. As a teacher, he lectured in Rome and taught at St. Francis Seminary for 15 years. As administrator, he served the Seminary as Rector. Bishop Sklba has written three books, various articles and book reviews

Ordained as one of America's younger bishops in 1979, Bishop Sklba has been appointed to 15 different committees of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 1993 Bishop Sklba was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee.



The Very Reverend Charles H Wester

Pastor of St. Mary, Mayville and St. Andrew, Le Roy, WI.

Dean of District 7 (Dodge County).

Member; Archdiocesan Council of Priests.

Served two terms on Priests Personnel Board.

Served on Priest Senate of the Archdiocese.

Member: Catholic Family Life Program; Board of Directors.

and Marriage Preparation Staff.

Catholic/ Methodist Dialogue for the Archdiocese.

Member: Women's Commission of the Archdiocese.



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CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

HONORING THE

ST. ANDREW PARISH

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF WISCONSIN, I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO SALUTE THE

ST. ANDREW PARISH

IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

IT IS AN HONOR TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THIS
CONGREGATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION
AND COMMITMENT TO THE LORD'S WORK.
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION,
DEVOTION, PRAYER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
HAS BROUGHT FORTH GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS
AND THE ASSURANCE OF A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

PRESENTED WITH MY BEST WISHES.

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F JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.
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June 17, 1999

Members St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Lomira, Wisconsin

Dear Friends;

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish.

St. Andrew's embodies a commitment to spirituality and community that serves as a vitally important example in this day and age. I wish all who have helped to foster this strong tradition the best in this historic year, as well as continued success in the future.

Once again, congratulations on 150 years of dedication and service.

Sinderely,

F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

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September 13, 1999

The Very Rev. Charles Wester W3081 Hwy Y Lomira, Wisconsin 53048

Dear Rev. Wester and members of St. Andrew's Parish,

For 150 years St. Andrew's the Apostle Parish has provided spiritual guidance, support and direction for the residents of the Le Roy Township.

As the Town has grown over the years so has St. Andrew's Parish. The two earlier churches, followed by the present gothic church built in 1900 stands as reminder of how far St. Andrew's has come

The parish has made a significant and positive impact on our township and contributions to the community, and may this relationship continue.

St. Andrew's has provided recreational facilities to all people, young and old, and from neighboring communities. For this our Town is very grateful.

We congratulate the St. Andrew's congregation in achieving its 150 year anniversary and wish you continued success in your activities, community involvement, and spiritual leadership in the future.

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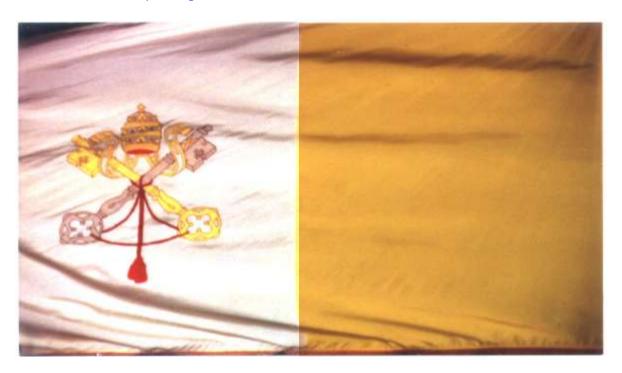
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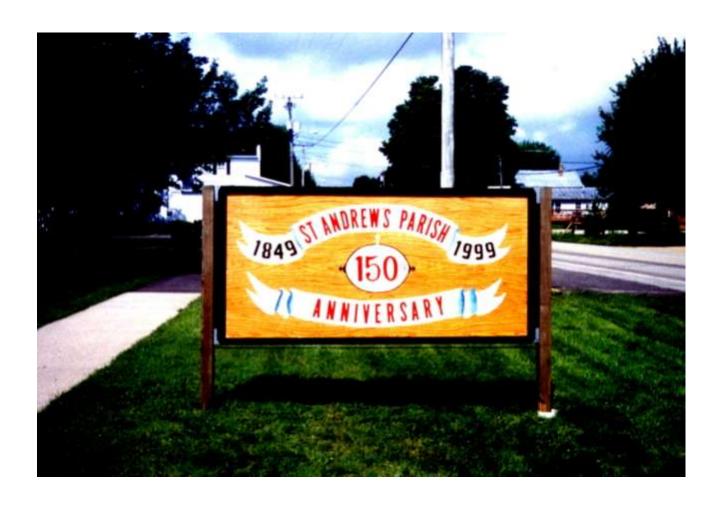
the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one, after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket,
but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all the house. In
the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they
may see your good works and give glory to your Father in
heaven.

Matthew 5:
14-16

The Papal Flag





During 1999 St. Andrew the Apostle Parish of Le Roy, Wisconsin , celebrated 150 years as an independent Catholic community.

In commemoration of the many milestones achieved, the parish family welcomes all to share the blessings recorded within the covers of our sesquicentennial history. We thank God for the past and ask Him for His blessings in the future.

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ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

Sesquicentennial History Message 1849--1999

During the pontificate of Pope Pius IX, in the 73rd year of the Declaration of Independence and during the United States presidency of James K. Polk, while Henry Dodge was Governor of Wisconsin and the Most Rev. John Martin Henni Archbishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee, the following warranty Deed 'L' 149 dated April 23, 1849, was recorded March 22, 1852 by Joseph Shetzley, Justice of the Peace, Juneau, Wisconsin. The transfer of property from Casper and Regina Sterr to the Most Rev. John Martin Henni was recorded as follows:

'For the exclusive use and benefit of the Roman Catholic Congregation by the name of St. Andrew in the township of Le Roy, Dodge County, Wisconsin.. All that certain piece or parcel of land, known and distinguished as follows; The said land lies in the N,E, 1/4 of Section 26, in Township 13 north of range 16, east commencing at the quarter stake on the north line of said Section 26, then running from the quarter stake 26 rods east, then south 65 rods, then west 26 rods to the quarter line, then north on the quarter line 65 rods to the place of commencing. The said land is to contain 10 acres. Note: The above Deed is shown for reference purposes only and title not followed further". The above transaction marks the founding of St. Andrew congregation.

It is indeed with great pride to write and reflect on the 15 decades of time since the founding of St. Andrew Parish. Our forefathers who are now at rest in God's acre number more than one thousand. They taught us to be followers of Christ by their humble lifestyle and strong religious convictions. Since the early days of the pioneering settlers, men and women of the faith community, past or present were shepherded by twenty five missionary and resident priests who were under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of nine archbishops of Milwaukee. In addition, 101 years of Catholic education was provided by the Racine Dominican Sisters. Seven men and nine women answered the call to religious life. Founded April 23, 1849, St. Andrew is believed to be the oldest Catholic parish in Dodge County.

German immigrants from Bavaria were among the first to clear the land in this area with a determination sustained by their faith in God. In the many changes that evolved throughout the years, the people of St. Andrew stood tall in testimony to their beliefs and remained constant in their desire to fulfill their mission as a people of God. The early settlers and missionaries openly proclaimed their unwritten *Mission Statement* by their determination and example. With self discipline and their commitment to the virtues of faith, hope, and love to guide them, they grew as a strong proud people.

In journeying back through time, we will try to open the doors of the past and provide a opportunity to learn the way in which the people of St. Andrew have toiled and struggled to build the Christian community we know today. May our parishioners remember that we are the gifted recipients of the sacrifices and labors of our ancestors and benefactors over these 150 years. May their spirit and treasured Christian values, the high standards that they set forth and the years of experience, the perseverance, successes, failures, joys and sorrows guide us into the next millennium. With the guidance of God, may the future generations carry forward this strong tradition. May they remember our contributions in 25, 50 or 100 years from now. It is our desire to recall those many events, big and small, that have happened among us, in this 'Sesquicentennial Parish History Book'

Four historical events are highlighted as we celebrate our 150th anniversary:

April 23, 1849 St. Andrew's Parish of Le Roy, Wisconsin was founded. In the Fall of 1899 Father Blum was commissioned by Archbishop Frederick Katzer to lay the cornerstone for the new church.

On September 25, 1901 Saint Andrew Church was consecrated.

On November 21,1999, the Feast of Christ the King the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Mass was celebrated at 2:00 P.M. with Archbishop Rembert Weakland, OSB, presiding.

The history of St. Andrew's was written by missionaries, priests, sisters, and by the parishioners of St. Andrew. Much of what transpired to achieve the goals we enjoy today could not be documented because it was written with the eternal ink in God's own book of records. Only when we realize the gift of their sacrifices, may we appreciate their unwritten history that brought us where we are today. The history written within the covers of this book is

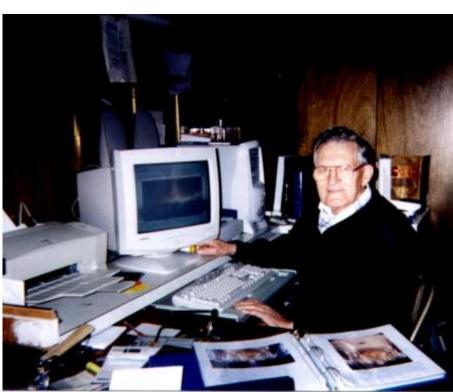
only a fraction of the whole story and therefore, a summary of the life of St. Andrew Parish.

The documentation of this parish history was the work of a parish member of 78 years, engaged in several years of study, research and writing. It was intended to document this history based on the information available and factual and to focus on the full scope and the unique spirit of the people of St. Andrew's and the people of Le Roy and to reach into the past seven generations that made this possible. It was about the life of the parish family and the farming community bonded with love for God and neighbor. Documenting this history was a love of a new venture, not a burden. It was a gift received, more so than returned, and it was a extension of my life. One could reflect on the wonderful past as the year by year of this parish history unfolded in which one felt one lived much longer, perhaps in spirit the full 150 years. I therefore wish to thank retired Father Robert Berghammer and our pastor The Very Rev. Charles Wester and all the members of the parish community for this opportunity to document St. Andrew's parish 150 year history. *Leonard Schraufnagel*





Cover drawing by Francis



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A word of appreciation to Father Robert Berghammer, who supported this venture, and also a word of thanks to the Very Rev. Charles Wester, who extended this needed support to bring this historical documentation of St. Andrew's history to it 150 year conclusion. One may hope that a child now only 8 or 10 years old will continue to carry on recording the extension of this history to the year 2024 and 2049. At this time I want to acknowledge the late Milton Hurlbert for his dedication to St. Andrew's history and the exploratory work he completed before his passing.

The primary resources and historical was obtained from St. Andrew's office of records. material Early biographical documents were provided by Timothy Cary, Archdiocesan Archivist. Sister Diane Kenel of the Racine Dominican Office of Archives provided the historical list of sisters and organists at one time associated with St. Andrew's. The Dodge County Abstract Office and the Dodge County Register of Deeds provided the Warranty Deeds, town plat maps and survey data. The Mayville Public Library provided microfilm copy collections . Other Library resources, the Watertown Public Library and the Fond du Lac Public Library. Additional resources were provided by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. In addition, the history of early Dodge County and many articles from The Mayville News contained useful information. I want to express my appreciation to the following who consented to be taped recorded or extended personal interviews during my research in the Parish History, Le Roy Athletic Club, Military History, and Town of Le Roy History.

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Archbishop John Martin Henni 1843-1881



Archdiocesan archives photo

The following text is taken in part from the Catholic Herald, Nov. 18, 1993 -150 year history issue of the Archdiocese:

The first bishop of the new diocese was Swiss born John Martin Henni (1843-1881), a priest of the Diocese of Cincinnati. Ordained in 1828, Henni had worked in the Ohio missions for many years, first as an itinerant and later as a resident pastor. The chief object of his ministry were the floods of German speaking Catholics who were pushing into the Midwest. Indeed, he had been pastor of one of the first German parishes in Cincinnati, Holy Trinity, and founder of a newspaper, (Der Warheitsfreund) devoted to preserving the faith and German indentity of the German immigrants.

Henni was consecrated a bishop on March 19, 1844 and arrived in Milwaukee in on May 5, 1844. Henni set to work immediately touring his vast jurisdiction and laying plans for the institutions necessary to pprovide a stable and orderly life for the Catholicism in Wisconsin. Two priorities framed the first years of Henni's episcopate. Within a year of his arrival he began a small seminary in his household to provide for priests. This small and often floundering program moved to Germantown for a time and then eventually took permanent root in the village of Nojoshing (today St. Francis), where Henni raised St. Francis De Sales Seminary in 1855-1856.

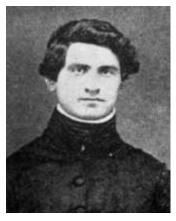
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Below: rare records of early parish entries dating back to 1852. To the lower left are names of the first missionary priests. Among those legible:Fr. Charles Schraudenbach, Fr. Michael Beitter, Fr. Simon Woelfl, Fr. Nicholas Pickel, Fr. Eusebius Henzler, Fr. Leander Schaffer, Fr. Casper Rehrl, and Fr. August Lang: the last entry written who served St. Andrew from 1868 to 1869.

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ST. ANDREW'S FIRST MISSIONARY



Father Charles Schraudenbach

St Andrew, Le Roy, (P.O. at that time in history, Farmersville) was founded in 1849. Father Charles Schraudenbach who was among the first missionary priests to serve the Le Roy area. Charles Schraudenbach was born in Aschaffenburg (Wuerrzburg) Bavaria, May 25, 1819. His ordination took place at Wuerzburg, Germany July 25, 1845 for the Diocese of Milwaukee. Father Schraudenbach arrived in the United States December 1845.

On November 3, 1847 Bishop Henni confirmed eighty-six members of Father Schraudenbach's congregation at St. Lawrence. In 1847 Father Charles Schraudenbach celebrated Mass in the log house occupied by Andrew Flasch at St. Kilian. The following year 1848, while under the administration of Father Schraudenbach, the congregation of St. Peter and Paul at Nenno was organized. Father's missionary work also reached out to the people of St. John's Church at Plymouth and its vicinity. Father

Schraudenbach and Father Rehrl were among the first pioneer missionaries of the Northwest, and offered Mass in the homes of the local settlers. During the years 1849 to 1855 Father Schraudenbach offered spiritual assistance to the Catholic settlers in the Le Roy area. In his time of missionary work at St. Andrew's, Father proceeded to build the first log church, St. Andrew The Apostle named to honor Andrew Sterr, beloved brother of Casper Sterr.

Stories passed down from generation to generation relate that Father Schraudenbach celebrated Mass at the home of

Jacob Weinberger on his visits to the Farmersville (Le Roy) area before the log church was built

Father Charles Schraudenbach was the first to sign the Warranty Deed on behalf of Bishop John Martin Henni. The warranty deed signed, sealed and delivered on the 23rd of April 1849 accepted the 10 acres of prime farm land from Casper and Regina Sterr that entered St. Andrew congregation into the Milwaukee diocese. Father Schraudenbach's signature is seen on the deed of this recorded transaction. (Page 18)

Little is known of this early history during Father Schraudenbach's pastorate at St. Andrew's, as sacramental records were not recorded until

1855.. In the latter part of 1855, Father Schraudenbach assumed the duties of pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, New Muenster, Wisconsin, where he ministered until 1857. Father Schraudenbach assumed the pastorate of St.



Illustration of the First St. Andrew's log Church 1848. Drawn by Francis Schraufnagel

Joseph Church, Grafton, from May 31,1865 to Sept. 9, 1866 after which time he attended the parish of St. Charles Borromeo at Charlesburg. From May 23, 1871 to April 18, 1873 Father Schraudenbach was assigned to the little mission parish at Kieler, once a mission parish of St. Andrew's Congregation at Potosi, Grant County. During the years of 1876 to 1883 Father Schraudenbach attended the missions at Boscobel, Mt. Hope and Patch Grove and also built a chapel at Pigeon. Father Charles Schraudenbach died August 10, 1883 and was buried at Charlesburg. He was a learned, pious and zealous priest, a contributor to the Catholic press, and a poet.

Father Michael Beitter

Father Michael Beitter was born in Bavaria where he became a student of theology. He moved to America and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John Martin Henni in September of 1847. Father Beitter then received orders to assist the pastor at St.Mary's parish Milwaukee. From March 17, 1848 to July 1849 Father Beitter was assigned as assistant to St Stephen's Parish in New Berlin. When the work of organization was completed by Father Schraudenbach, at St. Peter and Paul Parish, Nenno, Father Beitter succeeded Father Schraudenbach at this parish and also attended St. Andrew's Parish, Le Roy as a visiting pastor. Father Beitter ministered to the parishes of St Martin Ashford, St. Kilian, St. Kilian, and St. Theresa at Theresa, and built the first church there. From 1851 to 1855, Father Beitter was assigned rector of St. Lawrence Parish at St. Lawrence. From 1855 Father Beitter was pastor at St. Andrew's Parish Potosi, Grant County till 1856 when he became rector at St. Boniface Parish in Manitowoc. In the years from 1856 to 1860 Father was in charge at Brighton where his administrative work also extended to Marytown. In the time from February 1862 to April 1864 Father became administrator of St. John's Parish in Jefferson as well as St. Lawrence Parish. Father continued his ministry to St. Joseph Parish in Racine from November 17, 1875 to April 1877. Father Beitter retired serving the Sacred Heart parish at St. Francis.

Father Casper Rehrl

Father Casper Rehrl, missionary, teacher, founder of churches and the convent of St. Agnes was born in Salzburg, Austria December 31, 1809. Casper Rehrl was ordained at Salzburg Sept. 20, 1835. Father Rehrl mastered German, English, French, Hebrew, Syrian, Arabic and the Chaldean languages before his ordination. Ministering in his native land for nine years, Rehrl then moved to America via New Orleans to Milwaukee, arriving on January 8, 1845. Here he was regarded as a most welcome addition to the priestly force which at that time was all too limited for the work required. Father traveled on foot through the Wisconsin wilderness to Johnsburg.

On Sept. 26, 1845 Father Rehrl arrived at Johnsburg, having been sent by Bishop Henni to organize a congregation. As a result of his zealous efforts, a small log church was completed in 1846 and dedicated in honor of St. John the Baptist. The name of this worthy and zealous priest is associated with nearly all of the first Catholic congregations in Wisconsin. In ministering the area of the "Holy Land" Father Rehrl was known as the Apostle of Calumet County.

Quoting Fieldstones: a book written by Sister M. Palen of the Congregation of St. Agnes: "As early as 1847, Father Rehrl said Mass at St. John's in Byron. Father visited Marytown, St. Anna, Chilton, Plymouth, Manitowoc, Two Rivers, Sheboygan, Green Bay, Appleton,

From 1852-1855 Father Rehrl spent time in his native Salzburg. He

Fond du Lac and Dotyville."

canvassed Europe for sisters to work in his beloved mission fields in America. On his return on May 20, 1855 Father once again came back to Wisconsin. The Bishop saw a greater need for Father's missionary work south of the Fond du Lac area. Again quoting from Fieldstones: "By mid-November Father walked the mission trails again. Some sense of his pace may be seen by examining the March records of baptisms he administered. He administered the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Lawrence on March 2, 4, 15, 21, 26, and 30, On March 5 and 19 he covered St. John's in Rubicon and March 7 at St. Andrew's at Le Roy. March 8 and 9 at Theresa, March 10 at St. Martin of Ashford, March 16 at St. Peter and Paul Nenno, March 17 St. Anthony, Allenton and March 24 at St. Matthias, Nabob." The records point out Father Rehrl simultaneously ministered to the parishes at St Andrew's at Le Roy, St. Theresa at Theresa, St Mary's at Mayville and St. Martin's of Ashford, having been one of the pioneer missionaries of this Wisconsin territory as early as 1845. Matthias Engel's log home at Dotyville was the setting for Mass offered by Father Rehrl every other month in the years of 1847-1848. The congregation of the Holy Cross, Mt .Calvary was founded by missionary Father Rehrl in 1848 and in early 1850 Father Rehrl took charge of a newly established German congregation in Kenosha. The congregation of St. Bridget at Wayne in Washington County was organized in 1856 and first attended by Father Rehrl. On Sept. 12, 1857 traveling missionary Father Rehrl was the first to celebrate Mass in the original church of the Immaculate Conception built at Barton, Wisconsin. Father took charge of Holy Trinity parish, Newburg from May 1858 to January 1862. Father Rehrl's missionary work continued in the congregation at

Towards the end of his career, after he had retired from active service, Father Rehrl moved to Barton where he had already built a convent. Father died as Chaplain of the Sisters of St. Agnes Sept. 3, 1881. Father Rehrl was buried in the parish cemetery of St. Mary's at Little America in Barton. On September 3, 1968, 87 years after his death, Father Rehrl's remains were disinterred and brought to Fond du Lac and reburied in St. Joseph Spring Cemetery near the graves of Mother Agnes and a long line of pioneer Sisters.

Fredonia from 1861 to 1863. In addition to places already mentioned, this remarkable priest ministered to other parishes such as St. Anna, St.Kilian, and St.Lawrence parishes. As the number of parishes grew, Father Rehrl saw a need for

religious women to help with Catholic education. Father founded the Sisters of St. Agnes on August 12, 1858.

The first sacramental records recorded at St. Andrew's were recorded by Father Rehrl. In the early years parish records were recorded in Latin, which have been translated into English by members of the staff of the Milwaukee Archdiocese Office of Archives. These records point out interesting customs of those times, such as consent of the bride's father for marriage of a minor daughter. Also note: that witnesses at weddings happen to be all male. Was this a common practice at that time? It should further noted most families were immigrants from Bavaria. In some entries we read about (the late), referring to a young, deceased mother of a family. The death of a mother was a frequent occurring family tragedy as many of our cemetery stone markers will testify.



Historical Marker of Father Rehrl at St. John the Baptist Church

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Below: English translation of the above Latin entry.

April 5, 1856

At St. Andrew, I joined in marriage Andrew Weix, son of the living Andrew Weix and the late Anna Mary Preusser from Bavaria, 28 years old, with Crescentia Greiner, daughter of James Greiner and Magdalen Stinzelhammer, 17 years old, born in Bavaria, with her fathers consent. Witnesses: Lawrence and Andrew Weix.

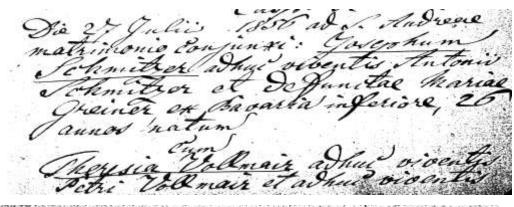
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St. Andrew Le Roy, WI.

Feb. 8, 1857.. At St. Andrew's I baptized John Nep., son of John Nepomuc Schraufnagel and Mary Greiner, born Feb. 2, 1857. Godparents: Joseph and Mary Wittman. Casper Rehrl.

Below: Latin entry and translation of the marriage of Joseph Schmitzer and Theresa Vollmair



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July 27, 1856

At St. Andrew, I joined in marriage Joseph Schmitzer, son of the living Anton Schmitzer and the late Mary Greiner from lower Bavaria, 26, with Theresa Vollmair, daughter of Peter Vollmair and Mary Holzer, both living, from lower Bavaria, 15 years old, with the consent of her father, Peter Vollmair for the marriage of his minor daughter and before witnesses Joseph Brunner and Nepamuc Schraufnagel.

Casper Rehrl.

Father Nicholas Pickel

Nicholas Pickel was ordained by Bishop John Martin Henni at St. Francis June 29, 1858. Parishioners of St.Andrew's were served by Father Pickel as the fourth missionary priest in the years from 1859-1862. Father Pickel built the new brick church replacing the log church built by Father Schraudenbach. Before Father Pickel came to St. Andrew's he served at the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marytown. Among his other accomplishments, Father Pickel established a parochial school at St. Theresa, Theresa, Wisconsin. In the late 1880's Father Pickel served St. Mary's church, Fond du Lac.

Father Eusebius Henzler

Eusebius Henzler was born at Muehlheim (Rottenburg) Germany, Aug. 14, 1825. Upon completing his required studies for the priesthood, he was ordained in September 1853. Father Henzler traveled to America in 1859. Records disclose Father Henzler's signature in the parish records, but the years he served are not indicated. However it is likely the years were between 1860-1863. Father Henzler was the first priest to assume the duties as a regular pastor of St. Mary's Congregation in Mayville. About the year 1865 the Congregation of St. Mary's at Fond du Lac was established, which he served. Father later assumed charge of St James Church, Cooperstown, where he remained until his death on Feb. 20, 1870.

Father Leander Schaffer

Leander Schaffer was born at Vienna, Austria, Dec. 1, 1831. Father was ordained at Linz, Austria, July 27, 1856. During his pastorate at St. Andrew's, 1862 to 1868, Father Schaffer built the rectory and became St. Andrew's first resident pastor. The Rev. E. Heimplin also shared residency in the new rectory for a short period of time in 1867.



Second church built by Father Pickel 1862

Rectory built by Father Schaffer 1868

Father August Lang

August Lang was born at Reichenau (Leitmeritz) Bohemia Dec. 2, 1823. Upon completing his studies, he was ordained Aug. 2, 1847. After ministering for some time in his homeland, Father left for America arriving in the United States June 15, 1865. Father Lang ministered to the people of St. Andrew's from 1868-1869. He taught the children at school and was assisted by Mr. Bohr and his housekeeper. Father Lang repaired the old log church for a school. Father Lang also installed two bells donated for the second brick church.

Father Michael Deisenrieder

Michael Deisenrieder was born April 14, 1814 at Heinsberg, Bavaria. He was ordained to the priesthood Sept.1, 1837 by Cardinal Reisach. After ordination he spent several years in his native country. He moved to the United States, becoming associated



with the Diocese of Milwaukee in 1852 In August 1854 he was assigned to Johnsburg and temporary church was built while he taught school in the priest house. Father was then appointed pastor to congregation at Holy Cross, in Ozaukee County, St. Mary's of the Lake, Belgium,



Father Deisenrieder grave-stone St Andrew, Le Roy

remaining in charge 1861 to September 1869.

In the meantime, the parishes of St. Kilian, Hartford and St. Lawrence were established in 1863 by Father Deisenrieder.

From 1869 to 1880 Father was rector of St. Andrew's Congregation at Le Roy (Post Office, Farmersville). Soon after his arrival at St. Andrew, the parish purchased Joseph Schmitzer's tavern and bowling alley. This was converted into a two-room school and a

home for the Sisters. The deed for one acre of land with tavern and bowling alley was purchased for \$1,345. 00 is dated May 31, 1869. (Page 25) The location of this lot was north of the present church building across Hwy. Y, now owned by Roger Zangl.

Father Deisenrieder Racine to obtain sisters for archives we learn that in the Sister Agnes Geraghty, members at St. Andrew. teachers with the domestic towards advancing support

Right: The Joseph Schmitzer tavern remodeled into a convent was moved 1/4 mile north to the Huber farm, known to our generation as the Frank Ertl farm. This abandoned farm house was once the convent of St. Andrew's from 1865 to 1882 .

negotiated with the Dominican Sisters in his parish school. From the Dominican fall of 1869, Sister Dominica Poegl and organist, arrived and were the first faculty Sister Jacobina Netmann assisted the duties of the mission. Father did much for the Dominican Sisters at Racine.

Father Deisenrieder was a very zealous and active priest, finding time in spite of his numerous duties to assist any candidates in their efforts to obtain Holy Orders. After a 12 year pastorate at St. Andrew's, Father Deisenrieder died August 22, 1880 and is buried in the fourth row east of the center drive, the tenth grave marker from the north.

Father Joseph Fessler



Joseph Fessler was born at Oberhausen (Freiburg) Germany, March 18, 1839. In 1854 he came to America and commenced his studies at the Benedictine Convent in St. Vincent, Pennsylvania. He completed the theological course of studies at the seminary at St. Francis, Wisconsin and was ordained

to the priesthood in 1865 by Bishop John Martin Henni.

After ordination he labored in different missions, and later



School built by Father Fessler 1882

became rector of St. Boniface congregation at Manitowoc. When Father took charge of this congregation, he found a small church without a school. Through his great zeal, and with the

assistance of the parishioners, he bought a church as well as a school in good condition. Besides this, he had to attend to the mission at St. Joseph, Alveno. He could not long enjoy the fruits of his labors with on going health problems. He therefore was sent to St. Andrew, Le Roy. During his pastorate at St. Andrew's from 1880-1882, Father Fessler oversaw the building of a new school-convent complex. The school provided two classrooms and living quarters for the Sisters. The school was dedicated in 1882 by the Rev. Nicholas Batz, Vicar General. This school building was later converted into a four-room school in 1904 as school enrollment increased. Later Father moved to Fond du Lac as pastor of St Mary. As his sickness grew worse, he went to Oregon with permission of the Archbishop. He labored at Beaverton as chaplain of St Mary's Orphanage. Father Fessler died in Beaverton, Oregon on June 20, 1896.

Below: Warranty Deed recorded the purchase of the Joseph Schmitzer Saloon and Bowling Alley, by the Archdiocese May 31, 1869. The bowling alley was converted into a school and the saloon into a convent under the pastorate of Father Deisenrieder. This lot is presently owned by Roger Zangl. As you study the document, note several points of interest, the hand scribed U.S. stamp, the last name signature of Joseph and Theresa Schmitzer (Smitzer) differ plus the X signifying approval of her husband singing for her. To examine a little closer the words 'her mark' above and below the X is not the mystery but why was the family name spelled differently by the same signer? At the extreme bottom, note the early time of recording, 7.00 A.M. Recorded by Tuax Bachhuber.

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Joseph Schmitzer & wife Theresa

Warranty Deed, dated May 31, 69.
Recorded June 4, 69 in Vol. 50 p. 286.
(41-647) Same premises as in caption of abstract.

Rev. John M. Henni

Joseph Schmitzer & wife Theresa

Rev. John Martin Henni

Warranty Deed, dated May 31, '69.
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Vol.72 page 108. Same premises as
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Below: Records obtained from the Town of Le Roy files on 'The Proceedings of Town Meeting' as recorded June 28, 1869 by the Clerk of town Le Roy concerning the above acquired parish property and the tax question under the pastorate of Father Deisenrieder.

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H.Barnes, E.G. Stoddard, Elias Ryel, Town Board of Review.

I certify the foregoing to be correct. E.G..Stoddard, Town Clerk.

Below: Parish expenditures referring to the years of 1884-85. Records entered in German cover several months of 1884 during the pastorate of Father Simon Woelfl.

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Woelfl was born at Elm Grove, Waukesha County, March 20, 1846. He entered the seminary at St. Francis in 1859 and was ordained by Bishop John Martin Henni at St. Francis December 19, 1868. Father Woelfl became assistant to the Rev. L. Conrad of Holy Trinity Church, Milwaukee. Later, Father ministered in the Caledonia, Grafton, Theresa, and then built a church at Mayville while he was pastor there. Father Woelfl also had charge of the congregation at St. Andrew at Le Roy from 1883-1886. Upon the completion of a new school, Sister Alexia Reuter and Sister Martha Bourgmeyer were in charge of teaching. Upon completion of his tenure at St. Andrew, Father Woelfl moved to East Bristol, where he died September 5, 1895.

Father Michael Heiss



Father Michael Heiss, nephew of Archbishop Heiss, first took up residence at St. Peter and Paul Church at Nenno about 1860. Father Heiss also served the mission of St. Anthony, Washington County. In October 1861 Father Heiss took charge of St. Thomas Aquinas congregation in Waterford, Wisconsin until May of 1864. Father Heiss then took charge of St. Lawrence congregation from January, 1883 to April, 1885, Father was assigned to St. Andrew Le Roy in 1886 and served the parish till 1890.

Father Bernard

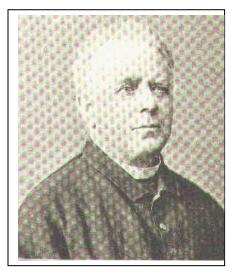
Weyer

Bernard Weyer was born on May 24, 1861 at Slinger. He studied for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary, and was ordained June 29, 1885 by Archbishop Michael Heiss. Father Weyer was appointed rector of the congregation at Paris, Kenosha County in 1885. In 1887 Father Weyer was transferred to St. Hubertus parish at Richfield where he built St. Hubertus parochial school. In 1890 he was assigned as pastor of St. Andrew Parish at Le Roy where he served until 1896.

During Father Weyer's pastorate, the second two story rectory was built at a cost of \$3,000. Contractors were Michael Kamermeyer, Joseph Urban, Julius Strepp and Leonhard Baumgaertner.



In 1896 Father moved to Pine Bluff to take up assignment as pastor of St. Mary Congregation. On January 10, 1904 Father Weyer resigned and was appointed pastor of St. Joseph, Sinsinawa on August 1, 1904. In June 1905 he joined the Diocese of La Crosse and spent the rest of his life in the La Crosse Diocese. Father Weyer died at Mineral Point January 5, 1918.



Father Ferdinand Raess

Ferdinand Raess was born at Glarus Disentis Chur Seminary for the priesthood, Father Raess was ordained by Bishop Caspar Von Carl at Chur, Switzerland, August 31, 1856. Father arrived in the United States August 8, 1867. Father's first appointment was Ellenvill in the Archdiocese of New York where he remained until 1873. When he came to Wisconsin he associated himself with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in August 1873. Father was appointed assistant pastor at St. Nazianz, where he served for one year. In 1874 he was appointed to the congregation of St. Hubert, Hubertus with the attached mission of St. Anthony.

While maintaining his pastorate, he built the second church at Holy Hill about 1880, replacing the old chapel dedicated May 24, 1863. Father Raess applied himself with unabated ardor to successfully accomplish this undertaking. All of this demanded a vast amount of physical and mental exertion.

In his continuous journeying in search of the necessary funds for the completion of his cherished plans, Father Raess found it necessary to relinquish his custodianship of Holy Hill in September of 1883. The history of Father Raess as a keen promoter of the Shrine at Holy Hill deserves its own biography. In 1883 Father Raess was appointed pastor of the Mater Dolorsa Church at Fredonia. (Little Kohler) In 1887 he assumed the pastorate at New Berlin where he built the church of the Holy Apostles. In 1891 Father transferred to Kieler, Grant County to dedicate a new parish to the Holy Ghost. From 1896-1899, Father took charge of St. Andrew congregation at Le Roy with thirteen hundred members. The parochial school connected with St. Andrew had a regular attendance of one hundred and twenty four students. During Father Raess's tenure, St. Mary Society of the Annunciation was organized, with Catherine Wittmann and Mary Weinberger officers in charge of 92 member society. Below: the membership roster as recorded in 1897.

Father Raess later retired at St. Nazianz where he died June 8, 1900.

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Photo courtesy Aurelia Kuehl

Above: A rare close-up of the entrance to the brick church built in 1862. The First Holy Communion Class, June 4, 1899 under the pastorate of Father Raess. Posing second from right, communicant John Ertl.

Father John Blum



John W. Blum was born February 19, 1848 at Suerth, Rhenish Prussia. He studied at the University of Bonn and Innsbruck. He was ordained on March 24, 1878 by Archbishop John Martin Henni in St. John's Cathedral, Milwaukee. During his pastorate at New Munster, Father Blum built a church of Gothic structure occupying an area of 110 by 46 feet and the completed cost was about \$12,000. The church was consecrated by Archbishop Heiss September 8, 1885. Father Blum then moved on to Dotyville and also ministered in Oshkosh. In June 1899 Father Blum came to St. Andrew in Le Roy. During his pastorate, Father organized the celebration for the Golden Jubilee of the parish, and formulated plans for a new church. One hundred and eighty seven members contributed to build a church with prophetic vision. Attendance at the meeting voted 45-22 in favor of building. The Original plans had put the parish in depth to the amount of \$ 3,500. It was projected at this time that this depth would soon be leveled. The church structure stands in strong testimony to the Christian values of our ancestors. It is with regret that one cannot write about the many stories associated with building the church. These were lost in time as events via word of

mouth were passed down through generations have faded or been lost to the level of imagination. Stories entered herein were told by 97 year old Louis Mueller regarding the first steeple cross. Louis recalls his father was hired to gild this cross for the tall steeple and the instructions were not to varnish the cross. The church workman failed to follow these instructions and in a few short years the gilding began to chip and peel. In a related story tells about the cross being hoisted to the top of the steeple with rope and pulley supported by a reaching guide post mounted at the top of the steeple. As the cross was inserted into the sphere socket, the acrobatic workman stood on the crossbar of the cross and with left and right motion slowly worked the cross into its base. It was also reported that Father Blum worked daily among the workmen unloading bricks and assisted in ground level work.

A point of interest as stated in the Dodge County Pionier Dec. 1899. 'The first shipment of 30.000 bricks for the new church has arrived in Le Roy. Some 370.000 bricks will be needed for the new structure'. In another entry, August 9, 1901 it states, "The Pews, pulpit and other items for the new St. Andrew's Church in Le Roy have arrived".

There are no records in regards to the contents that were placed into the church cornerstone. However, it was reported by word of mouth by third generation parishioners that baptismal records of Rose Adelia Oechsner and Felix Wild, born and baptized November 1899, were placed in the cornerstone.

The following articles were translated from German as published in the Dodge County Pionier. Through the courtesy of The Mayville News Editorial Staff the well preserved 1901 Volume of the Dodge County Pionier was released to Father Anthony Gundrum for the purpose of translating the articles and acquainting the parishioners of St. Andrew's Parish with their rich heritage

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH IN LE ROY

Saint Andrew Congregation in the town of Le Roy stands at the eve of a celebration that has long been anticipated. The new modern church is finished and is a monument to the united effort of the parishioners for the glory of God. Slowly but surely the construction proceeded. In the fall of 1899 the congregation in the presence of numerous dignitaries and parishioners celebrated its golden jubilee. At this time the parish priest, Father John Blum was commissioned by his Excellency the Most Reverend Frederick X. Katzer of Milwaukee to lay the cornerstone. In the spring of 1900 construction started on the upper structure of the edifice and the massive walls were built of brick. During the preceding fall plastering of the walls and the stucco work had been finished. The interior furnishings were incomplete. In 1901 members of the congregation completed the church. The furnishings for the interior were now finished except for the steam heating painting, stained-glass windows and the new organ. The old organ was too small for the large church.

THE MAGNIFICENT CHURCH

(Translator's Note: The September 27, 1901 edition of the Dodge County Pionier published the first picture of the present church. The following translation refers to this picture.) Today we are in a position to show our readers a picture of the new Saint Andrew's Church. The copper engraving of the church is a true image of this wonderful edifice. A more beautiful or better picture of the church



Golden Jubilee medallion of St.. Andrew's church celebrated in 1899

is impossible. The picture shows the gothic style in which the church is built. The front of the church faces north and has a width of 40 feet. The main entrance is reached by a 24 foot wide stairway, the top level is 12 feet wide. In the northwest corner is the 150 foot bell tower. This is built with four decorated pillars which rise as a four corner structure to the ceiling.



Original appearance of St. Andrew's church at the time of consecration September 25, 1901. The ornate parapet walls were partially removed by 1908

The smaller of the two towers are octagonal in shape and are 90 feet high. It has no soundholes and is decorated with windows. The church has two entrances. The main entrance is in the center and the side entrance is through the bell tower. The transept of the church (the shorter part of the cross-shaped church) has a breadth of 56 feet. On each side of the transept is a large window over which a wide gable rises. On each side of the wide gable is a smaller gable which extends only as far as the roof of the church. The length of the church is 124 feet. On the south side is the sanctuary; here is the high altar which will be consecrated tomorrow and used for the first time for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. What gives the interior of the church special charm are the ribbed arches, especially the ones in the transept. These rest on four pillars and are remarkable for their sweeping thrust towards the vaulted apex where they harmoniously intercept. These arches are original creations of artistic hands. Mr. Anton Dohmen, the well-known architect from Milwaukee. completed the plans for the new church according to the suggestions given him by the parish priest, the Rev. John W. Blum, who worked indefatigably for the erection of the new church.

The following is a translation of an article taken from the September 27, 1901 edition of the Dodge County Pionier CONSECRATION OF THE NEW CHURCH IN LE ROY

Last Wednesday, September 25, the new Saint Andrew's Church in Le Roy was consecrated. This was a big feast-day for the parish and for the many guests and friends who attended the impressive ceremony. Tuesday afternoon the old church was used for the last time. His Excellency Archbishop Katzer from Milwaukee administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in the little old church. This reverent ceremony was a memorable tribute to the House of God which had become too small for the many parishioners who now belong to St. Andrew's Congregation. The consecration ceremony began Wednesday Sept. 25, 1901 shortly after 9:00 A.M. Many priests attended and assisted during the ceremony. After the consecration, the church was formally opened and soon every seat was occupied. Only standing room was available. The consecration of the high altar followed. This ceremony lasted one hour. The celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed in the new church. The Rev. D.N. Thill of Sheboygan functioned as celebrant. The Reverends E. Meyer of Plymouth and F. Flush of Mazomanie were deacon and sub-deacon. The Rev. P. Holzfels from Saint George was Master of Ceremonies, Father M. Zimmer of Beaver Dam, and Father M. Mc Nolly from Mount Hope and Father L. Birkhaeuser from Racine assisted the Most Reverend Archbishop at the throne. The Rev. Maximilian J. Schmid from Ashford preached the sermon. Father Schmid was a son of the parish and a student of the Catholic school in Le Roy. The Rev. Schmid commended the parishioners of St. Andrew's for their unbounded zeal, self-sacrifice, perseverance and cooperative efforts in erecting the beautiful church. After the Archbishop's address, in which he referred to the deep Catholicity among the parishioners and prayed for their continuance in the practice of it, the "TeDeum" was intoned and Benediction followed. The dedication ceremonies were enhanced by the solemn renditions of the choir. This day will always beremembered with great joy by all who witnessed the impressive ceremonies. It is conceded that Saint Andrew's Congregation has a church so beautiful that within the entire state there is no country church larger or more impressive. This church cost the parishioners many sacrifices and much work. Consequently the joy in the hearts of these zealous people is great when they see this magnificent edifice produced by their labors.

The late Milton Hurlbert's dedication to St. Andrew's History opened the doors for this writer to carry on his dream of the parish history Milton felt very strongly about .The following text is part of Milton's manuscript:

"The official directory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee lists the founding date of the parish of St. Andrew as 1849. The first Catholic Church was a simple log cabin style building. The log church was located south and east of the present church of today or north of the eastern borderline of St. Andrew's cemetery. The oldest graves in the cemetery are located just south of the area where the log church once stood. The second brick church built by Father Leander Schaffer in 1862 was located in the approximate area of the eastern part of the parish hall. St. Andrew needed a larger church and a tower to hold the bells to call the people to worship their God and the calling of another soul to the Throne of God .Under the leadership of Archbishop Frederick Xavier Katzer and Father John W. Blum and with the support of the parishioners the decision was made to build a church suitable for generations yet to be born. When the last nail was in place, and the ornate sculptured plaster pillars were topped with equally ornate capitals, the smell of fresh plaster, finest varnish and new wood smells permeated the structure. The ladies of the parish cleaned and polished the new church for days. Several of the finest cooks in the parish prepared a menu for the feast of the dedication.

The day had come. A dream was realized in the brick and stone that stood firm in the agrarian landscape. The farmers bathed and curried their finest horses to prepare to go to Knowles and meet the Milwaukee Road Railroad Train which had a special car in its makeup. This special car housed the Archbishop of Milwaukee, and his clerical and religious secretary who had come to Le Roy. They rode the unpaved road praying as they went to the new church. Over the hills and drumlins of ancient ice age the pilgrims moved. The church was vacant. The doors were locked. The bells were silent and the organ bellows were empty. Every one gathered outside to witness the start of the official consecration. Archbishop Katzer prostrated himself at the main entrance and recited the Litany of the Saints. Rising, he encircled the church three times, sprinkling the wall with holy water. Each time he passed the main doorway, he knocked upon it with his crosier. After he entered the church, knelt and with the visiting clergy, parishioners and visitors invoked the 'Veni Creator.' The interior walls were sprinkled with holy water three times. There are twelve crosses located in the mortar of the inner walls. Each cross had a sconce above it holding a blessed candle. These are the areas that are anointed They are symbolic of the twelve Apostles upon whom the Church is built and who spread the word of God to all lands. Then the Archbishop consecrated the altar stone. The altar stone (mensa) contains five relics and commemorates the altars of the early Christians that were the tops of the tombs of the martyrs. The altar is the top of a superstructure that has its base in the earth. Father Gundrum coined the term "Cathedral of the Marsh"

Lifte der Geldbeiträge zum Ban der nenen St. Andreas-Kirche,

in Le Roy, Wisconsin.

Bis zum I. December 1901.

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Town Le Roy, Dodge Co., Wis.,

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Iron - 335.19	
Nails 214.71	
Hardware 04.98	
Galvanized Iron and Tin - 959.00	
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terials incl 1,208.21	
Factory Work 1,530.30	
Painting, materials incl 159.51	
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Plans and Specifications - 360.00	
Miscellaneous small expenses 102.27	
Furniture, freight incl 1,270.96	
Total Expenses - \$17,945.64	,

Einnahmen :	
Aus der Airchenkaffe Grirag vom Pienie und Fair .	\$ 1,388.25 2,007.05
Baare Beiträge von Gemeinde- mitgliedern und Anderen Geliehen	10,791.80 7,000.00
Gefammt-Ginnahmen	\$21.187.10

The financial statement of building materials and labor as shown in the below document dated in the year 1899-1901 displays the costs of St. Andrew's church at \$17,945.64.

Contributions of 160 members		\$10,791.80	
May 10, 1900	Loan from Mrs. Marion	800.00	at 5 % interest
July 5, 1900	Loan from Maria Zehrn	200.00	at 4%
July 12, 1900	Loan from George Hobbs	2,000.00	at 5%
Aug25, 1900	Loan from George Hobbs	4,000.00	at 5%
	Total	\$ 17,791.00	

The above loans were negotiated by parish officers, Secretary Joseph Bauer, Treasurer Bernhard Schabel, and Father Blum with the approval of Archbishop Frederick X. Katzer

At the annual meeting Jan. 6, 1902, Xavier Rriser was nominated secretary and Joseph Gruber treasurer. These nominations were approved by the Archbishop Jan. 20, 1902

#### **Father Francis Pischery**



Photo courtesv Aurelia Kuehl

Francis C. Pischery was born October 13, 1867 at Beaver Dam. He studied at St. Francis Seminary and one year at Teutopolis, Illinois. Father was ordained June 16,1895, at St. Francis Seminary by Bishop John Vertin of Marquette, Michigan. He was stationed at St. Charles Borromeo, Cassville. At a later time Father ministered at St. Aemilian Orphanage, and continued to assist at St.Mary, Milwaukee. Father then was appointed assistant to the pastor at Neosho in July, 1899. In January 1902 he was appointed pastor at St. Andrew parish. One of the first projects Father faced was the building of a convent for the sisters. The old brick church was dismantled brick by brick, and the bricks were used to build the convent. Stories handed down by word of mouth relate that Father cleaned the bricks for the convent building with chisel and the old fashioned wet grinding stone. This building is now owned by Roger Zangl. The Zangls relate that the cleaned brick from the former convent were undersized, attributed to Fathers method of reclaiming. Evidence indicates structural lumber from the second church was also used in building the convent.

Other parish affairs also needed immediate attention. Loans negotiated during the building of the new church needed to be paid. A new was boiler installed October 1902 at a cost \$ 1,091.81 by Ahern Heating Co. The school was expanded to four rooms, using the area vacated by the sisters when they moved into the convent. Father had a special interest for the youth in his parish. The following local

newspaper article reports about a Soldiers' Reunion, August 29, 1907. "Last Thursday has gone down in history as the 18th annual reunion of the Dodge County

Veterans Association. The day dawned bright and clear, but by ten o'clock the sky threatened rain and slight showers fell intermittently. These however, did not mar the festivities of the day. The first delegations came in on the 8:25 train, others came on the 9:45. The delegation from Le Roy came by team, bringing one of the largest delegations from any one single place. Besides the members of the G.A.R. and Sons of Veterans, 40 little boys in uniforms were here, accompanied by the Le Roy band. After the visitors were welcomed a business meeting was held in the rooms of the Calumet Club, in the Music Block. The meeting was an interesting one, and several talk's on the work in Grand Army Circles were given by the visiting members of the association. After this

meeting, the visitors were given a fine dinner at Otto's Hall by the ladies of this city. After dinner the Festivities were continued at Foster Park, where several fine addresses were rendered, and where the 40 little boys in uniform drilled. The little boys did some fine drilling, having been trained by Rev. Father Pischery of Le Roy. A feature of the afternoon's program were the fine addresses delivered by Mayor Becker of Milwaukee and Rev. Father Pischery of Le Roy, the former speaking in English and the latter in German."

In 1906 the fourth year of Father Pischery's administration, Joseph Heimerl and August Wolfschmitt were elected parish trustees. In 1910 Joseph Koch replaced Joseph Heimerl as treasurer. Joseph Koch served in this office until January,

1915, when Andrew Schmidbauer assumed these duties.

In the fall of 1915, mason contractor Stoffer & Co. and John Heimerl, carpenter, built the porch on the rectory



Above: Second Convent built by Fr. Pischery in 1904. The convent was sold to Roger and Diane Zangl in 1971.

for a cost of \$ 504.16. On July, 1916 Father Pischery was transferred to St. Joseph parish, Waupun, where he served until till December, 1918. Father then shepherded the parish of the Immaculate Conception in Saukvill. On Sept. 25, 1922, Father was assigned to St. Peter Claver, Sheboygan, where he served until he died January 15, 1930.

St. Andrew's First Holy Communion Class 1905



Photo: Courtesy Donald Bauer

Scattered indentifications are as follows: Center top row: Father Pischery. In the back row: second boy fron left, Arthur Rost and third boy from left, Albert Urban. Third row: Gertie Wild first girl on the left and fourth girl from left: Rose Schmidbauer. Second row: girl second from right, Josephine Wolfschmitt.

Front row: third girl from left, Emma Lehner third girl from right, Veronica Wild.

Sister Hildegard (far left), Sister Isabelle and Sister Andrew also taught at this time at St. Andrew.



Left: Postcard photo of St. Andrew church shows the ornate parapet walls were remodeled by 1908 under the pastorate of Father Pischery.

Photo: Courtesy Donald Bauer

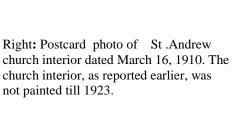


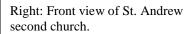




Photo courtesy Dale Hoffman



Left: St. Andrew Parsonage facing east 1908. Was the pony grazing in the back ground Fathers source of transportation?





#### **Father Peter Delles**



Ordination photo

Peter Delles was born December 14, 1866 in Belgium, Ozaukee County. When he was five years of age his parents moved to Port Washington where he attended the parochial school until 1880. He then attended St. Lawrence College of the Capuchin Fathers at Mt. Calvary taking the five years classical course. In the summer of 1885 he entered the seminary at St. Francis where he completed courses in philosophy and theology and was ordained Oct. 18, 1889 at St. Francis by Archbishop Michael Heiss. Father Delles celebrated his first Mass at Port Washington . He was assigned to St. George's parish at Kenosha as assistant where he remained until July 1890. In 1890 Father Delles was sent to organize a new parish at Fredonia. From 1910 to 1916 Father served St.Mary Parish, Lomira. Completing his tenure at St. Mary Father was assigned to St. Andrew at Le Roy, August 16, 1916. During the transition between Father Pischery and Father Delles at St Andrew Father John Marion, son of the parish ministered to the parish for two weeks in August of that year.

In 1919 the parish celebrated the Golden Jubilee anniversary of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Racine as educators in the parish. Father Delles improved the school by installing electric lights and also installed the two angels holding lamps in the church sanctuary.

In 1920 Bernard Schabel replaced August Wolfschmitt as parish secretary. Wolfschmitt had served in this office since 1906. Andrew Schmidtbauer remained treasurer, Parish membership reached 224 in 1921. Members of the Auditing committee were Peter Hinkes, Michael Feucht, John Burelbach, and John N. Schraufnagel. The membership listings in the financial report were not placed in alphabetical order, but according to the rate of assessment. A special fund was set up for church decoration in 1922, as the church had not been painted since its building. This fund totaled \$4,157.50. The Henry J. Gardner of Milwaukee contract price for church painting was \$3.000.00. Other expenses were ridge tin, lamps, fixing of roof, etc.

Fees paid for trustee services: Bernhard Schabel, Sec. \$15.00, Max Bachhuber, Treas. \$5.00 per year. This practice had been consistent for many years.

The yearly salary for the four teaching Sisters and one house maintenance Sister was \$1,200 plus \$100 for the organist. The parish priest received a round figure of \$1,200

With the Diamond Jubilee approaching in 1924, a special account of \$2,013.34 was deposited for the celebration of the 75th anniversary. The following article appeared in The Mayville News, August 24, 1924. Recorded here in part:

#### St. Andrew's Diamond Jubilee 1924

## Pontifical High Mass to be sung at St. Andrew's church, hundreds are expected

Commemorating the organization of St. Andrew's parish at Le Roy the parish will hold a diamond jubilee home coming celebration on August 26-27. Hundreds of people, clergy, and laity are expected to attend the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Andrew's. A pontifical High Mass will be celebrated at 10, AM. August 26. Arrangements are being made to serve a homecoming dinner and supper to the many visitors. Msgr. Joseph Lain of St. Francis seminary, Vicar-General Emeritus and Promontory Apostolic, will celebrate the Pontifical High Mass. The Rev. Peter Burelbach of Jefferson will act as Deacon and the Rev. John Marion of Edgewood, Illinois will be the sub-deacon. These two priests were sons of St. Andrew's congregation. The Rev.J. J. Clark, Rector of Pio Nono college will be Master of Ceremonies. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Nick Mass, who is a member of the faculty at St. Francis seminary.

In 1927 the removal of the earlier remodeled parapet walls was part of the church repair. Doyan and Payne Co. supplied the asbestos shingles for the roof at a cost \$ 939.08. Ed Leibold, carpenter, assisted with the renovation at a cost of \$311.30. In addition the needed copper flashing amounted to \$2.709.84. Photos of exterior remodeling in earlier years will reveal these changes. In 1927 the outgoing officers were Bernhard Schabel, Sec. and Max Bachhuber, Treas. Members of the auditing committee were, John Nep. Schraufnagel, Peter Hinkes Sr., August Feucht, Michael Feucht and F. H. Weiss. In 1928 a new slate of parish officers assumed their responsibilities to carry on parish business. James Weinberger, Treas. Joseph A. Schraufnagel, Sec. Members of the auditing committee were: Robert Bonack, Joseph Hadaller, Adolph Schraufnagel, Edward Zehren and Albert Vollmer.

Father Delles remained as pastor till June of 1929, when he was stricken with pneumonia and died at St. Agnes Hospital June 17, 1929. Father Delles is buried in St. Andrew's cemetery. While the parish was awaited a new pastor, Father John Marion, visiting son of the parish ministered to the parish while Father Groff of Theresa, was temporary administrator and served the parish until Father Henry Stehling arrived in mid-summer of 1929.



#### **Father Henry Stehling**

Henry Stehling was born in Milwaukee on December 8, 1887. After preparing for the priesthood at the Salesianum, Henry Stehling was ordained a priest on June 8, 1913. His first assignment was assistant at St. Joseph Parish, Waukesha. Thereafter he served as assistant at St. Mary Portage, St. Mary Milwaukee and St. Augustine, Milwaukee. In 1919 Father was appointed pastor of St. John, Lamartine and St. Mary Mission at Eldorado. In September, 1921 he was transferred to St. John, Clyman, and on July 11, 1929 Father Stehling arrived at St. Andrew, Le Roy. Father's first order of business was to deal with the overcrowded school problem. Parish membership support reached 226 in 1929 with a token \$ 578.62 in the school fund. At a special meeting on Sept. 11, 1929 it was decided that a new school building would not be considered until \$25,000 was in the treasury. A building committee was elected as follows; Father Henry Stehling, Joseph Schraufnagel and James Weinberger, trustee, Arthur Sterr secretary, Alois Keller treasurer and committee members, Albert Vollmer and Louis Schmidt.

While contract work was being processed for remodeling the school, Father focused on several added projects which came to his attention. He

realized the recreational needs of the community and opened the parish grounds to baseball, tennis, and ice skating, and he set up playground equipment in the park.

Financial records concerning the Christian Mothers society and a Young Ladies Sodality were now published in the parish financial report. Summer parish picnics and winter time card parties and stage plays were introduced to bring about social and financial stimulation.

Early in 1932 the school building committee received a proposal from Arthur Kuenzi Engineering Service with the recommendation of local contractor Leo Neumeyer. This plan to remodel the school would increase room for students by removal of the center stairway and enlarging the two east rooms. Plans called for the installation of a central heating and ventilating system located in the eastern area of the basement. The plan further suggested building a new structure on the north central location of the school to accommodate an entrance, a hall and stairway to provide entrances to all rooms. A special school fund was put in place and membership assessments levied at 1-1/2 times above the usual annual assessments. Total costs of this new addition, \$10,825.86. The Parishioners made great sacrifices during our country's worst financial depression and drought. Seven years after school remodeling was completed in 1940, a published report listed 118 members as delinquent, totaling \$3,342.50 in arrears. This method of assessment was an accepted and common practice of church support.

Father's weekly pastoral routine included the Saturday afternoon and evening confessions and scheduled Sunday Masses at 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. Father delivered the homilies from the pulpit at every Mass, the Low Mass in English and the High Mass in German. During the school year Father visited two classrooms a day for catechism instructions. When free time permitted him to pursue his hobbies, Father, with the assistance of his housekeeper, Olive Urban, a kind humble lady, worked tirelessly on his beautiful rock garden and rectory grounds with many assorted plants and flowers.

Parish officers who server on the 'Auditing Committee' during Father Stehling pastorate were: Albert Adelmeyer, Alfons Schmidtbauer, Albert Vollmer, Norbert Bauer, and Adolph Neumeyer

On October 16, 1941 Father was transferred to St. Kilian, Hartford, and also shepherd St. Patrick Mission at Erin. Father received his last appointment on March 3, 1950 as Pastor of St. Mary, Racine, where he served until his death. A Solemn Funeral Mass was offered in St. Mary church April 5, 1956 and burial took place in Holy Cross Cemetery, Racine. Father left a legacy as a bilingual preacher, an excellent singer, a sportsman, gardener, hunter, woodworker and writer. Father wrote two books of poems entitled "Chalice Filled."

## THE LEGENDARY LIVERY STABLE



Drawn by Francis Schraufnagel

In keeping with the events of those times, stories of the past come to mind about parish related activities. Reminisce if you will on the following: The livery stables located opposite St. Andrew's church on Hwy. Y was once used to shelter horses for parishioners who came to worship at Sunday Mass. The stable was private property and may have been built to accommodate customers at the adjacent saloon partly sketched at the right, now known as the Brian Bauer property. The village map of 1910 (page 186) illustrates the Robert Bayerl property consisting of 3-3/16 acres. In those years the livery stables were refereed to as the Bayerl barn. Legend passed down through the years claims the large house once accommodated living quarters and a saloon facing to the south. The livery stables were later used to shelter the horses that provided transportation with buggies or riding carts for the school children of the families living in distant areas of the parish. Some of these families included Edwin Lehner, Alois Feucht, Henry Eilbes, Linus Schraufnagel, and Joseph Zangl, to mention a few. The children, four or five, crowded into the cramped buggy. Parishioner Rudolph Schraufnagel relates the sequence of many such 4-5 mile trips to school from the lower marsh area along County Trunk Z and then to the Reiser's hill, two miles west of Le Roy. The oldest boy of the group was in charge and responsible for safety and prompt arrival. As the fully occupied buggy approached the base of the long and high Reiser hill, all occupants including the teamster disembarked to ease the pulling load for the horse. All would climb this tedious stretch on foot. Upon reaching the crest of the hill all would resume their familiar positions and continue on their journey to school. In the early years the livery stable and adjoining lot were owned by Robert Bayerl. Later in the 1950s, Theodore Liegl owned this lot till it was purchased by James Weinberger to shelter cows awaiting the Monday morning butchering One exception; a productive milking cow was kept for the Weinberger family milk supply. This milking chore was done every morning by family member Norbert Weinberger. In the late 1930s the only part of the stable that remained standing was the center part of the structure with a loft to store a limited supply of hay. Some time in the 1950s this lot was purchased by Alois Feucht, who built a home there upon retirement. At this time, most of the old livery stable had already been removed.

#### The Story of the Big Bang

The big bang incident happened about 1932 when the basement was excavated for the additional entrance and stairway that was to be built on the old 1882 four room school. The farmers donated their skills with pick and shovel to dig to the required depth as this was the only way to achieve this in the early thirties. The local retired gentlemen kept a close eye on the day by day digging progress as the stubborn earth was slow to ease this tedious job. Many suggestions were offered by the inactive elderly as the project moved to slowly. Finally an elderly gentleman suggested that dynamite would solve the digging problem. This suggestion was readily approved by his peers as these gentlemen were respected and regarded with the gift of ultimate wisdom. Immediately some one supplied the blasting power which was carefully placed into the lower part of the excavation. It was further suggested to place all available planks over the charge and then cover the planks with mud. As the count down moved to 1 minus zero, the blast was sure to achieve the expected result. To the astonishment of the retirees, the blast shot the planks over the roofs of the neighboring houses like a missile projectile and in addition the blast shattered dozens of windows of the convent and school. Before the dust settled, the elderly gentlemen quietly retreated to their homes. Digging continued with pick and shovel.

#### **Organ Pumpers and Wood Cutters**

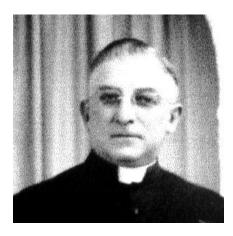
Published financial records from 1900, continued through later years, reveal many stories about a way of life, and customs of the times. These entries when pieced together, create a picture and to enhance the quality of this picture, some imagination may help. Among many of the items entered into the records was the annual fee paid to the organ pumper. Insignificant as this chore may seem, the organ pumper was vital to supply the organist with air to the musical pipes from the organ bellows.

This special responsibility was assigned to Henry Huber in 1900 and he diligently carried on these duties until 1910, at which time George Huber assumed the duties until 1914, when Wolfgang Huber carried on until 1917. While away for military service, Wolfgang was replaced by William Hall, John Feucht, and Joseph Hall. Philip Ertl continued until 1923 when brother Frank took over until 1928 at which time an electric organ blower was installed. The hand operated organ pump consisted of a bellows type contraption when pulled inward and outward by hand with the likeness of a joystick, air was drawn into the bellows. When compressed, it forced air into the pipes for sound. The organ pumper received about \$25.00 a year for this work. This pipe organ, a beautiful sounding instrument, was replaced by the an electric organ donated by the Albert Adelmeyer family in memory of Air Force Pilot Lt. Harvey Adelmeyer about 1948. The old pipe organ was given to a smaller parish. Among other disbursements at the early 1900s, we find expenditures for cutting and splitting wood. One such entry listed Frank Jungbeck splitting wood for school, \$3.50, on May 5, 1902. Other parishioners that provided this service through 1928 were Albert Wittman, Joe Bauer, Henry Huber, Fred Zoschke, Henry Wittmann, Albert Sterr, Martin Eilbes, Linus Oechsner, Andrew Zehren and Alois Bauer. These parishioners were a part of the work force providing wood supply to heat the school. Other expenditure entries of interest were entered in 1902 when Frank Herman received \$1.70 for gravel. This category continues on with purchases of sand, lime, and cement, all in small amounts, indicating minor repair throughout the years. At the closing of the expenditures accounts in this era, we want to mention the 70 ft. church chimney built in 1902 by David Ahern and Son for the cost of \$41.85.



St. Andrew second rectory built under the pastorate of Father Bernard Weyer in 1891. The rectory porch was added in 1915 by Father Francis Pichery. In 1964 the rectory was demolished to be replaced by the present standing rectory by Father Anthony Gundrum.

#### **Father Peter Klinkhammer**



golden jubilee January 1975.

Peter Klinkhammer, a native of Racine, studied for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary and was ordained February 1, 1925 by Bishop Paul Rhode of Green Bay. Following ordination he was assigned as assistant at St. Victor, Monroe and later St. Edward, Racine. Father Klinkhammer was temporarily in charge of St. John, Montello, followed by a one year tenure at St. John, Lamartine in 1937. Father then served St. Michael from 1937-1941, at which time he was assigned to St. Andrew, Le Roy. Father accepted the incumbent Parish Officers Joseph Schraufnagel, Sec. John Feucht, Treas. and members of the auditing committee, Albert Adelmeyer, Norbert Bauer, Adolph Neumeyer, Alphonse Schmidbauer and Albert Vollmer.

After a one year assignment at St. Andrew, Father Klinkhammer accepted assignments as chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital, West Bend 1942-1951 and at the old Salvatorian high school, Milwaukee. Following sick leave in 1954, Father Kinkhammer moved to the Tucson Diocese, where he served as pastor of several parishes . Father Klinkhammer celebrated his

# **Father John Stehle**



Father Stehle with retiring trustees Joseph Schraufnagel and John Feucht

John Stehle was born in Milwaukee, on December 23, 1903. He studied for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary and was ordained February 2, 1928 by the Most Reverend Sebastian Messmer. His first assignment was as associate pastor at Holy Name Parish, Sheboygan, on Feb. 14,1928. He became pastor of St. Matthew Parish, Neosho, with the Mission at St. Mary Woodland on Sept. 24, 1937. On July 23, 1942 Father Stehle was appointed pastor of St. Andrew Parish. Father continued the traditional devotion to the Sacred Heart celebrated every First Friday with the strong support among the young people of grade and high school age.

The following article written by a former editor of the Dodge County Pionier, J. M..Sevenich portrays

his thoughts in this 1942 article which appeared in The Mayville News.

"TIME MARCHES ON "
All Aboard, for

Town Dreizehn: (Town Thirteen)

Few people appreciate the little and old things which are as important as the big and new things. For instance, the watch is the daily companion of millions. A watch will tick for years and years. It is frequently handed down from generation to generation. 60 seconds a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. If a person fractures the pelvis, he may be crippled for life, nevertheless able to move about, but if the smallest bones in the human body, the hammer and anvil in the ear be injured, the person is shut off from all sound—music, song, the patter of little ones and the consoling voice of the one nearest and dearest to him. And so it is with old things, houses that housed generations, old machinery and implements which grandfather used and highly prized old spinning wheels. We are bound for Le Roy ---das bayrische Landel, a quaint old, and small village. Some referred to it as Lehner's corners, and everybody knew Louis Lehner in the nineties. Perhaps no other village was more improved by the construction of modern highways than Le Roy. Coming to Le Roy from the east, one passes St. Andrew's church. I have before me "The History of the Catholic Church in Wisconsin' published in 1899.

It is stated that St. Andrew church at Farmersville was founded 50 year ago. In 1890 the Rev. Bernard Weyer was appointed pastor of St. Andrew's and in 1896 the Rev. Fred. Raess succeeded him. Rev. Raess was succeeded by the Rev. J.W. Blum during whose pastorate the present church was built. The present pastor of St. Andrew, the Rev. John Stehle, is an old friend of the writer. He was born in Milwaukee, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Stehle, attended St. Anne parochial school and then entered St. Francis seminary. After his ordination, Father Stehle was appointed assistant at Holy Name parish, Sheboygan; later he became pastor at Neosho. I knew him as a boy and as a student, in fact the Stehle's lived only a half block from our home. I like to refer to him as the little priest with a big voice and an equally big heart. That is what counts, sympathetic understanding and mutual appreciation.

May God bless him and his work and through him bless his parishioners, many of whom may remember me as "Der junge Redakteur des Pionier' [ the young editor of the pioneer ] now within a stone's throw of the Biblical age of three-score and ten. The history referred to also states that the membership of the congregation was around 1,300, and that 124 children attended the parochial school. The older people of Le Roy have not forgotten the old church, facing the highway with a pathway between poplar trees leading to the church entrance. The building was much too small for the congregation. Father Blum was known as a church builder, and upon his arrival in Le Roy took steps to provide a church large enough to house the congregation. Building material was hauled from Knowles and Mayville, and before Father Blum left the parish, the new church, one of the finest rural churches in all Wisconsin, was completed. It seems that the first settled about Farmersville, which at one time boasted of a brewery and the best quality of beer. The settlers came from Bavaria and brought with them their language, customs and thrift. Such men and women as came from far off Bayaria are few and far between today. A hardy, God fearing race who came to this country to find a new permanent home and take part in the development of a new country. There was a time when I knew hundreds of men and women from the Bayrische Landel and who delighted in telling me stories of the pioneer days. To illustrate the hardships, I shall mention but one of these pioneers, Grandpa Joseph Krapfl, who came to Le Roy in the early days, bought a small tract of land and began to clear the land. Krapfl and his wife enjoyed America's freedom and shared the crudeness of pioneer life until she was called away by death, leaving him with two small children. "My home was empty," said Grandpa Krapfl. But what else could I do but carry on? I took the children to the woods with me and back to the cabin after a hard day's work. Time and again, I said to myself: Better get married again, but then I thought of the children in the care of a stepmother, and I thought of my wife who had come all the way from across the sea, for better or worse, and I know that she could not be replaced. I am an old man today, an almost forgotten man, but the thought that I did my duty as I saw it, cheers me."

In the eighteen- nineties we printed many, many sets of wedding invitations for people who were to be married in St. Andrew's church, sets running into the hundreds. I was told time and time again that these invitations were distributed by men on horseback, an old custom. It never was my privilege to attend a wedding celebration at Lehner's hall, but I know that they were great festivals, lasting all day and night, and sometimes longer. One of the features were the Tusches in honor of the bride.

The postmaster of Mayville, Martin J. Bachhuber, whose ancestors were among the first to reach Le Roy showed me a document, written in German on the occasion of a wedding. It expresses the wishes and sentiments of those present and is signed by the relatives and guests. Another old custom, now forgotten and lost to humanity. The sturdy Bavarian pioneers who hunted big game, cleared the land and made their contribution to the productiveness and progress of Dodge County found their last resting place in the cemetery. The cemetery tells the story, and is, perhaps the only record left besides the record in the archive of the church. To me, cemeteries have always been rather intriguing. A quarter of a century ago I spent a few days in a northern city. It was in the month of June, on a Sunday morning. I left the hotel before 6 o'clock and while wandering about the outskirts of the town came to the cemetery. It was a revelation to me. Tombstones, erected more than a half century ago, bore the names of Frenchmen, tombstones erected a decade later bore the manes of Scandinavians, then came the tombstones bearing German names-hunters, explorers, woodsmen and agriculturists. When I returned to the hotel after 8 o'clock, a friend of mine who had been looking for me for an hour asked, "Where have you been?" "I told him, and he said: "Of all the things on earth." Then I related the story of the city to him as I gathered it from the tombstones, and he said: "Man, I think you found something". Remember what was said of little things and old things the hamlet of Farmersville, the little rural church by the roadside and the old settlers and tombstones. But the Bavarian spirit did not die out in Le Roy- you will meet there a jovial, hard-working, honest, Godfearing group of people, a small, but dependable part of our great nation. Le Roy furnished fighters in the Civil war, in the Spanish-American War, in World War I, and in the present war- no further evidence is needed for their loyalty, courage and fitness. "Le Roy, Gruess Gott, und b'huet di Gott!" [Le Roy hello, and may God watch over you] Sevenich.

Father Stehle oversaw the installation of a new furnace in 1943 by John McCoy Co. at a cost of \$2,524.15 and roofing of the school by Walter Tighe, \$174.00. In 1944 a terrazzo floor was installed in the church by the Donaldson floor Co. at a cost \$2,700.

In the war years parish fund raisers discontinued during Father Stehle's pastorate. At a special meeting August 29, 1947, it was decided to restore the exterior of the church which included the painting of all windows, paint or staining of the two main towers and four ornamental towers with two complete coats on shingles, also louvers and windows in the towers. In addition the brick work should be repaired wherever necessary and the two crosses removed on the main towers and replaced with new stainless steel crosses, for a total cost \$ 3,331.00. The work was contracted to the Schnell Bros. of Oshkosh. This contract work was financed by a special assessment of 50% of annual dues of the parish membership. A centennial fund was set up in 1944 and continued to increase in the account by free will donations until 1949 to a total sum of \$ 2,256.75 when the fund was closed. The three hundred contributors to this fund are listed in the archives of the parish records. The following in part is an account of the parish centennial celebration as written in The Mayville News, August 1949.

#### LE ROY PARISH CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 28, 1949

St. Andrew's parish of Le Roy will celebrate on Sunday, August 28. A Solemn High Mass will be offered at 10:30 A.M. in the presence of Archbishop Moses E. Kiley of Milwaukee who will assist at the Mass in Cappa Magna. Officers of the Mass will be celebrant, Father Gabriel Hinkes, O.Praems. of Philadelphia; deacon, Father Henry Stehling of Hartford; subdeacon, Father Cyril Spiegelhoff of Mayville; and Father Peter Burelbach of Jefferson will be the presbyter assistant. Father Michael Groff of Theresa and Father Rayner Hausman of Belgium will be chaplains to the Archbishop. Father Hugo O'Connell, C.S.S.R. of the Redemptorist Seminary at Oconomowoc will preach. The celebration will conclude with a dinner that will be served to visiting clergy at the parish school by the Christian Mothers.

The demographic changes after WW II resulted in an increase in marriages, followed by the baby boom generation. It became apparent that a new school was needed to accommodate the increased enrollment. At a special meeting called by Father Stehle on October 19,1953, discussion centered on cost, architecture, location and the advisability of including living quarters for the sisters.. Discussion further focused on money on hand before building, interest rates and whether it would be advisable to ask members for voluntary contributions. A building committee was appointed by Father Stehle. This appointed committee was to visit parishes with the latest structured school buildings and obtain facts and costs.

At the annual parish meeting, January 17,1954, Merlin Schabel was voted in as parish secretary replacing Joseph Schraufnagel, who had faithfully carried out the duties of this office for 26 years. Among other changes was the election of Joseph Feucht as treasurer, replacing John Feucht who had served in this office 17 years.

Members serving on the auditing committee under Father Stehle's pastorate were, Norbert Bauer, Wilbur Steiner, Joseph Feucht, Benno Sterr and Merlin Schabel.

On August 10, 1954 Archbishop Meyer appointed Father Stehle to the pastorate of St. George Parish, Kenosha where he served for eighteen years until his retirement on September 26, 1972. Father Stehle died in November 1985 and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee.

#### **Father Francis Eschweiler**



Francis Eschweiler, a Milwaukee native, studied for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary, where he was ordained June 15, 1935 by Archbishop Samuel A Stritch. In the 1930s to the 40s he gained attention as a 'labor priest' for his ministry with striking workers at Allis Chalmers plant in West Allis. He served as assistant pastor at St. Michael, Milwaukee, 1935 to 1938. He was appointed to St. Joseph, Fond du Lac 1938 to 1939, and Holy Name, Racine, for about five years. In June 1944 he was appointed professor at Saint Francis Minor Seminary. In April 1948 he was named pastor at St. Michael at St. Michael, followed by a pastorate at St. Andrew, Le Roy, in August, 1954. Father accepted parish officers Merlin Schabel secretary, Joseph Feucht, treasurer, and members of the auditing committee, Norbert Bauer, Roman Zangl, Benno Sterr, Andrew Schraufnagel and RobertWeinberger.

As plans for the new school were far from complete, Father called a special parish meeting on Nov. 28, 1954 at the Le Roy Town Hall at 2:30

P.M. First order of business: Do we need a new school? The results by ballot vote were 77 yes and 50 no. It was decided to assess all contributing members thirteen and one-half times the yearly assessment which was the projected amount to cover total costs of the school. This met with full approval by all present, and plans for construction were now set in motion. Arthur Sterr was once again appointed secretary of the school fund. Arthur Sterr had shouldered this responsibility since 1929 and administrated this office 33 years or since the old school was first remodeled. The building fund was now the focal point of attention, geared for three times the amount of assessment to be paid by June 1, 1954 with a goal of \$75.000.00. However, unforeseen declining membership resulted in a slower accumulation of funds.

With the building fund in progress, the membership dropped to:

405 members	in 1951
390	in 1952
386	in 1953
373	in 1954
372	in 1955
336	in 1956

Meanwhile payments were being made on the school debts. Membership increased in the following years

369 members	in 1957
365	in 1958
369	in 1959
377	in 1960
376	in 1961

St Andrew gained 24 members in 1962 and again reached the 400 membership listing the year the school debt was paid. The temporary declining membership was not a result of the school debt alone; the industrial growth in neighboring cities was also a factor.

Early in 1955 men of the parish came with chain saws, axes, trucks and tractors to remove the trees from the north section of the parish park to make room for the new school. The following article appeared in the <u>Catholic Herald Citizen</u>, June 11, 1955.

#### Begin Construction of New School for Parish at Le Roy

Work

began this week on the new \$180,000 St. Andrew's school here. Ground was broken a week earlier on Sunday, May 29. The building will provide a parish hall accommodating 400, with kitchen facilities, and five classrooms. In addition, there will be a school office, faculty room, storage and supply room, boiler room and a wardrobe room connected with the hall. The new school is located on a large tract of land owned by the congregation, and will provide ample playground facilities. It will be built directly south west of the present church.

The building will be constructed in form of an 'L' One of the wings, nearest the church, will contain the parish hall, and the other will house the classrooms. The onestory exterior will be finished in a combination of face brick and Indiana limestone with large clear glass windows. The classrooms will be bilaterally lighted, with sky domes located on the room ceilings near the interior walls. The rooms will have acoustical ceilings and tile floors. The corridors and entrance will have ceramic tile floors. The parish auditorium slanting roof will be supported by interior exposed, laminated wood arches. Each of the five 30 x 30 foot classrooms can accommodate 30 pupils. The present school will be vacated as soon as the children can be accommodated in the new building which is expected to be early next year. Fr. Francis Eschweiler is pastor of St. Andrew's parish. Three Dominican sisters of Racine and one lay teacher, Mrs. Joe Sokoly, compose the regular teaching faculty. The architect is Herbst, Jacoby and Herbst



Parish Park before groundbreaking. Huge Poplar tree in foreground was cut down by a two man chain saw manned by Armond Wass @ Sons. Farmers from the parish spent the winter hours to clear the park for the new school. Little white building served as a kitchen for summer picnics

of Milwaukee, and the Zweig Construction Co. of Mayville is the general contractor.

On November 6, 1955 the blessing of the cornerstone gave evidence that the building was becoming a reality. It was then decided by a vote at the annual meeting on January 22, 1956 that a majority favored a single assessment school

fund payment. By April 1956, the building was complete. On September 2, 1956
Archbishop Albert Meyer blessed the new school. This ceremony attended by 20 neighboring clergymen was followed by a dinner served by the Christian mothers in the new parish hall.

The school was then occupied on September 5, 1956. The principal, Sister Rita, assisted by Sister Marie Imelda, Sister Magdala, and lay teacher Mrs. Joseph Sokoly, welcomed the 158 students into the new edifice.

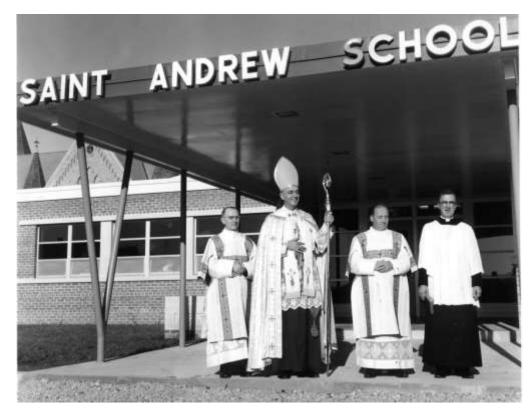
Thursday, June 5, 1957, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Father Eschweiler celebrated Mass at St. Andrew's for the last time. Father accepted a new assignment at Menomonee Falls where he became the founding pastor of the Good Shepherd parish where he served until retiring on August 31, 1984. Father Francis Eschweiler died December 27, 1997 and is interred at Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee.



Groundbreaking Ceremony May 29, 1955. Standing forward left, General Contractor Orris Zweig, Frank Sonnentag, Joe Feucht, Joseph Schraufnagel, James Weinberger Sr., Father Eschweiler, Merlin Schabel and acolyte Dan Weinberger.

# DEDICATION OF ST ANDREW SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2, 1956 BY ARCHBISHOP ALBERT MEYER

L-R. Former Pastor Father John Stehle; Archbishop Albert Meyer; Father Oliver Zinnen; Pastor of St. Mary, Mayville, and Father Francis Eschweiler, Pastor of St. Andrew.



Photos by Edgar Mueller



#### **Father Anthony Gundrum**



Anthony Gundrum was born in Milwaukee July 5, 1915. Father Gundrum graduated from a Milwaukee parochial school and spent six years at the Capuchin Fathers' Minor Seminary at Mt. Calvary. The final six years of his priestly training were completed at St. Francis Major Seminary . He was ordained May 31, 1941 in St. Adalbert Church in Milwaukee by Archbishop Moses E. Kiley. Father served as associate pastor of St. Anthony Church in Milwaukee from 1941 to 1945 and at St. Mary Church in Port Washington from 1945 to 1957. Father's first pastorate was St. Andrew, Le Roy in June 1957. Parish officers Roger Wild, secretary, Joseph Feucht, treasurer, and advisory committee, Roman Attenberger, Roman Zangl, Beno Sterr, Andrew Schraufnagel, and Hubert Schraufnagel welcomed Father to the parish. He faced a variety of challenges upon his

arrival. The school debt of \$109,000 was one point of concern. The church interior needed attention as pillars were deteriorating, windows and roofs needed repairs, and redecoration was called for. Father called for emergency funds. Personally, he solicited most of the funds in a house to house canvassing and raised most of the \$10,000 for immediate repairs.

Volunteer parishioner Art Krapfl Jr. assisted the George Hutter Co. of Fond du Lac who was awarded the contract for the major interior reconstruction which began in January 1958. The Art Jackson Co. of Minneapolis completed the interior redecoration by May 1958.

At this time standard church dues were assessed married couples at \$80.00 per year, singles \$40.00, and students \$20.00. Special revenue needed for additional repairs was covered with the "Green Sunday" collection. One Sunday a month was set aside when the parishioners were asked to contribute one extra

dollar in the collection basket. In 1959 the 'Green Sunday' contributions reached \$ 2,377.00

Church interior reconstruction 1958

A service building was constructed by the men of the parish for storage and it also served as a needed picnic facility. In September 1959 St. Andrew School opened its fifth class room as the enrollment rose to 178 pupils.

At the annual St. Andrew Party celebrated on November 26, 1961, Father was assisted by Arthur Sterr, Roger Wild, and Joseph Feucht Sr. presided at the mortgage burning ceremony in the parish hall.

The parish had saved \$31,223, by raising the necessary funds to retire a \$216,000 loan eight



St Andrew old rectory demolished by men of the parish with the assistance of Louis Gruber, age 90, who helped build the rectory as an apprenticed

years before maturity.

On December 28, 1961 Father Gundrum forwarded a check of \$8,000 in the name of the parish to Mother M. Albertine of the Sisters of St. Dominic as a contribution to their new motherhouse.

At the annual parish meeting January 20, 1963 it was decided by vote to construct a new rectory and replace the building erected in 1891. Rectory construction was to take place in the spring of 1964 with an estimated cost of \$40,000.

The building committee for the project was Father Gundrum, chairman: trustees Earl Kehrmeyer and Joseph Schmidbauer: and Armond Waas, Joseph Schabel, Hubert Schraufnagel, Leonard Woller and Arthur Krapfl Jr. Special tribute was paid to Joseph Feucht Sr. trustee for many years, forced to resign because of ill health. Roger Wild fulfilled his final months as trustee and Earl Kehrmeyer was then elected his successor.



St. Andrew new rectory completed in 1965

In the tenth year of his pastorate, Father Gundrum observed his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on Sunday June 26, 1966 with the liturgy, banquet program and parish entertainment.

In 1967, extensive maintenance work was done on the church. Steeples were painted, the entire church tuckpointed, roof and gutters were repaired and new lightning rods were installed on the main tower. With natural gas in the area, gas heating was installed in the church and the rectory. Among other improvements was the purchase of 2-1/2 acres of land from Jerome Bauer in 1969. This land provided more cemetery space and adequate space for the very active athletic club.

A letter received by Father Gundrum on May 27, 1969 reads as follows:

#### Dear Father Gundrum;

As the present school term draws to a close and plans for the 1969--1970 school year progress, it is necessary for us to project even further at this time into 1970 and beyond. As you are well aware from our previous contacts with you, our declining number of teaching Sisters makes it necessary for us to seriously reconsider our present teaching commitments. After much deliberation, and consultation with the Diocesan Office of Education, we find it necessary to inform you that after the 1969--1970 school year we will no longer be able to staff St. Andrew School with any Racine Dominican Sisters.

We ask that you inform your parishioners of this matter in ample time so that all concerned may plan accordingly for the continued education of the children of your parish. We trust that you and the parishioners will accept this decision with understanding. If we can be of any assistance in the transition, please feel free to contact us. Our prayers will be with you as you plan for the future.

Very Sincerely,

Sister Barbara Fisher, O.P Community Personnel Coordinator for the Milwaukee Archdiocese Sister Mary Magdalen, O.P.President, Racine Dominican Sisters.

A tribute by Father Gundrum is expressed in the 1970 annual report:

"The demise of our loved parochial school will change the complexion of St. Andrew's more than any one of us can grasp at this time. Many new problems will arise that the past 100 years of Catholicity in the community never had to face. The big question is, Can we maintain the magnificent Faith and Spirit of Cooperation which enabled this parish to achieve its present greatness as a much admired model of the Christian rural Family of God?"

The 101 year relationship of St Andrew parish with the Dominican Sisters of Racine had drawn to a close. The splendid teaching reputation for excellence and the respect the venerable Sisters earned here at St. Andrew will always be remembered. It is also important for the people of St. Andrew to realize that the community received this high quality education while in the meantime the Sisters received the lowest dollar earnings. The absence of teaching Sisters was just one of the several reasons for the school closing in 1970. The declining farm population due to the financial crunch caused the exodus of parish membership to industrial locations. The higher wages projected for lay teachers to staff the school was another factor to consider in light of declining membership. It was very difficult for parish families to accept this closing.

The calling of several meetings with serious debate, new suggestions and new proposals was unsuccessful. Some of the families provided Catholic education for their children at the neighboring parishes and this still is an ongoing practice today.

At the July 1970 annual parish meeting the decision was made to launch a \$100,000 restoration project for the church. Insulation of the attic and protective storm glass on the major windows was completed. The Langer Roofing Co. of Milwaukee completed the \$45,000 new roof, copper gutters, flashing, down spouts, etc. By July of 1971 the Rauth Studios of Madison had restored and redecorated in traditional style and the exterior was enhanced with storm glass on all remaining windows at a cost of \$17,756.46. John Oechsner, local contractor and Czoschke Sheet Metal of Knowles replaced the entire bell basin in the large tower at a cost of \$3,711.21.

The Archdiocese's new policy changed the church fiscal year from July 1 to June 30, effective in June 30, 1971. This policy called for an interim one year and six month financial report.

In 1971 extraordinary income included the sale of the convent and adjoining property to the Roger Zangls for \$13,000 and the leasing of the vacated school building to the Mayville School District for the 1970-71 school year with all utilities, fuel, maintenance and janitorial service supplied by the parish for \$12,000.

In 1974, the parish celebrated its 125th anniversary. The following appeared in the The Mayville News August 28, 1974 recorded here in part

# St. Andrew Le Roy Will Mark 125TH Anniversary

The 125th Anniversary of the founding of St. Andrew Catholic Church Le Roy, will be celebrated Sunday Sept. 8. A concelebrated Mass will be offered at 11:00 A.M. His Excellency, Archbishop William E. Cousins of Milwaukee will be the main celebrant and homilist. Assisting at the altar will be Father John Stehle, Father Francis Eschweiler, both former pastors, Father Gabriel Hinkes, O.Praem, and Father Melvin Breit, sons of the parish, and Father Anthony Gundrum, pastor of the parish. Mr. Andrew Rinzel will commentate. A special jubilee choir directed by Brother Michael Wild O.F.M. Cap., assisted by Mrs. Leo Leavengood, with Mrs. Ed Vollmer at the organ will provide the elegant liturgical music.

The jubilee banquet in the parish hall will begin at 1:00 p.m. Parishioners will be joined by visiting clergy and sisters once associated with St. Andrew's and former members and friends as part of the jubilee celebration. An open house party will be held in the parish hall from 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. St. Andrew's comprises about 250 families and draws its membership from the surrounding farms, and neighboring communities such as Knowles, Kekoskee, Farmersville and Nasbro.

St. Andrew church is a majestic structure with 500 seating capacity, is the largest Catholic Church in rural Wisconsin and because of its proximity to the Horicon Marsh has often been called 'The Cathedral of the Marsh'. It is a very active cooperative parish renowned for its annual Fall Festival chicken dinners that for 17 years have attracted over 2,000 diners to the community. July picnics and Shrove Tuesday Prize Costume dances are big favorites. A torte recipe book compiled and published by the Christian Mothers Society under the title 'Country Kitchen Torte Recipes' has merited 20 printings and a sale of over 9;000 copies. Indicative of the deep religious faith of the parish is the fact that some 80 homes have outside shrines mostly featuring the Blessed Mary statues.

Sister Michaelinda Feucht O.P, recorded the historical beginnings and the achievements of the pioneers of old, and building projects of the past and present generations. This very interesting "Jubilee Book " has been a valuable resource for this history documentation.

The parish financial report of 1979 quotes the following from Father Gundrum "Archbishop Rembert Weakland has suggested a Parish Council in all parishes. I prayerfully ponder the introduction of a Parish Council here as a better means of administering this parish. Could we find sufficient capable members willing to serve on the many necessary committees needed to take over the financial responsibilities, the maintenance program, the operation of the School of Religion, recruiting, teachers, janitorial and housekeeping personnel; conduct the fund raising projects, and staff other committees? Would these people be willing to attend the many meetings involved? Personally, I would welcome a council to be relieved of the many burdens and responsibilities now resting my shoulders. Let's all talk about it and consider the possibility in 1980."

Father Gundrum served St.Andrew Parish for 23 years with many memories and achievements. Father helped St Andrew parish achieve a vitality and spirit of loyalty, unity and communion from his flock during the many years of his pastorate. Fathers lengthy and detailed account of parish activities in the yearly financial report are indeed greatly appreciated by this writer, as we touch on religious celebrations, achievements, building projects, social events, and many more festivities. Father summarizes his remarks in recognizing the following for faithful service rendered. Norman Sabel, 20 years janitorial service, Mrs. James Clark, 18 years sanctuary and altar decorative service, Mr. Frank Sonnentag for supervising the Annual Charity Drive program for 20 years, and Theresa Vollmer, dedicated 32 years as the parish organist.

The following was addressed to all parishioners in August 1980.

#### To All Parishioners;

Your Trustees, Board of Advisors and Society officers invite you to an Appreciation Farewell Party for Father Gundrum on the evening of August 15th. Father will be leaving September 1st, and all of us are deeply indebted to him for over 23 years of faithful priestly service to St. Andrew's. Records show that Father has administered the Holy Sacrament of Baptism to 471 of our children. He has witnessed 207 marriages. From his consecrated hands, 449 of our children have received their Lord for the first time. In our cemetery rest 219 of our beloved dead at whose Mass of Christian Burial and interment Father presided. It is estimated that in his years as pastor, over \$250,000 was raised through the July picnics and Fall Festivals to give us many blessings we all now enjoy. Nor are we forgetful of how hard Father worked to direct and promote these successful events. How proud we can be of our well preserved "Cathedral of the Marsh", the other parish buildings and the well kept cemetery and grounds. Father has touched our lives in so many ways and now is the time to show him our gratitude. It is customary to give the departing Pastor a farewell gift. Please use the enclosed envelope for the personal offering you would like to give him. Omit shopping for appropriate cards. Use the space below for expressing your sentiments. Envelopes may be mailed to Father or presented at the Farewell Party being arranged for the evening of August 15th from 8 to 10 P.M. in the school hall. A short program has been planned and will take place at 9:00 P.M. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. Please join us at the 7 p.m. Mass which will precede the Farewell Party. Sincerely, Trustees, Board of Advisors, Holy Name Officers, and Christian Mothers Officers.

P. S, Father is not on Social Security.

Parish officers serving at the close of Father Gundrum's pastorate: Trustee Harvey Simon, Secretary, Trustee John Feucht, Treasurer, Board of Advisors: Armond Waas, Leon Krapfl, John Oechsner, Felix Bauer, Raymond Collien and Roger Wondra .

Holy Name Officers: William Hurst, President, John Krapfl, Vice-President, Hubert Schraufnagel, Secretary, and Edgar Bauer, Treasurer.

Christian Mother Officers: Mrs. Lil Metke, President, Mrs Marie Schraufnagel, Vice President, Mrs. Dorthy Fink, Secertary; Mrs. Helen Bauer, Treasurer.

Father Gundrum was presented \$ 1000.00 by the Holy Name Society and a painting of St. Andrew's Church painted by Doraine Priest of Lomira. This picture is on display in the parish hall, as it was in Father's <u>Will</u> that the painting should be returned to St. Andrew's after his passing. Father left St. Andrew's in late August, 1980 and relocated to St. John the Baptist Church in Clyman. Father Gundrum died Sept. 28, 1987 at 72 years of age and is buried in St. Andrew's cemetery.

Parish Trustees who served during Father Gundrum 23 year pastorate, Joseph Feucht 1956-1963, Roger Wild, 1957-1962, Joseph Schmidbauer, 1963-1966, Earl Kehrmeyer, 1964-1973, Harvey Simon, 1967-1981, Leo Weyer, 1972-1976, John M. Feucht 1977-1982.



St. Andrew`school being demolished by men of the Parish 1959.



Relocation of the parish garage to the Willard Bauer residence June, 1964.

#### **Reflection In Time**

Perhaps one can reflect more clearly on the era of the parish picnic's in the years of the sixties and seventies by including a workers list as shown below. For about a quarter of a century under the pastorate of Father Gundrum, parishioners bonded in the common cause to socialize and work as a parish family. This workers list depicted the program that organized this fund raising event. These assignments were the work of the officers of the Holy Name Society and The Christian Mothers Society. Year after year a few names were added and omitted due to demographic changes. The roster of 1968 represents the average of 25 years of this era. Many familiar names are no longer with us today. There spirit dwells deep within us. There example was a manifestation of our wholesome parish community to which they all shared a great love, pride and faith.

Many pages could be written about St. Andrew's faith and social life, however, when studying the list of parishioners listed, every name bring to mind something special about the goodness of those that have touched us in our lives. This list below leaves no exception. Parish social activities may change from time to time. May the names below remind us of the era of parish fellowship in those post- war years.

## A WORKERS LISTING. ST. ANDREW CHURCH PICNIC, LE ROY JULY 21, 1968

Chairman: Father Anthony Gundrum and James Weinberger Jr.

Officers of the Holy Name Society : Eugene Hoffman ,Vice Pres. Edgar Bauer, Treasurer and James Panzer, Secretary

Work Shifts: No.I, 11:30 to 4.00 p.m. and No. II. 3:45 to Closing of Stand

**Cashiers:** I. Edgar Bauer, Gordon Lehner, John M. Feucht & Jim Weinberger Jr. II. Wilbur Steiner, Gene Hoffman, Harvey Simon & James Panzer

Ticket Return Clerks: I. Leonard Woller and Clarence Luehing II. Ralph Breit and Kenneth Bauer

Sound Equipment: Announcers: Harvey Sterr and Harvey Simom

Maintenance: Norman Sabel and James Clark

**Supervisor of Game Booths:** Bob Sterr and James Panzer

Supervisor of Service Booths: Bill Battistine

Car Parking: I. Harold Marion and Rich Weiglein, Co. Captains. Art Weiglein Jr., Gilbert Geschke, Leo Meyer and Gene Schraufnagel. II. Charles Thurk and Joe Wondra, Co Captains. Arnold Wondra, Roman Eilbes, James Schabel and Carl Schraufnagel Sr.

**Fish Pond : I.** Margaret Priepke, Capt. Alice Keller, Shirley Weyer and Christine Haller. II. Judy Gassner, Capt., Sharon Breit, Gale Bauer and Sandra Klueger

**Jingle Coin :** I. Roger Gassner, Richard Gassner and Mark Feucht. II Gordon DelPonte, Roger Wondra and Gary Waas

Novelties: I Jerry Bauer, Ray Wondra and Betty Bauer. II Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Schraufnagel.

Ring –A-Soda: I. Ronald Adelmeyer and Norman Priepke. II Martin Schraufnagel and Steven Feucht.

**Pitch-Till-U- Win:** I Ray Vollmer, Francis Schraufnagel, & Leslie Schraufnagel. II Norman Kuen, Gerald Gassner, & Terry Battistine.

**Hoopla:** I. Roman Gassner, Eddie Wondra & Tim DelPonte. II. Melvin Eilbes, Charles Feucht & Michael Schraufnagel

Pen Game: I Leonard Schraufnagel & Gerald Haddy. II Melvin Wondra & Max Tolzman.

**Big 16:** I Dick Schabel, Captain, Stan Adelmeyer, Andrew Schraufnagel Jr. Marybeth Vollmer, Ruth Adelmeyer, Sharon Kehrmeyer, Joe Keller, Jelaine Wild, Janice Neumeyer, David Clark, Daniel Walters, Jerold Schraufnagel, Pat Schraufnagel, Connie Bauer, Allen Wondra, Norbert & Joan Keller, Daniel Feucht, Donald Franke, Tom Schalinski, Diane Bauer. Ticket Seller, Kenneth Wondra.

**II**. Don Kehrmeyer, Captain, Christine Schraufnagel, Caroline Valle, Gail Hinkes, Joyce Adelmeyer, Sally DelPonte, Ruth Weyer, Jeff Weinberger, Terry Sterr, Mary Lou Dohrman, Carla Feilbach, Linda Hoffman, Anna Sabel, Jane Schraufnagel, Jennifer Schraufnagel, Carol Ann Vollmer, Catherine Wild, Mary Valle, Beatrice Keller, Rosemary Simon, Ticket Seller: Lee DelPonte, Reserve: Mrs.Frank Breit.

**Bingo:** I Norbert Weinberger, Captain, Mr. & Mrs. Benno Kohlmansberger, Rudy Bauer, Clarence Ruhland, Roman Attenberger, Lawrence Feucht Sr. & Jr .Felix Bauer, Richard Neumeyer, Irvin Gassner Jr., and Mr. Mrs. Phil Zinke. Callers: Melvin Garriety and Milton Hulbert.

II Bill Hurst, Captain, Cashiers -Richard Hoffman & Gilbert Schmidt, Callers: Frank Sonnentag and Richard Hurst. Albert Schraufnagel, Ben Schabel, Ronald Schraufnagel, Stan Zingler, Ray Breit, Robert Schmidt, Donald Stommel, John Welak and Battisti DelPonte.

**NOTE**: The Big 16, Bingo Stand and Hamburger Stand can always use help during the rush hours, chore time and evening. Don't hesitate to step in and lend a hand if you see a need. Offer your services to the captain of the stand. **Coin on the Bottle: I.** Marvin Adelmeyer, George Bauer, & Daniel Feucht.

II. Carl Schraufnagel, Jr., Tim DelPonte, & Keith Adelmeyer.

Paddle Pushers: I Jerry Eilbes & Eugene Bauer. II Dave Waas, Norbert Schabel & Gilbert Schabel.

**Evening Dance:** Ticket Sellers : Arnold Boehmer & Dave Weinberger.

**At Door**: Oscar Bonack and James Clark. Exit Custodians: Andy Pachan Harold Reiser .**Inside Soda Bar:** :Ralph Gindt, Richie Bauer, Donald Sperger, and Robert Keller.

Special Sales:__Earl Kehrmeyer and Norma Lechner

Inside Bar: I. Art Weiglein Sr. Alvin Zingler, and Edgar Bauer. II ;Felix Bauer, and Felix Elsinger.

Beer Stand: No 1 George Lechner, Captain. Duane Waas, Cashier: Roger Wild, Willard Bauer, Ray Dohrman, Leo Wondra, and Donale Weis. Second Shift: Bruno Valle, Captain, Albert Valle, Les Adelmeyer, Carl Tighr, Rudy Schraufnagel, Gordon Walters, Alois Schebrel and Leo Weyer.

Beer Stand: No. 2 Eddie Lechner, Captain, Armond Waas Cashier: Melvin Zimmer, Arnold Oechsner, Sr., Rudy Feucht, Stan Waas, Harvey Waas, Dennis Zimmer, and Gene Wild Jr. Second Shift John M.F. Feucht, Captain, James Knaus, Cashier: Arnold Feucht, Gilbert Nitschke, Leo Leavengood, Jack Schalinski, and Wilfred Lkehner.

Hamburger Stand : First Shift; Hubert Schraufnagel, Captain: Lawrence Feucht Sr., Leo Schraufnagel Jr., Edward Mutz, Melvin Hinkes, Victor Schraufnagel, Tony Feucht, Sr. and Edward Feucht.. Second shift: Leon Krapfl, Captain: Ken Weinberger, Dennis Sabel, Leon Schraufnagel, Bob Personius, John Krapfl, Harvey Klueger, Victor Hinkes Jr. and Ricky Weinberger. Third Shift: Jack Hurlbert, Captain. Donald Feucht, John Oechsner, Henry Kretschman, Charles Feilbach, Bob Wright, Michael Brownlee and Allen Breit.

**Christian Mothers** Officers: Mrs. Gladys Feucht, Pres., Mrs. Aurelia Kuehl, Vice Pres., Mrs. Margaret Schraufnagel, Treas. and Mrs. Mart Wondra, Sec.

Plate Lunch: Cashiers: Miss Agnes Breit & Miss Rita Weinberger.

**Head Waitresses:** 10:00-3:00 Bernice Battistine, Joan Wild, Ann Schalinski, Marie Schraufnagel and Alice Wondra.

**Waitresses:** 10:00-3:00, Kathleen Bauer, Mary Bauer, Betty (Jerry) Bauer, Janette Wondra, Mary (Rudy) Schraufnagel, Ruth Bonack, Conie Nitschkle, Catherine Feucht, Marlene Priepke, Bonnie Schabel, Dolores Feilbach, Marie Feucht, Diane Ruhland, Audrey Wondra, Judy Clark, Sharon Boehmer, Janice Pachan, Betty Schraufnagel, Mary Ellen Neumeyer, Shirley Neumeyer, Patricia Weinberger

Cooks: 8:00-12:00, Eddie Eilbes and Leo Schraufnagel to assist with heavy work. Marcella Clark, Mary Jane Luehring, Margaret Gassner, Dorothy Schmidt, Katherine Schmidt, Erna Franke, Edna Neumeyer, Leona Schraufnagel, Alvina Schraufnagel, Beatrice Zangl, Loretta Elsinger, Marion DelPonte, Monica Adelmeyer, Mae Schraufnagel, Jane Feucht, Ann Zangl, Lucille Schabel, Betty (Lawrence) Bauer, Mary Meyer and Lorena Priepke. Cooks: 12:00 to closing, Ed Vollmer and Joe Kahlhamer to assist with heavy work. Helen Lechner, Ruth Ruhland, Sophia Schmidt, Irene Haddy, Shirley Valle, Catherine Feucht, Margaret Zingler, Lucille Schraufnagel, Helen Hinkes, Philomena Ertl, Lucille Haller, Elizabeth Sabel, Theresa Vollmer, Florence Schraufnagel, Magdalena Feucht, Jane Zangl, LaVerne Hinkes, and Esther Lechner.

**Parcel Post:** 11:00 to closing: Rose (John) Schmidbauer, Marie Woller, Getrude Leavengood, Gertrude Boehmer, and Marie Garriety.

**Coffee-Cake and Ice Cream**: 11:00 to 2:00, Helen Schraufnagel, Charlotte Pachan, Angeling Wondra, and Emma Gruber. 2:00 to 6:00: Alice Bauer, Barbara Hurlbert, Eldona Schraufnagel and Grace Streit. 6:00 to closing, Alvina Weinberger, Irma Gsell, Marilyn Gassner and Linda Adelmeyer.

**Soda and Ice Cream:** 12:00 to 4:00, Diane Zangl, Maxine Schraufnagel, Virginia Klueger, Marion Yuongbeck, Benno Schraufnagel to assist with heavy work. 4:00 to 8:00, Gloria Valle, Betty Kehrmeyer, Hildegarde Sterr, Ida Zwirlein, and Ted Sterr to assist with heavy work.

**Fancy Work**: 11:00 to 4:00: Donna Eilbes, Marie Schabel, Rosina Waas, and Helen Breit. 4:00 to closing: Caroline Schmidbauer, Phyllis Weinberger, and Dolores Attenberger.

**Handkerchief Tree**: 11:00 to 4:00: Mary Hoffman, Margaret Oechsner, Dorothy Fischer and Elizabeth Vollmer. 4:00 to closing: Margaret Simon, Gladys Wetzel, Margaret Gindt and Ardis Schultz.

**Cherry Tree**: 11:00 to 4:00: Florence Vollmer, Donetta Mutz, Elaine Hoffman and Irene Zimmer. 4:00 to closing Agnes Gassner, Florence Hoffman and Dolores Personius.

**Clothes Pins:** 11:00 to 4:00, Jane Hurst, Lyra Battistine, Carol Schabel, and Marie (Leo) Gassner. 4:00 to closing: Eunice Kuen, Evelyn Sterr, Arlene Adelmeyer and Lorena Hoffman.

<u>Ticket Award Stubs and Money</u> may be checked in at school office. To receive proper credit, use envelope in which tickets were received.

Free Loading ruins more picnics: We all pay our way. It's only fair.

Please: No Un Christian conduct or excesses on church grounds.

Men: We set up Thursday and Friday evenings. You know the tools and supplies.

Clean-up: Monday_during day and evening._Come when you can_

<u>Clean-up Party</u> for workers Monday evening after the work is done.

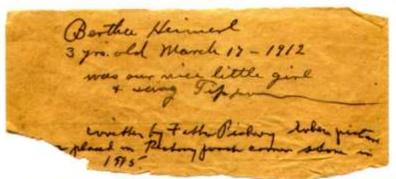
Picnic is again dedicated to St. Andrew; a prayer for it's success.

Masses on Picnic Day: 6:30, 800, and 10:00.

# Old Rectory Corner Stone Memorabilia

Right – Looking west, postcard photo of Wright Bros. type model airplane winging over downtown Le Roy 1908

The photo of 3 year old Bertha Heimerl and the written note below were some of the contends preserved in the rectory corner stone. The note written by Father Pichery was attached to the photo. Bertha Heimerl apparently was one of Father Pichery's younger friends. In 1964 when the rectory was demolished the photo and note were discovered by Dale Gourlie, son of Bertha. Stories passed down through family members relate the title of the song 'Tipperary'







Left street scene of East Le Roy 1910. Looking east to the left the old four room school. To your right the Frank Bauer General Store and later the James Weinberger store. Center, St. Andrews Catholic Church and in the distant right the Dale Hoffman house which stood for 148 years till it was demolished in 1998

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Besides the document above, the old Rectory Corner Stone contained one Indian Head Penny and the rare 1913 Buffalo nickel

#### Historic 1915 Cornerstone Document

Document removed from second rectory porch 1964. Translations by Verona Sterr and Sieghard Gieschen. A.D. September 18th. Under the administration of Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of North America, E.L. Phillip, Governor of Wisconsin, Bob LaFolette and Paul O. Husting United States Senators, M.E. Burke member of Congress in the 13th District of Wisconsin. Byron Barwig, State Senator of Wisconsin and Joseph Bauer, Chairman of town Le Roy, Wisconsin. Under the renowned Administration of Pope Benedict XV, S.G. Messmer, Archbishop of Milwaukee, Francis C. Pischery, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Town of Le Roy, Dodge County, Wisconsin. Aug. Wolfschmitt secretary of above Cong. Andrew Schmidbauer treasurer of above congregation. Josephine Wolfschmitt, housekeeper. Carl W. Stoffer mason, Mayville, Heinrich Freund, mason, Horicon, Melvin Schalinski, farmer of Mayville. Fritz Stoffer and Company, John E. Heimerl carpenter-painter added this foundation stone made by Andrew Sterr in 1862 for the second church as a remembrance of this porch that was built then.

Below: This ledge stone was discovered on Nov. 29, 1998 on the Dale Hoffman residence while Dale was removing ledge stones from the homestead sidewalk.

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Hominibus Apoc. C. 21 V. 3
MDCCCLXII (1862)
A. Sterr
The above inscription reads as follows:
Revelation, Ch. Verse 3



St. Andrew Church Le Roy, WI. Aerial photo taken during Fr. Gundrum's pastorate



Thursday, November 17, 1966

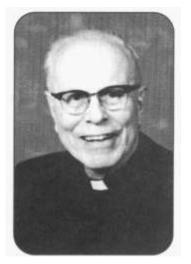


MARRIED 65 YEARS
Mr. and Mrs. John Liegl of
LeRoy show their wedding picture of 65 years ago to the
Rev. Anthony Gundrum, pastor of St. Andrew's church at
LeRoy. The Liegls were the

first members of St. Andrew's con marsh until they retired in
1923 and moved to LeRoy.
They said there were ducks on
the marsh at that time, but
very few geese. Of their wedding attendants, only Louis
on a hill overlooking the HoriPhoto by Edgar Mueller.

Photo by Edgar Mueller.

Photo offered by Erwin Gassner



#### **Father Joseph Fischer**

Joseph Fischer was born on November 14, 1914 in Milwaukee. He attended Pio Nono High School before beginning his studies at St. Francis Seminary. He was ordained on May 18, 1940 at St. Anne Church in Milwaukee by Archbishop Moses E. Kiley. Father was first appointed assistant pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish in Milwaukee on January 7, 1957. Father then founded Our Lady of Good Hope parish where he remained until he was named pastor of Our Lady of Angels parish in Armstrong on June 27,1967. After a 13 year tenure Father Fischer resigned and was assigned pastor of St. Andrew parish at Le Roy on September 2, 1980. His first order of business was to comply with the archdiocese directives and introduce the parish council system. The long tradition of past parish administrative practices that were so faithfully administered through the many years of parish history, were now giving way to changing times

The first parish council officers for St. Andrew's in 1983 were: Father Joseph Fisher ------ Pastor

Trustee------ Roger Wondra

Trustee ----- Peter Quinn

Council President ----- Leonard Schraufnagel

Council Secretary-----Jody Krapfl

Chairperson of Human Concerns-----Joseph Feucht

Chairperson of Youth Ministry----- Robert Sterr

Chairperson of Education-----Norbert Weinberger

Chairperson of Liturgy ------Edgar Bauer

Chairpersons of Building and Grounds----- Donald Weiss -Ray Collien

Chairperson of Finance----- Rudolph Bauer

Leonard Schraufnagel served as council president for the first three years and in the meantime represented District 7 (Dodge County ) on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council of Milwaukee from 1982 to 1985.

Under Father Fischer's pastorate, the long history of membership assessment came under reconsideration. The policy of public disclosure of parish contributions in terms of dollar amounts would no longer be part of the annual financial report.

A major improvement in 1982 was the construction of the handicap ramp by the Rosenthal Construction Co. at a cost of \$12,487.

Father's unwavering faith and devotion to the Sacred Heart, a total commitment to his parish and hope for all who could attend the weekly Thursday evening Holy Hour and First Fridays was his deep desire. When Father 's health was failing, he retired January 31, 1984. He died May 4, 1997.

Years before Father Fischer's pastorate at St. Andrew, Father was very active in youth programs. Father built a youth camp near Dundee, WI. "Camp Vista Wee Yon Wa Untka" meaning, in Sioux, Our Lady of Hope. Father would provide camping for the youth of all creeds, color, and the poor were never refused. Father had a special affection for all youth, especially for the disadvantaged.

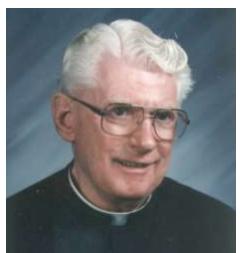


# **Father Frederick Bistricky**

Frederick Bistricky, was born August 19, 1938 at Milwaukee. He was ordained to the priesthood May 29, 1965 at St. John's Cathedral by Archbishop William E. Cousins. Father's first appointment was assistant at Holy Trinity Parish, Racine, July 1965. He became curate at St. Augustine, Milwaukee, June 27, 1967. On June 15, 1976 Father was assigned to Immaculate Conception Parish, Sheboygan, as assistant pastor for the next 5-1/2 years. On December 15, 1981 Father was assigned to be administrator at St John the Baptist Parish, Plymouth. He then took sick leave May 1, 1983 till May 15, 1984 when he was assigned pastor at St. Andrew at Le Roy with a membership of 250 families. Father felt that our cemetery policies needed to be updated to comply with the Archdiocese Cemetery Association. In June 14, 1987 the Cemetery Board is officially constituted. The members of the Cemetery Board for 1987: Andrew Rinzel, chairperson; Joan Nitschke, Secretary; David Schraufnagel, Mrs. Dorothy Fischer, and Eugene Wild. The pastor is an ex-officio member.

Father Bistricky took sick leave July 1, 1990 and later was assigned temporary administrator of St. Peter & Paul, Nenno and St. Anthony, Allenton on June 30, 1991.

On April 12, 1993 Father was assigned as archives assistant, Archdiocese of Milwaukee. On June 30, 1995, Father retired for reasons of health...



#### **Father Robert Berghammer**

Robert Berghammer was born on January 25, 1925 at Milwaukee. He studied at St. John's Cathedral High School 1938 - 1940, St. Francis Minor Seminary 1940-1944 and Major Seminary 1945--1949. Father received Minor Orders December 20, 1947 at the Seminary Chapel, and was ordained subdeacon May 29,1948 and deacon September 15, 1948. He was ordained to the priesthood May 28, 1949 by Bishop Roman R. Atkielski of Milwaukee.

Father's first assignment was assistant pastor of St. Anne, Parish Milwaukee, June 29, 1949. On June 21, 1957 he was assigned to St. Robert Parish in Shorewoo, and on July 7, 1960 Father became a member of the faculty of Messmer High School , Milwaukee. On August 31, 1973, Father was appointed pastor of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish in North Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. There he served till his appointment to the pastorate at Holy Trinity / St. Bridget Parish at Kewaskum on July 13, 1982.On June 26, 1990 Father was appointed pastor of St. Andrew Parish , Le Roy. In behalf of St. Andrew Parish, Trustee Roger Wondra and Mary

Beth Youngbeck and Parish Council Officers Edgar Bauer, Gerard Feucht, Helen Bauer, Mark Simon, Monica Adelmeyer, David Schraufnagel, Milton Hurlbert and Vernon Kehrmeyer welcome Father to St. Andrew.

Father's first concern was the number of small saving accounts, most of them less than one thousand dollars. He asked that they be transferred to the restoration fund. When this was implemented, the general account totaled over \$60,000. Father called for parish registration 18 years or older so they could be computerized.

On September 30, 1991 Father reported St. Andrew had no debts and held about \$70,000 in savings certificates. It was at this time the finance committee began long range plans for redecorating the church.

In 1993 the parish had slightly over \$100,000 in the restoration fund. Unforeseen and unanticipated expenses soon surfaced when the lighting and wiring needed repair and replacement. Four contractors were contacted before one electrical vendor was interested in this type of church wiring. The Witzke Electric Co. from Oshkosh was awarded the contract for \$57,844.77 and Lighting Solutions of Milwaukee supplied the fixtures at the cost of \$26,895.28. Crescent Electric Supply Co installed the dimmer system at \$15,741,00 which brought the total costs to \$100,481.05 Other major improvements in 1993 included the new school furnace at a cost of \$11.413.00.

With the ongoing deterioration of the interior of the church and wall structure, the Langer Roofing Co. was called to repair the problem temporarily at a cost of \$ 1,200.00. One year later the Building and Grounds Committee evaluated the bids for church roofing and flashing repair. M.W. Tighe was awarded the contract. Total costs, including scaffolding, roof material, copper flashing and labor, came to \$ 60,782.16.

Having looked forward for some years to redecorating the church, we were once again disappointed when the church furnace needed immediate attention. Weekly repair visits were common and very costly as the old furnace became unreliable. The old steam system with the 95- year old steam pipes had to be replaced with new energy saving boilers. Sig's Inc. of North Fond du Lac installed a- three boiler hot water system for \$32,275.81

St. Andrew took another step forward in 1994 when St. Andrew, along with St. Mary, Lomira and St Theresa, Theresa, hired Mrs. June Strobel as Director of Religious Education. Mrs. Strobel's supervision and assistance helped the overburdened volunteers in the religious education program.

As the time of the Sesquicentennial Celebration drew near, serious planning for church redecoration became a top priority. An agreement between St. Andrew Parish and the Conrad Schmitt Studios Inc. of New Berlin was dated September 25, 1996. This agreement stipulated the restoration starting date as April 1, 1997 for the estimated sum of \$150,000. This 21- page agreement spelled out in detail all operations such as scraping, plastering, cleaning, washing, fiberglass, priming, painting, trim and gold leaf.

While the scaffolding was in place several parishioners were involved with church repair work not covered in the contract. Prior to the erection of scaffolding, parishioners Arthur Krapfl and Kenneth Bauer reconstructed all the heavy crossbar anchor mounting on the walls supporting the two large stained glass windows. This was a corrective procedure to prevent the penetration of frost to the interior of the church.

Below: Parishioners of all ages, sparked with energy and spirit, cleaned and painted the parish hall in preparation for celebrating Mass in the parish hall during church restoration.





Early in 1997 the Christian Women proposed painting the parish hall, as plans to celebrate Mass in the hall during the restoration period developed. Within a few days, a crew of men and women under the leadership of Judy Bauer and Kim Weinberger, the hall painting was completed in addition the 40-year old drapes were replaced. A 'Drape Fund' had accumulated enough money in three weeks to cover the cost of this undertaking .

In a coordinated move by the Waas Boring Co. and the Art Krapfl construction crew removed the old east sidewalk and replaced it with a wider, more attractive and safer walk.

During the restoration period, while the scaffolding was in place, the following repairs were completed. Repair of the broken dome grid, installation of the indirect sanctuary lighting, securing of the reredos to the sanctuary wall, painting and cabinet graining in the sacristy, reupholstering of the speaker cover by Dale Zangl, cleaning and adjusting of the lights, refurbishing the sanctuary angel lamps plus many hours of clean up work. We also want to mention the awning at the handicap entrance donated by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sabel. The entire cost of the church renovation project, including the church interior, refurbishing the statues and grottoes, repairing and repainting of the nativity set, and refinishing of the tabernacle and candelabra totaled \$168,551.50.

In the 1995 financial report, Fr. Berghammer wrote the following on the subject of volunteerism: "I should like to write a few words about this. There are presently two individuals on the parish payroll, myself and our Director of Religious Education. Setting aside the grass cutting of our property, the amount of voluntary effort and time is very notable. Consider all of the following is done by volunteers:

Snow removal.

Cleaning and care of the church.

Maintaining the classrooms / hall.

The cleaning of the rectory.

Painting of the doors to the church and school.

All our teachers and aides in our religious education program.

Cleaning and care given to our kitchen (utensils, roasters, plates, pans, etc.)

The care of the tables and chairs.

Maintenance given to the boilers.

The semi-annual work given to parish grounds

Planning and marking of burial plots.

Arranging the funeral dinners.

Those assisting in the R.C.I.A. programs.

The rebuilding of the church ramp.

The replacing of the burnt out bulbs

The choir.

The recording of all contributions.

The payment of our bills and keeping track of parish investments.

Completing diocesan reports.

Paying and keeping records of all religious education bills.

The scheduling of ushers, servers and Eucharist ministers.

The ushers, servers, and Eucharist ministers.

The typing and copying of the weekly bulletin.

The money counters.

The Cemetery Board.

The year around church environment arrangements.

The senior Mass servers at parish funerals.

And some I may have forgotten due to the time and efforts of parish volunteers."

#### Recorded in the 1995 financial report:

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At the annual parish meeting on March 1,1998, major improvements were discussed including a new roof on the parish hall and rectory, the conversion of the school boiler from steam to hot water, parking and cemetery blacktop, and the covering of the church floor with carpet.

On April 20, 1998 Archbishop Rembert Weakland, OSB, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Andrew, Le Roy. Father Berghammer hosted the parishes of St. Mary, Lomira, St. Mary, Mayville, St Matthew, Neosho, St. John, Rubicon, St. Mary, Woodland, and the home parish, St. Andrew. One hundred and three Confirmation candidates and their sponsors representing the seven parishes filled the newly redecorated church. Assisting the Archbishop was Master of Ceremonies Father LenVan Vlaenderen. Concelebrants were The Very Rev. Charles Wester, Rev. Robert Berghammer, Rev. Vincent Holubowicz and Rev. Russell Stommel.

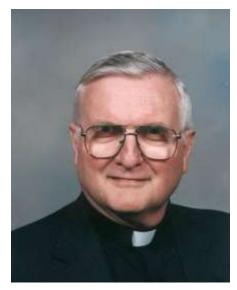
Father Berghammer announced his retirement effective July 1, 1998. Beginning July 1, 1998, St. Andrew and St. Mary, Mayville, will be administrated by one pastor. Upon retirement, Father Berghammer continues to celebrate Sunday liturgy and daily Mass at St. Andrew on a voluntary basis.

Below: July, 1998. Poblocki Paving Corp. applied 1.257 tons of asphalt on the parish parking lot and cemetery drive. Approx. costs, \$68.000.





#### The Very Rev. Charles H. Wester



Charles Wester was born August 7, 1933, Milwaukee. Charles was the eldest son of parents Charles J. Wester and Loretta Wester. He has two brothers, Richard and Dennis, and one sister, Sr. Carol Wester, O.P. of the Racine Dominicans. Charles Wester attended Holy Angels grade school Milwaukee, Thiensville State Graded School and St. Francis Minor Seminary. He was awarded a BA from St. Francis a MS in Guidance and Counseling, UW -Whitewater, 1974.

Charles Wester was ordained at St. John Cathedral, Milwaukee, May 30, 1959. Father was then assigned as assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception, West Bend, 1959-1966, and associate pastor at St. Andrew, Delavan, 1966-1969. He served in Campus Ministry, UW Whitewater, 1969-1975, and as Director of Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee 1972-1974. From 1975-1977 he was associate pastor at St. Catherine, Milwaukee. He became pastor at St. Joseph, Waukesha, 1977-1980; Holy Redeemer, Milwaukee, 1980-1987; St. Edward, Racine, 1987-1993; St. Mary, in Mayville, 1993. On July 1, 1998 Ttrustees, Roseann Schraufnagel and Sue Weinberger welcomed Father to St. Andrew as a sister parish of St. Mary, Mayville

From the Sunday bulletin June 28, 1998 Father writes;

"This is the first joint bulletin for St. Mary and St. Andrew. Effective, Wednesday, July 1, our two parishes are officially being served by a single Pastor. I am certain all of us enter this new phase of parish life with some fear and uncertainty. But I am also certain that God is walking with us. Remember Jesus' promise before He died? "I will not leave you orphans". Therefore, we can begin this new journey with much confidence I want to publicly thank Father Berghammer for the help and support he has given to me personally, and to our parishes, as we prepared for the transition we are undergoing. All of us wish him God's blessing and peace as he begins his retirement. We welcome his continued presence among us."

Father Wester relocated his residence to the St. Andrew rectory and maintained the parish center office at 14 Naber St., Mayville, as a communications center. A good plan for transition and communications was in place as changes unfolded smoothly into ongoing schedules.

A bulletin insert stated: "Both St. Andrew and St. Mary will retain their separate identity. Each parish is a separate corporation with the Archbishop as president, the pastor as vice-president, two trustees-the secretary and treasurer, and the Vicar General of the Archbishop as president, canon law requires each parish to maintain a separate Finance Committee. We will, however, begin working toward a joint parish council along with the rest of the committees such as Worship, Human Concerns, Christian Formation working together. Buildings and Grounds, as well as the Cemeteries, will keep their separate identities.

The most immediate change the parishioners would experience was the change in the Mass schedule. The Saturday evening Mass would be celebrated at St. Mary at 4:30 P.M.. On Sunday, Masses would be celebrated at 8:30 A.M. at St. Andrew and 10:30 A.M. at St. Mary. Other service's and events schedules were listed in the weekly bulletin.

How did St. Andrew parishioners respond to the influx of St. Mary parishioners? From all observations, the most noticeable problem was the over-crowded parking which quickly corrected itself. The guests from St. Mary who chose to attend the 8.30 Mass were first to arrive and their attendance was most welcome. The 500-seat capacity church served all who wished to worship. Almost unnoticed, the two parishes blended in fellowship and cross invitations were extended to each parish for liturgical and social events. As some parishioners commute to either parish to satisfy their needs, the balance seems to be in order as both parishes played a role in demographic adjustments.

Under the pastorate of Father Wester some administrative changes were made. The individual parish councils merged to accommodate the two parishes. The weekly St. Andrew stewardship envelopes were discontinued effective July 1999. Beginning with the new fiscal year, a monthly stewardship envelope was sent to all parishioners. Contributions were given a choice of capital improvements, school support, tuition, and stewardship. The selection to be designated on a tear – off slip and entered into the envelope with the contribution.

July 18, 1999 it was announced that Willis Heideman had begun his part-time ministry as Pastoral/ Administrative Assistant. Willis is currently attending St. Francis Seminary in the four year certification program.

On August 1, 1999 Kathy Ritger became the Director of Christian Formation.

March 12, 1998 The Mayville News carried a article on the opening of St. Andrew School.

In stated in part "St Mary School Expands to Le Roy." St. Mary announced plans to expand their school to the building that once housed St. Andrew School in Le Roy. The building will be used for St. Mary daycare, preschool, kindergarten, first and second grades.

In anticipation of St. Andrew school opening, Building and Grounds committee stepped up maintenance. The classroom lighting was updated. Parishioners from both parishes assisted in school-house cleaning. Classroom and hallway painting under the daily supervision of Norbert Weinberger that freshened up the atmosphere. In addition, the boiler system was converted from steam to hot water.

#### St. Andrew Campus

Approaching the 1998-1999 school year, on Thursday, August 27, St. Andrew's school opened its doors to welcome the following staff;

The Very Rev. Charles H. Wester. Pastor
Helen D.Gilles Principal
Mrs. Karen Cypher Preschool

Mrs. Kara Fehring K 5 Kindergarten

Mrs. Kristin Ries Grade 1 Mrs. Mary Simon Grade 2

Lunch Servers: Angeline Wondra, Helen Bauer, Ann Sterr, Alice Wondra, Katherine Quinn, Gerorge Lechner, Joan Nitschke Norma Lechner, LaVern Hinkes, Debbie Wondra, Arlene Hoffman.

Playground Supervisors: Stella Bauer, Arlene Bauer, Patty Clark, Kathy Mittelstadt, Linda Rader, Judy Harned, and Penni Hurst

Personnel Serving Both Campuses:

Secretary: Mrs. Rhonda Allard, Child care Director: Mrs.Cindy Flasch, Phy.Ed: Mr. Bruce Vredeveld, Food Service: Mrs Dorothy Stortz, Art: Mrs. Charlene Haertel, Music: Mrs. Barbara Panzer, Custodial Engineer: Mr. David Rader.

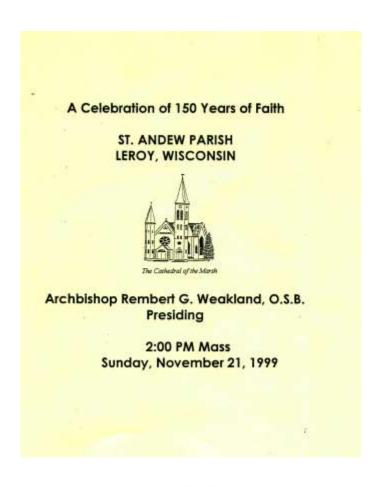


Recess enjoyed on the new playground equipment donated by Marie Woller in April 1998

#### THE 150 YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION

As time drew near for the Jubilee Celebration, preparations were going on in many areas. Newspaper articles gave various historical accounts. The Christian Women Society sponsored the Parish Pictorial Album and parish memorabilia as shown.







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Greeting

Penitential Rite

Gathering Hymn:

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have been able to grow into a vibrant parish. We are proud of our heritage and are deeply grateful for the many blessings God has given us.

#### The Jubilee Mass

The Jubilee Mass was celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King, November 21, 1999. The Mass opened at 2:00 P.M. when for the first time since 1982 the old bronze bells in the tower rang out in full glory for 3 minutes to ring in the 150 year milestone. (The electronic bell system was canceled for this historic event.)

Archbishop Rembert Weakland presiding, concelebrating the Mass were Father Charles Wester, pastor of the parish, Father Robert Berghammer, retired former pastor of St. Andrew, Father Melvin Breit and Father Michel Wild, sons of St. Andrew. Father Len Van Vlaenderen assisted the Archbishop. Reverend Eugene Kinney and Reverend William Key also attended.

Weakland commented on St. Andrew's beautiful and large church and hoped the church would be filled every Sunday. He encouraged the youth of the parish to remain strong in their faith as exemplified by those before their time. He pointed out the sacrifices of our yesteryear parishioners as he focused on the large stained glass windows and read the inscription on the window of the Ascension 'Zum Andenken an Familie Andreas Weiglein' and turning to the window of the Nativity, he continued to recognize the generosity and the sacrifices of all those who contributed to this beautiful church, a reflection of the strong faith of our forefathers. 'Happy Birthday' was his greeting to the parish on this 150th anniversary. Once again, he reminded the youth to stay strong in their faith and look forward to St. Andrew's 200th jubilee. Compared to European churches, Weakland said "Your parish is young. In Austria, I have celebrated Mass in a church 1200 years old." He also reflected on the years of the past. He pointed out the many sacraments that were administered, the many Baptisms, the Confessions that were heard, the First Communion and Marriage celebrations.

The attending parishioners listened and pondered on his remarks.

Archbishop Weakland went on to recognize the Dominican Sisters of Racine for their 101 years of teaching service at St.Andrew.



Concelebrated Mass L-R; Archbishop Weakland, The Very Rev. Charles Wester, Father Robert Berghammer, Father Michael Wild, and Father Melvin Breit

Daughter of St Andrew's Parish Sister Philomene Schraufnagel of the Racine Dominicans was accompanied by Dominican Sisters who formerly taught at St. Andrew. The parishioners were delighted to renew acquaintance with Sr. Audrey Affholder, Sr. Rita Vander Velden, Sr. Catherine (Kostka) Wildenberg, Sr. Dorothy Ann (Myron) Greiber, Sr. Paula Marie Jarosz, Sr. Mary Ellen Paulson, Sr. Rita E. Martin, Sr. Agnes (Magdala) Ballweg, and Sr. Zita Kripavicius. Daughter of St. Mary's parish, Mayville, Sr. Bernadette Weinberger was delighted to meet with many friends and relatives.



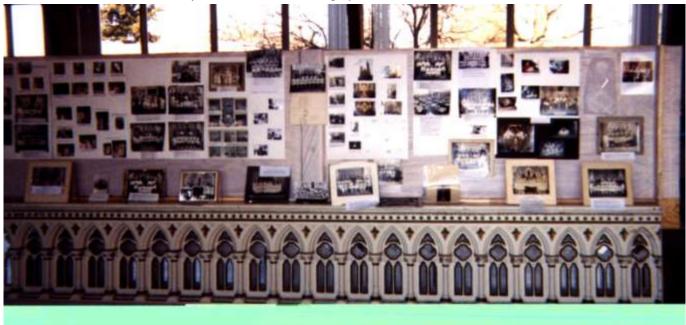


Raymond and Elizabeth Vollmer (center ) Fr. Charles Wester,

Helen and James Weinberger

A special word of recognition to the above men as St. Andrew Senior Mass Servers. Ray and Jim have served Mass at parish funerals since the closing of the school in 1969. Andrew Rinzel, a third member of this ministry also served when needed.

A collection of many historical exhibits on display mounted on the old communion rail.



# St. Andrew Parish Celebrates 150th Year Of Its Founding

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, LeRoy celebrated the 150th year of its founding on Sunday, Nov. 21, with Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland presiding at the 2 p.m. Jubilee Mass followed by Open House at the parish hall.

The Very Rev. Charles H. Wester, pastor, and members of the parish family set forth plans for the 150 year Jubilee Celebration in commemoration of the significant milestones and accomplishments St. Andrew's achieved in its 150 year history.

St. Andrew congregation was founded April 23, 1849 when Casper Sterr and wife Regina donated 10 acres of prime farm land to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for the exclusive use and benefit of the Roman Catholic Congregation by the name St. Andrew in township of LeRoy, Dodge County, Wisconsin. Missionary priest Father Charles Schraudenbach signed the Warranty Deed on behalf of Archbishop John Martin Henni accepting this generous parcel of land.

In this Sesquicentennial period of time, St. Andrew's Parish was shepherded by 25 missionary and resident priests. In addition, 100 years of Catholic education to the parish children was provided by 117 Dominican Sisters of Racine. Continued Catholic education is now provided with certified volunteer CCD teachers and a religious education coordinator.

In the 15 decades of St. Andrew's existence. seven men and nine women answered to the call of religious life. In 1997 St. Andrew's joined with St. Mary's, Mayville to carry out religious education under the Parish Collaboration Program. St. Andrew's full time school, closed since 1969, and was opened again in 1998, teaching the lower grades at St. Andrew's and the advanced grades

at St. Mary's in Mayville.

In the early years before St. Andrew's was established, visiting missionary priests offered Mass in homes of German immigrant settlers. Soon after the deed was signed in April 1849, Father Charles Schraudenbach built a humble log church which served the congregation until 1862. The log church was later converted into a school. St. Andrew's third missionary priest, Father Casper Rehrl, documented the first known sacramental records at St. Andrew's.

'In 1862 Father Nicholas Pickel built a new brick church. Soon thereafter in 1868, Father Leander Schaffer built the first rectory and became St. Andrew's first resident pastor.

On May 31, 1869, parishioner Joseph Schmitzer sold his tavern and bowling alley to the Archdiocese under the pastorate of Father Michael Deisenrieder for

the converted purposes of a two room school and the tavern to be remodeled into a convent. The purchase of this combination building served the parish until Father Joseph Fessler built a large four room brick school in 1882. From 1882 until 1904 the Sisters occupied the two east rooms of this, school as their residence.

During the pastorate of Father Weyer the second rectory was built in 1895. Father Weyer was succeeded by Father Ferdinand Raess in 1896 and served St. Andrew's until 1899. In June 1899 Father John Blum arrived at St. Andrew's with a special mission. With the ever increasing parish growth the 37-year-old church was too small and the projected parish growth was evident. Plans for a new church were formulated, and it was decided to build a church large enough for generations to come.

The building was set in motion, and the cornerstone was laid in 1900. (Hence, the congregation will also celebrate the 100 anniversary of the building of their present church). When the church was completed, consecration of the church was celebrated September 27, 1901.

Father Blum left St. Andrew's late in 1901 for another assignment. Father Francis Pichery was appointed to St. Andrew's



OOK AT THE PICTURES

Andrea Hansen

Sister Audrey Affholder and Sister Catherine "Kostka" Wildenberg look at a hoto album with old pictures from St. Andrew's Church. St. Andrew's celebrated is 150th year with a Jubilee Mass and open house on Sunday, Nov. 21. Affholder has a first and second grade teacher at St. Andrew's from 1951 until 1955. Vildenberg taught at St. Andrew's from 1958 until 1960.

on January 1902. Under Father Pichery's pastorate, the second brick church was dismantled and bricks and lumber was used to build a new convent.

Through the years, St. Andrew's parish continued to grow, and it became necessary to build a new school in 1955 under the pastorate of Father Francis Eschweiler. At this time St. Andrews had a listing of 405 households. In June 1957

Father Anthony Gundrum took charge as pastor, and within a few years the school debt was retired. A new rectory followed in 1964 to replace the 64 year old building. Due to the shortage of teaching sisters, the parish school was closed in 1969.

Recently retired Father Robert Berghammer, who assumed pastoral duties in 1990 to 1998, was very active in maintaining the spiritual and



temporal welfare of the parish. New roofs were placed on the school, church and rectory. New boilers were installed and new church lighting replaced the 50 year old lighting system. A complete redecoration of the church was among some of the needed improvements.

The Very Reverend Charles Wester, Dean of District 7 and pastor of St. Mary's of Mayville since 1993, also assumed the duties of pastor at St. Andrew's July 1, 1998. First order of business, Father Wester proceeded to reopen St. Andrew's school to a full time educational facility. Father also elected to relocate his residence to St. Andrew's rectory in the village of LeRoy. During his first year of tenure, Father received the assistance of a lay administrator, and called for stewardship changes.

St. Andrew is located 2 1/2 miles east of the central border line of the National Horicon Marsh Wildlife Refuge. The National Fish and Wildlife Service controls 6,313 acres of the LeRoy Township or 26.4 percent. Because of St. Andrew's close proximity to the marsh, Father Gundrum coined the phrase, "Cathedral of the Marsh".

The beautiful 500 seat gothic Catholic church with its 150 foot towering steeple in the midst of the moderate rolling farmland can be seen for miles around, symbolizing a welcoming message to all.

This abbreviated parish history was excerpted from approximately 200 pages of St. Andrew's history. The study, research, and documenting was the work of a retired parishioner which took three years in the making. The book will be completed after the jubilee celebration November 21, 1999.

Leonard Schraufnagel Parish historian

#### ADMIRING ST. ANDREW'S HISTORY

Tanya, Jenny and Dennis Oechsner look at a 100year-old scroll that was found at St. Andrew's Church. The scroll was just one of the many items that was on display during the open house at St. Andrew's for the Church's 150th anniversary. The Oechsner's wedding photos were displayed as one of the items from the past.



ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Andres Hames

St. Andrew's parish in LeRoy celebrated its 150th nuniversary on Sunday, Nov. 21 with a Jubilee Mass at 2 p.m. The mass was celebrated by Archbishop Resident Weakland. After the mass, an open house was held in the school. Pictured with the sign acknowledging the milestone are Father Charles Wester of St. Andrew's and Archbishop Remident Weakland.

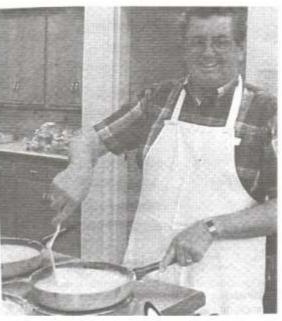
# **Parish Activities**

The annual breakfast brunch under the leadership of James Weinberger and Jon Krapfl with the help of their peers held at the parish hall April 11, 1999 satisfying 550 guests .'The Country Weekly' covers this event as follows: (quoted in part) "There are plenty of hands in the kitchen at St. Andrew's parish hall in Le Roy to prepare the breakfast buffet. Volunteers filled the griddles, ovens and stove tops with enough food to feed what, at times, must have seemed like an army of hungry diners, arriving by the carloads. Jim Weinberger and Jon Krapfl organized the crew cooking the all-you-can-eat menu for the 600 diners they expected. Every one had at least one job to do. The line was often long, but there was more than enough to eat, with trays of ham, sausage, chicken, pancakes, French toast, applesauce and sweets, along with other items. St. Andrew's members have been organizing and serving the breakfast for over five years. Proceeds from the brunch will be put in the church's restoration fund."



Filling the grills

Greg Krapt, right, turns some of the pancakes and French tools on his gradile, while Jim Weinberger, one of the organizers empties more water into a colleapor at the St. Andrew Parish kitchen in LeRoy. The all-you-carn-sot buffet prepared and served by volunteers from the congregation raised funds for the church restoration prosect.



Country Weekly photo.

Above: Jack Hurlbert stirs one of several pans of scrambled eggs.



Right :Jon Krapfl, kitchen crew supervisor

# **Seniors Day**

St. Andrew social activities are scheduled on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month for a gathering of seniors in the parish hall for cards and a lunch at about 4:30. A monthly committee provides the refreshments as they host people from the parish and neighboring communities.

Right: Tony Feucht, Center, Fr. Robert Berghammer, Right, James Weinberger.



Below: Rosina Waas, Evelyn Rinzel, Elizabeth Sabel, Virginia Kluerger, and Lorrell Feucht.





Above :.Helen Weinberger, Virginia Klueger, Norman Sabel, Andrew Rinzel, Mary Wondra, . and Theresa Vollmer

# 1999 Anniversaries

St. Andrew community extended congratulations to:
The Very Rev. Father Charles Wester 40^t anniversary of the priesthood.
Father Robert Berghammer, 50th anniversary of the priesthood.
Armond and Rosina Waas, 67th wedding anniversary.
Raymond and Elizabeth Vollmer, 60th wedding anniversary.
Norbert and Beatrice Zangl, 60th wedding anniversary.
Albert and Gloria Valle 50th wedding anniversary.
James and Helen Weinberger, 50th wedding anniversary.
Leonard and Marie Schraufnagel, 50th wedding anniversary.
Eugene and Arylene Bauer 40th wedding anniversary.

#### PARISH SOCIETIES

Societies in the parish have played a major role in the parish community for more than 100 years. The first recorded parish society was the 'St .Mary Society of the Annunciation' organized in 1894 under the pastorate of Father Ferdinand Raess. Officers were Maria Weinberger and Maria Wittman with a membership of 92 Catholic women whose names are listed in Father Raess's biography. The number of years the society functioned is not clear.

#### THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SOCIETY

The Christian Mothers Society remained the most solvent and active parish society since it was introduced to the parish. Christian Mothers Society financial accounts were first recorded in 1929. This continuous 70 year history reveals a legacy of service to the parish and its members. In the quest to fulfill its mission in all aspects of parish life the Christian Mothers society was like the heart beat of the parish. The society deserves credit for unity, achievement and good leadership throughout these many years. As we page through the years, a colorful album of society memories unfolds.

#### The following information was provided by Mary Hoffman.

"If we look back to the past, perhaps we can gain insight for the future. We understand that the Confraternity began when a Priest came to Le Roy from Pennsylvania to speak to the parish about an organization that would help mothers educate their children to be faithful members of the Catholic church, and to be imitators of Mary. Father Peter Delles agreed that it would be very good for our mothers, and the mothers too were very excited about this. These women took the role of parenting and the Catholic Church very seriously. They clearly understood the importance of faith and family life in the Church."

#### When was the Society organized?

The society may have been organized before 1929. Previous entries of 1927 vaguely indicate a Ladies and Young Ladies Society. It is believed Mrs. Stadler was the first Chirstian Mother president.

Under the pastorate of Father Henry Stehling, the first financial society records and are listed. Mrs. John Liegl and Mrs. Robert Bonack are listed in this yearly report as the new officers. Under their leadership the parish realized income of \$996, 00 from the parish picnic and \$195, 74. from card parties.

In 1930, the society elected Mrs. Joseph Schabel, President, and Mrs. Henry Ertl, Secretary-Treasurer. The society covered expenditures such as shingling, tinning, painting, curtains, shades and repairing vestments. In 1936 Mrs. Joseph Schabel continued as President and Mrs. John Feucht assumed the office of Secretary-Treasurer. As the society grew, it expanded its fund raising projects by promoting church picnics which realized an income \$1,054.74. This was considered a huge parish financial success in light of the depression and drought.

During the years of prohibition the church picnics were held in the parish park. Huge tents were set up for the chicken dinner served by the Christian Mothers and the waitresses were the members of the Young Ladies Sodality. When prohibition was repealed, an Archdiocean directive was issued to all parishes prohibiting beer on parish grounds. It was at this time Father Stehling relocated the church picnics to Lehners Park about one quarter mile north of the village of Le Roy. (For location refer to the Le Roy village map of 1910, Page 186). In later years when this directive had been lifted, and under the pastorate of Father Gundrum, parish picnics were again held in the parish park.

The following served as officers over the years: Mrs. Adolph Schraufnagel, Mrs. Albert Schraufnagel, Mrs. Ed Zimmer, Mrs. Peter Feucht, Mrs. Alfons Schmidbauer, Mrs. Leo Gruber, Mrs. Felix Elsinger, Alvina Schraufnagel, Margaret Schraufnagel, Ida Kuhn, Delores Phalzgraf, Helen Lechner, Magdalena Feucht, Sophie Schmidt, Rose Schmidtbauer, Agnes Krapfl, Dorothy Schmidt, Dorothy Fischer Catherine Schmidt, Phyllis Weinberger, Evelyn Bauer, Dolores Attenberger, Helen Hinkes, Marcella Clark, Loretta Elsinger, Ruth Gassner, Arlyne Hoffman, Aurelia Kuehl, Mary Wondra, Gladys Feucht, Gertrude Leavengood, Lorena Priepke, Alice Wondra, Marie Garriety, Catherine Kehrmeyer, Charlotte Feucht, Joan Nitschke, Helen Weinberger, JoAnn Collien, Barbara Hurlbert, Janet Feucht, Mary Krapfl, Marie Schraufnagel, Dorothy Fink, Helen Bauer, Louise Feucht, Lila Metke, Donna Mumow, Erma Franke, Sandra Klueger, Alice Bauer, Judy Rose, Pearl Okon, Ann Hanke, Mary (Roger) Wondra, and Kim Weinberger. In 1999 the officers duties were turned over to Kim Weinberger, Vicky Hartwig and Judy Bauer, and Pearl Okon.

The Christian Mothers Society's yearly agenda consists of holding monthly meetings, providing the work force for the funeral luncheon, sponsoring the annual chicken dinner and maintaining special events of the parish. The society provides the needed materials and wares for the church and rectory. Remembering its deceased members, the society sponsors Masses for the departed, and group recitation of the rosary before funeral Masses. The society sponsors the annual Christmas party and other parish events that may call for its expertise throughout the year.

Beginning in 1930, and for many years following, the Christian Mothers sponsored the annual school picnics until the time of the school closing in 1969. Other parish fund raising activities up to the war years consisted of bingo, card parties and picnics. During the years of W W II, under the pastorate of Father John Stehle, the recorded picnic income in 1942 totaled \$2,076.78. Picnics for 1943 were canceled and the Christians Mothers Society again promoted a parish picnic in 1944 with a net income of \$926.49. At this time in it was decided to suspend the annual church picnic. One factor considered was the absence of the younger parishioners now serving in the military. This drained the parish work force for a full scale picnic operation. The Society then moved on to smaller fund raising projects such as card parties, selling

religious articles and bake sales. On October 2nd, 1955, under the pastorate of Father Francis Eschweiler, the Christian Mothers Society introduced the first Octoberfest or Fall Festival. This venture realized a profit of \$1,372.25. This annual event has grown in regional popularity through the years and is annually an accepted event on the first Sunday in October. The momentum of the Octoberfest grew to 2,016 dinners served by the Christian Mothers at Octoberfest in 1961. The following year, April 28, the Society served the members of the Wisconsin Truckers Association their famous chicken dinner. Soon after this event, the Society prepared the dinner for the First Mass celebration of Father Melvin Breit on May 31, 1962. The society provided the meals or luncheons at weddings, banquets and meetings. A new venture was the sale of the "Country Kitchen Torte Recipe Book" composed by members of the Christian Mothers Society of St. Andrew. The well known reputation of the tortes served at the annual chicken dinners prompted this move. Sales reached almost 4.000 copies, leaving a profit of \$3,115.82 in 1965. The Christian Mothers worked in close proximity with the youth of the parish. The Society annually prepares the Baseball Awards Banquet sponsored by the Le Roy Athletic Club.

The 1972 Fall Festival income reached \$ 6, 698.16 and the "Country Kitchen Torte Recipe Book" sales passed the 8,500 mark. The Society also sponsored small satellite groups such as the Good Samaritan Guild, a group of about 10 ladies in apostolic work of visiting the sick and shut-ins under the direction of Mrs. Magdalena Eilbes and Mrs. James Clark. As of 1998 the Guild's monthly visits to Clearview nursing home at Juneau to conduct bingo games under the leadership of Angie Wondra was still an ongoing ministry. Another small group of ladies formed the Rosary Making Club promoted by Donna Eilbes and Margaret Schraufnagel. Thousands of rosaries have been sent to the missions since its beginnings. Small Society fund raising programs such as vanilla, lemon and almond extract sales, quilt and afghan sales, Christmas cards and arts and craft sales, the Silent Auction and the Mother -Daughter Breakfast were part of the yearly activities in the 1970s and 1980s. The parish hall was the central meeting place for the Harvestore Dinner served by the Christian Mothers in 1981 which realized a net profit \$730, 08. As we moved into the 1990s the Society sponsored spaghetti dinners, Mother- Daughter Breakfast, and an Archdiocesen Stewardship Dinner.

The Christian Mothers monthly meetings are well planned and attended. Special speakers have been invited featuring presentations with unique demonstrations that topped off their business meetings. A social provided by the monthly committee was always part of the agenda. A Day of Christian Rural Living sponsored by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference was celebrated on March 21, 1960 at St. Andrew's. The Christian Mothers served 373 guests including Archbishop William Cousins, 25 priests and many delegates.

From the beginning, the title Christian Mothers Society was associated with all women of the parish, whether married or single. However, to avoid any misunderstanding, the title changed to Christian Women Society in the 1980s.



Edgar Mueller photo Above:

Christian Mothers of 1963 in their familiar environment.
Catherine Schmidt, Tillie Wild, Rose Kehrmeyer, Mary Feucht, Marie Gassner, Magalena Eilbes, Vida Sperger, Ida Reiser, Elizabeth Feucht, Sophie Schmidt, Pearl Keller, Evelyn Bauer, and Alice Wondra.

#### Christian Mothers October 5, 1972 Fall Festival Dinner.

This annual event has reached out to thousands of St. Andrew visitors year after year. Photos below taken 36 and 27 years ago depict the spirit of the Christian Mothers. L-R. Jane Feucht, Margaret Schraufnagel, Linda Haddy, Helen Schraufnagel, Helen Weinberger and Marcella Clark.







Magdalena Feucht are two of the many Christian Mothers serving the 450 pork eaters at the Pork Eaters Jamboree 1960. Mathilda Wild served the rectory as housekeeper from 1957 to 1970 when she retired at the age of 75. Magdalena Feucht maintained church linens 20 years.

Left: April 15, 1965. St Andrew's Christian Mothers published, 'The Country Kitchen Tort Book' L-R. Shown

with several delicious tortes are: Mrs. Anton Feucht, Mrs. Richard Hoffman, and Mrs. Gordon Lehner. Journal photo

#### **Installation of Christian Women Officers**



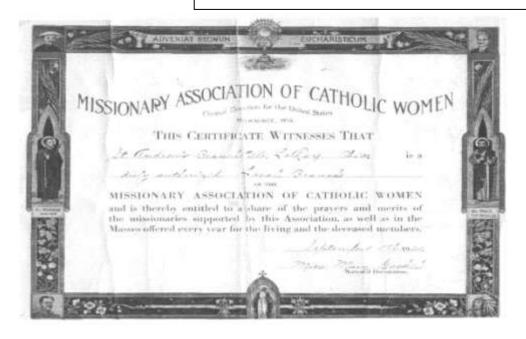
Father Charles Wester presiding at the Christian Women's Officers installation ceremony June 13, 1999. L-R: Pearl Okon, Judy Bauer, Vicky Hartwig, and Kim Weinberger.



Ida Bauer Reiser celebrated her 100th birthday on Jan.1,1999, as the oldest parishioner and Christian Mother. Ida maintains a good sense of humor and is gifted with a remarkable memory and a deep faith in God. Ida provided information about events of the early 20th century.



Christian Mothers
Medallion.
Medal Inscription:
Most Sorrowful Heart of
Mary Have Pity On Us
And Your Children.



Above: Certificate awarded to St. Andrew's Missionary Association of Catholic Women, Branch 216 Le Roy, Wisconsin. dated September 5, 1920.

#### THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society was organized November 21, 1926 under the pastorate of Father Peter Delles, Director. The society registered 117 members at that time and membership dues were \$ 1.00 per year. The society celebrated its monthly communion, offered Masses for deceased members, and prayed the rosary at wakes for a departed member. One tradition most remembered in the late 1920s and early 1930s was senior society member Peter Sterr's voice ringing out loud and clear throughout the church leading the rosary in German as the casket left the church. The solemn, prayerful community would follow and answer all the way to the burial site. At that time the society's social functions were limited due to lack of facilities and for a number of years, the Society continued only on paper. The primary purpose of the Holy Name Society was to keep holy the name of Jesus. Under the pastorate of Father Gundrum, the long inactive Holy Name Society resurfaced with renewed vigor. Treasurer Gordon Lehner reports an income in 1958 of \$9,950.00 from the parish picnic and card parties. The society attempted the spaghetti and meat ball dinner in 1959, and dances and card parties followed. Profits were then invested in U.S. Treasury Certificates. The active Society also removed the old school building under the direction of Joe Feucht.

The society mourned the passing of Joseph Lechner who with skilled hands and talent, volunteered many hours of service to his parish. After building the dining hall tables, bar, and kitchen utility tables, and church directory board, and cement work for the new concession stand, Joe's final gift to the parish was the cement work for the convent sidewalk the day before his death. Joseph Lechner, a veteran of W W II received graveside honors by the American Legion Post 347 of Lomira on Memorial Day 1998.

Society member Felix Elsinger was in charge for erecting the new service building in the park. Donated help was provided by a group of Holy Name men. Senior members John Feucht and John Zangl provided their competitive carpentry skills. All this happened in 1959.

At the annual meeting of 1963, it was decided by vote to construct a new rectory at St. Andrew with the support of the Holy Name Society.

Elected members of the building committee were: Father Gundrum, Earl Kehrmeyer, Joseph Schmidbauer, Armond Waas, Joseph Schabel, Art Krapfl, Hubert Schraufnagel, and Leonard Woller. In the spring of 1964 Earl Kehrmeyer was appointed to take charge of the old rectory demolition. Construction of the new rectory soon followed.

Holy Name activities held annually through the 1960s, to the 1980s besides the picnics were the Mardi Gras Dance, Graduation Breakfast, Card Parties, St. Nicholas Party and Father-Son Breakfast.

Gross picnic receipts in 1983 were \$17,561.00 compared to \$9, 244.00 in 1984. Early in 1985, the Sunday bulletin asked the Holy Name Society membership to volunteer help for the planned 1985 picnic. The response was negative. A parish membership indifference, with misunderstanding of issues caused a lack of interest in fund raising projects. These differences were in **time**, reconciled and the discord was healed.

Under the 23- year pastorate of Father Gundrum, the spirit of the society's cohesiveness and solidarity was the envy of neighboring parishes. The society meetings were well attended, followed by card games and lunch prepared by Jim Weinberger and his kitchen crew. The following men served as officers in one capacity or another in the Society's late history: Gordon Lehner, Robert Sterr, Peter Del Ponte, Milton Hurlbert, Kenneth Weinberger, Norbert Weinberger, Frank Sonnentag, James Clark, William Hurst, Donald Bauer, Richard Hoffman, Arthur Krapfl, Carlton Sterr, George Lechner, Jack Hurlbert, Peter Quinn, Harvey Simon, John M. Feucht, Eugene Hoffman, Edgar Bauer, John Krapfl, James Panzer, Leon Krapfl, Alan Feucht, Hubert Schraufnagel, Vernon Kehrmeyer, Andrew Rinzel, David Schraufnagel, John M.F. Feucht, Robert Jenson and Leonard Schraufnagel.

Below: photo left & right -Picnic activities of the 1970s





#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Little is known of liturgical celebrations the first 50 years of St. Andrew's except for an occasional account included in the priest's biographies.

#### What were liturgical celebrations like in the 1920s to 1950s?

To answer some questions the writer has interviewed senior citizens who could recall those precious memories.

Let's imagine for a minute you are browsing in the spare room closet. You may discover on the top shelf some religious articles stored in the 1920s to be saved forever. You may find a glass crucifix candle holder once used by the candle carrier for a boy or girl of about the fourth grade level approaching their First Holy Communion day. It was the custom in the 1920s that every First Communicant was escorted to the alter by a candle carrier. A first or second grader was invited by the communicant for this special honor. A few years later, candle carriers were replaced by flower girls and flower boys to escort the Communicants to the altar.

Among other articles stored on the closet shelf would be a special prayer book. What is a prayer book? may be the question of today. This prayer book included daily devotions, morning and evening prayers, litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, prayers for

Confession, prayers for Communion, prayers at Mass and several other Litanies to honor the saints and the Sacred Heart. Inside the front cover of the prayer book might be was a miniature Crucifix recessed in a frame trimmed with white silk cloth in shrine-like setting. Reaching further into this closet



Candle carrier Josephine Vollmer escorted First Communicant Regina Schraufnagel to the alter in 1925

we might find two rosaries each in its own little box. For the First Communicant, one Rosary in pearl white for the little girl and one Rosary of black beads for the young boy. At a Sunday evening service all the First Communicants were enrolled with the Scapular.

Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation were observed to the fullest letter of Church law. The finest affordable apparel was the dress code for attending any services in church. The Ladies were obliged to wear hats (and the hats often came in three fashions:(interesting, ridiculous and distracting.) Later, about the 1940s, a head scarf was acceptable. In those days it was required by Church law for women to cover their heads. As a matter of respect and church etiquette. Fathers and sons were dressed in suit and tie. Under circumstances of poverty, the next best apparel was acceptable. Whatever the styles of those times, modesty and respectable dress to visit God's house was the norm. The church had a very special identity as 'God's house'. For example, women with low necklines or wearing mini skirts and men or boys in sloppy jeans with shirt tails hanging out and sloppy, untied footwear were not considered properly attired for attending Mass. Except for illness or advanced aged most everyone would attend Mass on Sunday regardless of weather conditions.

The winter of 1936 was known as the season of the greatest snowfall of the century. A fierce snow storm lasted three days in the latter part of January 1936. Snow accumulated four to six feet deep, closing schools from February 2 to February 24. All possible human effort was made to attend Sunday Mass and no sacrifice was too great. Parishioners from the Farmersville area, to mention the Henry Ertl family and their neighbors from the southeast to parishioners of the northwest, the Joseph Hadaller family and surrounding neighbors would hitch up their horses to the bobsled. Meanwhile, the women would heat bricks in the kitchen oven and these heated bricks would provide warmth for the feet for the passengers during the two to three mile sled ride to church. The shortest route was planned, going "cross-lots" from field to field. There were times horses were stepping into snowdrifts belly deep. As the bobsleds approached the church, a horse and sled caravan seemed to form. The horses were tied and covered with heavy blankets during Mass. At this time of year people wore whatever clothes provided the warmth needed. Sheepskin or horse hide coats, high buckle boots and heads covered with a pull- over- the- ears tousle cap were common dress.

In the first decades of the twentieth century the Church calendar included special services during the year. The seasonal Ember Days were observed on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of the four liturgical seasons. The three Ember Days were observed following the first Sunday in Lent, before the Feast of Pentecost, then in the month of September and again in December after the third Sunday of Advent. Ember Days were observed with fasting and prayer.

Rogation Days, were observed three days before Ascension Day. Weather permitting, a procession to the cemetery after Mass was part of the service. Days of prayer, especially for sufficient rain for a good harvest were included in the observance.

On February 3rd the Feast of St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr was celebrated with the blessing of throats invoking the intercession of St. Blasé. At his intercession a child was cured, and since that time his aid has often been solicited in cases of throat Diseases.

Lent, was a time of special penitence from Ash Wednesday to Easter. In the pre-Vatican era, penitential fasting and abstinence were placed in a mandated concept with special dispensation for those who could not comply. The post Vatican II Lenten rules and regulations have been modified to blend with changing times.

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession (now referred to as the Sacrament of Reconciliation) was scheduled every Saturday afternoon and evening. Special confessions were scheduled before Holydays such as All Saints Day, Christmas and Easter. Priests were invited to help the resident pastor as penitents came in great numbers, overcrowding the pews. When this happened, people would line up along the wall next to the confessional, 10 to 20 in line. There were times when patience were thin during the wait for Confession. Sometimes this called for instant forgiveness of those few who failed to honor and respect your turn and crashed ahead of the line. One can only wonder, how would we deal with this today?

Forty Hour Devotions was celebrated many times during the 1930s and 1940s. This special devotion was scheduled in the winter months of the new year. The devotions opened with Mass at 8:00 A.M. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration thoughtout the day and all night and closed the following day at about 8:00 P.M. School children would leave classes to keep the scheduled hour for prayer. The children opened their hour of visitation with the Rosary and prayers to the Sacred Heart. Songs of adoration were sung to close their hour. Adults were always in attendance. The retired came for visitation during the noon and early evening hours while farm folks chose mid-forenoon or mid-afternoon to worship. The first and second evening, guest priests came to deliver the sermon. At the closing of this Eucharistic Celebration, invited priests from neighboring parishes were in attendance. In closing, the traditional recessional song was sung, "Grosser Gott" or "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" For a number of years the Forty Hour Devotion celebration drifted into the back pages of history. Father Gundrum brought back this valued celebration. However, as time changed, this was now refered to as the Thirteen Hour Devotions. A memorable celebration took place April 20, 1961 when Father Jerome Beyer, Chaplain of the Waupun State Prison, preached the sermon.

Parish missions were conducted about every four years in the first half of the 20th century. Talented missionary priests from various Orders such as the Passionists, Redemptorists, Benedictines, Dominicans and Capuchins came to St. Andrew for a week long retreat. Missions services included the celebration of the Mass, Confessions, Way of the Cross, and the designated hour of prayer for round-the-clock adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Homilies were scheduled for the married, single and youth of the parish. Capuchin missionary, Father Ambrose DeGroot conducted a mission in 1974. Before closing, all religious articles were blessed by the missionary. After a time lapse of 24 years, St. Andrew's parish invited Sister Therese Even to conduct a four day Mission, October 19-22, 1998. Sister Therese covered these topics: A Call to Holiness, Family Life, Stress and Anxiety, and Inner Healing. The Mission was well attended, with many people coming from neighboring parishes.

May devotions with the crowning of Mary The May Queen, was the spotlight celebration for many. Under the pastorate of Father Gundrum, the crowning of Mary, The May Queen, returned to its traditional beauty. A First Communicant girl was chosen by lot for this honor of crowning Mary. This little girl was assisted at times by a boy from the same class. Devotions to Mary had changed through the years. In the 1930s during the month of May, Father Stehling would celebrate Sunday evening Vespers at the Blessed Virgin Shrine. The Vespers consisted of the Litany to the Blessed Virgin, and then Father, with an exceptionally good voice, would sing the beautiful Magnificat with the choir in a full harmony responding. This beautiful service then was followed by a homily and Benediction. The service lasted about 45 minutes.

First Friday reception of Holy Communion has a long history at St. Andrew's and the devotion to the Sacred Heart was always highly revered in this rural community. In the winter during the 1930s Mass was offered in the old four-room brick school. The day before First Friday, Father Stehling scheduled Confessions in the upper classroom library as all eligible communicants were to first receive the Sacrament of Penance. First Friday Mass was offered in the largest school room, the lower west room which was equipped with a fold-up altar mounted on the wall next to Sister's desk. The students from the four classrooms assembled at 7:45 A.M. for 8:00 o'clock Mass. In addition, about 10 senior citizens would occupy the two old church pews in the rear of the school room. During daily Mass the Rosary was recited. However, with the first ringing of the chimes at consecration, the praying stopped for those sacred moments. After Mass Father would pray the "Consecration Of The Human Race To The Sacred Heart Of Jesus". First Friday was a special day when students would wear better than ordinary clothes. An added lunch was packed for a mini breakfast after Mass, as fasting from all food and drink from midnight was church law.

#### MAY QUEEN CROWNING



Left St.Andrew's Catholic Church in Le Roy had its annual May Queen crowning of the church's prized 120 year old statue. Darlene Belling, Le Roy's May Queen, did the crowning. Her escort was Craig Eilbes.. Father Gundrum,pastor Photo by Edgar Mueller . The Catholic Herald Citizen , May 1978



May Queen Crowning, 1999, at St. Andrew's School by Mariah Harned assisted by Benjamin Linskens.

After Vatican II, during Father Gundrum's Pastorate, First Friday Mass was celebrated in the morning by Father Gundrum and the scheduled evening

Mass was celebrated by Father Steven from Holy Hill. The evening Mass was intended for the young people. In 1968 Father Gundrum reports: 'Who will forget the First Fridays with the Sacred Heart (40 or more high school students at 6.30 A.M.)" The high school bus whose route would pass by

the church with student passengers of the parish would park in the church parking lot at about 6.30 A.M. and the students would disembark, rush into church, and prepare themselves for reception of the Holy Eucharist in the limited period of time. Gradually this practice also was abandoned. First Friday attendance at St. Andrew's through the years speaks for itself.

At the closing of the twentieth century, St. Andrew daily Mass attendance of seniors would be about 25-30, however First Friday Mass would find 35 - 40 in attendance.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI**

Corpus Christi, now refereed to as "Solemnity Of The Body And Blood Of Christ", was celebrated through the years in several different ways. During the 1920s and 1930s, the inspirational Eucharistic procession would proceed to four outdoor stations. The Processional Cross led the procession, followed by the parishioners, the dependable Peter Sterr leading the Rosary in German. The choir was next to follow, then the children carrying baskets of flowers, pulling the blossoms from the stems and scattering the pedals on the ground before Father, covered by the canopy, carrying the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction was celebrated at each station in solemn silence except for the choir singing the "O Salutaris "and the "Tantum Ergo" followed by the Divine Praises. The first of these specially built altars was located halfway along the east fence .The second altar was placed at the full distance of church property to the southeastern corner. The procession proceeded to the southwest corner to the third altar, and the fourth altar was located about half the distance along the west fence line to the north. After the last outdoor Benediction was celebrated, all would proceed back to church for the final Benediction. Each of these altars was decorated with a white altar cloth, a Crucifix with candles and flowers. Groups within the Christian Mothers Society were responsible for arranging the outdoor altars, and there was a competitive spirit within the groups to produce the most artistic arrangements. In the early 1990s, outdoor Corpus Christi processions were limited to the cemetery area and then to the west entrance of the school. The Easter Candle led, then the Processional Cross with two candle bearers, two flag bearers, choir, congregation, six candle bearers, censor and incense, first Communicants, canopy covering the Blessed Sacrament carried by the celebrant. Two outdoor Stations were arranged, one at the Grotto of the Risen Christ in the cemetery and the other at the west entrance of the school. As always, after the last outdoor Benediction all would proceed back into church via highway Y for the final Benediction. Throughout all these years, the recessional hymn sung after the last Benediction was the ever exalting "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name". This beautiful old religious custom was part of St. Andrew's heritage.



St. Andrew traditional Corpus Christi celebration. Acolytes and First Communicants leading the procession.



Father Berghammer celebrating Benediction at the Grotto of the Risen Christ. June 1998.



Procession approaching the west altar at the school entrance for the last outdoor Benediction.

#### **CHURCH MUSIC**

St. Andrew Parish has a long tradition of good church music. Until Vatican II, the Mass was celebrated in Latin. While the structure of the Mass, now known as the Tridentine-Mass, was always the same, it had several forms such as Low Mass, High Mass, and Solemn High Mass. The Low Mass was basically a recited Mass. The servers and the priest recited all the prayers, while there could be vernacular hymns at various times during the celebration. At a High Mass, all the ordinary parts of the Mass were sung. The ordinary parts were Lord Have Mercy, Gloria, Creed, Holy, Holy, Benedictus, and Lamb of God. These were always sung in Latin. School children would sing these parts in Gregorian Chant, a simple style of music from the time of St. Gregory. The choir would learn various other settings by various composers. These could be simple or elaborate, sung in various voices. The form taken would depend on the artistic ability of the local community For many years former parishioner Wilbur Steiner directed the adult choir as it sang Masses and motets in Latin and contributed to the beauty of the liturgy. The only instrument permitted to accompany the voices was the organ.

Most rural parishes, like St. Andrew would have one High Mass and one Low Mass on Sunday or Holy Day. During the summer, when the choir would take a rest, two Low Masses would be offered. This Low Mass would be celebrated with a vernacular hymn at the beginning of the Mass, then at the Offertory, Communion and at the conclusion of the Mass. At times a small choir or soloist would sing. Parishioners were more or less spectators or worshipped in privet by praying the rosary or reading prayers from a prayer book. In the early 1940s, the use of a Missal became popular. This allowed the people to follow the actual prayers of the Mass. These Missals would have Latin on one page and a vernacular (English, in our case) on the opposite page.

Because church law mandated that Mass could only be celebrated in the morning, (till noon) there were other devotions (mentioned in an earlier article) and these would often incorporate vernacular hymns that could be sung by the entire congregation. At St. Andrew these often had German origin, and sometimes included other English hymns translated from the various European languages. Hymns like 'Holy God We Praise Thy Name' (Grosser Gott), or Marian Hymns 'On This Day O Beautiful Mother' were old favorites. At Christmas time German carols "Stille Nacht" and "Ihr Kinderlein Kommet" were always looked forward to. These songs are still part of parish get-togethers at Christmas time, especially with senior members.

Vatican II brought about a renewal in liturgy. The Council Fathers called for a return to an earlier form of worship in which the entire assembly took an active part in the liturgical celebrations. While the Catholic tradition had some hymnody, the majority of the parishioners were not used to join in the singing. The most obvious change in the way the Mass was celebrated had to do with the use of the vernacular. The first musical changes that took place were in the setting of the Mass. Instead of Latin Ordinary there was an English translation. The choir was to assist the assembly in offering its praise and adoration. There are still opportunities for a choir to sing various music and psalms, especially as responses to the readings, or during the preparation rite (what used to be known as the offertory).

To introduce the community to communal singing was a long process. At one time the choir members scattered themselves throughout the congregation, hoping people would join in. But this move did not achieve what was intended, so the choir returned to its regular place. Over the years there has been some growth in this area. To assist the community in participation a new 'Mass aid' came into use, the Missalette. This booklet contained the prayers of the Mass, some musical arrangements for the Ordinary and a collection of hymns. This period also saw the introduction of guitars and other musical instruments.

Change is always difficult, and the effort to bring the St. Andrew community along continues as it does in most places. There were experiments with folk music and the introduction of secular music, especially at weddings. However, over a period of time things leveled off. The worshipping community is gradually entering into the spirit of the liturgy by praying and singing along.

#### ORGANISTS AND DIRECTORS

The recorded history of St. Andrew's music ministry reaches back into 1887. The following Sisters provided organ music at St. Andrew's. Historic information was provided by Sister Diane Kenel, Racine Dominican Archivist

Sr. Joseph Kreul	1887-1888	Sr. Alvara Er nst	1919-1926
Sr. Clara Diehl	1888-1889	Sr. Sophia Haetl	1926-1930
Sr. Scholastica Koltes	1889-1890	Sr. Viola Straus	1930-1931
Sr. Alexia Reuter	1891-1897	Sr. Thomas Aquinas	1931-1934
Sr. Valeria Luxem	1897-1902	Sr. Stephana Schmitz	1934-1938
Sr. Isabelle Zwettler	1902-1907	Sr. Winnifred Edlebeck	1938-1941
Sr. Jerome Meyer	1907-1918	Sr. Camilla Martin	1941-1942
Sr.Cornelia Servatius	1818-1919	Sr. Viola Straus	1942-1948

St.Sr. Vianney Klapoetke 1948-1953
Sr. Patricia ( Carmelle ) Stadler 1953-1955
Mrs.Theresa Vollmer 1955-1960
Sr. Eucharista Schlaefer 1960-1962
Sr.Vianney Klapoetke 1962-1964
Sr. Patricia ( Carmelle ) Stadler 1964

Sr. Rose Marie ( Albert ) Feucht 1964-1966 Sr. Sharon Berres

1966-1969

Organist Theresa Vollmer assisted with organ playing on a part time basis in the early 1940s and became full time organist for the adult choir in 1951. Theresa retired as church organist in 1982 leaving a legacy of 40 years of organ music. After W.W.II choir membership expanded, Navy veteran and former organist at St. Mary, Hilbert, WI. Wilbur Steiner took charge of directing St. Andrew adult choir in 1947. Wilbert conducted a 35 member four voice choir at St.Andrew for twenty years. Wilbert then relocated due to professional promotion. Wilbert was replaced by Milton Hurlbert, Mrs.Raiph Bryan, Charlotte Feucht and Kathy Schraufnagel took charge of directing the choir in 1978. From 1960 to the 1970s, Theresa was assisted with organ players from time to time by Michael Wild, Judy Clark, Charlene Weinberger, and Christine Oechsner. Organist Delores Knaus offered to play for the adult choir in 1982 and continued to provide liturgical music until 1988 when Kevin Laufenberg and Gertrude Leavengood took over until 1991. It was at this time Mary Hoffman assumed responsibility to provide for liturgical organ music with the assistance of Catherine Kanas. Currently the organists are planning to provide music for St. Andrew's sesquicentennial celebration in 1999. The choirs of St. Andrew in the years of the Post-Vatican era surfaced in several groups. Guitarist Geralyn Schraufnagel and her Cousins Choir enhanced many liturgies in the 1970s. Vocalist and guitarist Jean Hurst filled in at times and the Wondra Sisters Julie and Barb sang in harmony with guitar accompaniment. Upon the request of Father Fischer, Francis and Helen Schraufnagel organized a Men's Choir in 1983 with Helen at the Organ. Helen also played for the mixed choir till 1988.

Parishioner Joseph Feucht sang for more then three generations in St. Andrew choir. Joe sang God's praises with total commitment, constant attendance, and special vocal contributions singing English, German and

Latin fluently. This outstanding parishioner guided many novice choir members in Latin singing before Vatican II and continued singing in the various choir groups thoughtout his choir singing ministry. In the 1990s Joe encountered vision problems and was unable to read music. Joe conquered this problem by memorizing the new songs as some of the traditional music seemed to

drift into the past.



Joseph Feucht

**Right** Julia Wass Rible nee Sonnentag was 105 years of age August 1993.

Julia graduated from St. Andrew's School and was a music student of the Dominican Sister's. Julia also was St. Andrew's parish organist in earlier years.

Pictured with Julia, nephew Armond and Rosina Waas, St. Andrew's longest married couple. Married 67 years May 1999.

St. Andrew 1961 Senior Choir

Wilbert Steiner, Director
Milton Hurlbert, Ass't Director
Theresa Villmer, Organist
Mr. & Mrs Hubert Schraufnagel
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schraufnagel
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Schraufnagel
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bauer
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Lehner
Jerome Bauer
Joseph Feucht, Sr.
Edmund Vollmer

Helen Weinberger Agnes Krapfl Magdalena Feucht Elizabeth Sabel Mrs. Richard Bauer
Frank Sonnentag
John Krapfl
Joseph Sabel
Judy Woller
Mary Ann Breit
Judy Marion
Dianne Zangl
Ellen Louise Vollmer
Diane Krapfl
Shirlee Schmidbauer
Patricia Feucht
Ruby Sperger
Carol Schraufnagel
Stanley Priepke



# ACHING HISTORY OF THE RACINE SISTERS OF SAINT DOMINIC

Through the courtesy of Sister Diane Kenel, Racine Dominican Archivist, the following listing of the Dominican Sisters was forwarded to St. Andrew's parish to be recorded in the St. Andrew Sesquicentennial Book. In 1868-1869 Rev. August Lang repaired the old log church for a school. Father Lang himself taught school assisted by his house keeper and Mr. Bohr. The first Sisters of St. Dominic arrived at St. Andrew in the fall of 1869 under the pastorate of Father Deisenrieder. St. Andrew school was the second school staffed the Dominican Sisters outside the the Racine area. The Sisters of St. Dominic taught thousands of St. Andrew students for 101 years.

The following names may be respectfully placed on the St. Andrew School Teacher's Honor Roll

Sr Dominica Poegl

1869-1870; 1873-1874; 1879-1880;

1889-1891

Sr. Jacobina Mettmann

1869-1870

Sr. Agnes Geraghty

1869-1870

Sr. Augustine Koch

1870-1870

Sr. Corona Hargrafen

1870-1872; 1873-1874

Sr. Michaela Elsinger

1870-1871; 1873-1874

Sr. Emily Acker

1870-1873; 1882-1884 Postulant

Anna Koltes, (P) Sr. Hildegarde

1871-1872

Mary Karles, (P) Sr. Philomene

1871-1872

Sr. Josepha Kreul

1872-1873; 1875-1877; 1884-1888

Anna Wallenkamp, (P) Sr. Magdalena

1872-1877; 1883-1888

Sr. Louis Bourgeault

1874-1875

Sr Constantia Meyer

1874-1875

Sr. Seraphica Herrmann

1874-1875

Sr. Columba Watry

1875-1878

Sr. Helen Karls

1877-1879; 1880-1882; 1918-1919

Lucy Roland, (P) Sr. Johanna

1877-1878

Sr. Evangelist Thomas

1878-1879

Sr. Euphrosine VanHandel

1878-1880; 1903-1906

Sr.Theresa Fitzpatrick

1879-1880

Sr. Frances Foechke

1880-1882

Sr. Cordula Niemann

1880-1881

Sr. Alexia Reuter

1882-1885; 1890-1891

Sr. Martha Bourgmeyer

1882-1883

Sr. Charitas Thelen

1883-1884

Sr. Regina Reuter

1885-1887

Sr. Marcella Wacher

1885-1886; 1895-1896

Sr. Angela Karles

1886-1888

Sr. Felicitas Kraus

1886-1887

Sr. Bernadette Maerz

1887-1890

Sr. Bonaventure Friederich

1888-1889

Sr. Clara Diehl

1888-1889

Sr. Scholastica Koltes

1889-1890

Anna Wolf (P)

1890-1891

Sr. Villans VanDenEng

1891-1895

Sr. Raymunda Mack

1891-1893

Sr. Anselma Weiss

1893-1894

Sr. Gabriel Fedewa

1894-1900

Sr. Armella Specht

1896-1897

Sr. Valeria Luxen

1897-1902

Sr. Antonia Koehler

1897-1899

Sr. Bernarda Hess

1899-1900

Sr. Lawrence Ehr

1900-1902

Sr. Cleopha Pierre

1901-1902

Sr. Seraphica Herrmann

1902-1904; 1916-1918

Sr. Isabelle Zwetter

1902-1907

Sr. Benvenuta Jordan

1902-1903 Sr. Eustace Hoff 1903-1904

Sr. Angela Endres

1903-1904

Sr. Hilgarde Koltes 1904-1914; 1924-1926 Sr. Andrew Stendebach

1904-1907

Sr. Nothburga Schwicker

1906-1917 Sr. Jerome Meyer 1907-1918

Sr. Pulcheria Weiland 1907-1909; 1938-1939 Sr. Leocadia Biberger

1909-1916

Sr. Macaria Kleckner

1914-1919

Sr. Baptista Angerer

1917-1927

Sr. Cornelia Servatius

1918-1919 Sr. Alvara Ernst 1919-1926 Sr. Timothy Giedl

1919-1920; 1926-1929

Sr. Albina Breunig

1919-1923

Sr. Veronica Schecher 1919-1922; 1938-1940 Sr. Loretta Sedlmeier

1920-1924

Sr. Mary Joseph Bosen

1922-1924 Sr. Adeline Ehm 1923-1928

Sr. Dorothy Altweck

1924-1930 Sr. Sophia Hartl 1926-1930

Sr. Bona Luginger

1927-1929

Sr. Henrietta Shea

1928-1931

Sr. Caroline Meulemans

1929-1932

Sr. Angelica Weiland

1929-1930

Sr. Evarista Wittman

1930-1934

Sr. Viola Straus

1930-1931; 1942-1948 Sr. Sylvester Arents

1931-1932

Sr. Harriet Raymaker

1931-1933

Sr. Thomas Aguinas Grobbel

1931-1934 Sr. Aloysia Lenz

1932-1934 Sr. Thomas Smith

1932-1934

Sr. Ernesta Heintz

1933-1934

Sr. Stephana Schmitz

1934-1938

Sr. Cunigunda Altweck

1934-1938

Sr. Basilia Trepanier

1934-1938

Sr. Damian Vanden Wildenberg

1934-1935

Sr. Giles Otradovec

1934-1937

Sr. Aquin Ritzinger

1935-1936

Sr. Ann Marie (Gregory) Kegel

1937-1938

Sr. Mary Ann Hass 1937-1938; 1950-1952 Sr. Liboria Schecher

1938-1952

Sr. Esther VanDerLoop

1938-1941

Sr. Winifred Edlebeck

1938-1941

Sr. Joseph Marie Biddie

1939-1942

Sr. Helen Marie Doll

1940-1948

Sr. Verena Kilsdonk

1941-1944

Sr. Camilla Martin

1941-1946

Sr. Bernarda Lechtenberg

1944-1950

Sr. Lambertine Novinski

1946-1948

Sr. Therese de Lisieux Durand

1948-1951

Sr. Vianney Klapoetke 1948-1950; 1962-1963 Sr. Praxedes Geier

1949-1952

Sr. Audrey Affholder

1951-1955

Sr. Agnes (Wilma) Simmon

1952-1954

Sr. Veneranda Hargrafen

1952-1955

Sr.Patricia ( Carmelle ) Stadler 1953-1955, 1963-1964 Sr. Alexander Buck 1952-1954 Sr. Rita VanderVelden 1954-1960 Sr. Marie Imelda Baumgartner 1955-1958 Sr. Agnes (Magdala) Ballweg 1955-1958 Sr. Catherine (Kostka) Wildenberg 1958-1960 Sr. Dorothy Ann ( Myron ) Greiber 1958-1959 Sr. Eucharista Schlaefer 1959-1962 Sr. Kathleen Simon 1960-1961 Sr. Dorothy ( Thomas More ) Doerfler 1960-1966 Sr. George Ann Heegeman 1961-1963 Sr. Therese ( Duane ) Hoffmann 1963-1967 Sr. Rose Marie ( Albert ) Feucht 1964-1966 Sr. Nicole Wester 1966-1969 Sr. Sharon Berres 1966-1969 Sr. Joyce ( John Paul ) Ballweg 1967-1968 Sr. Paula Marie Jarosz 1969-1970 Sr. Mary Ellen Paulson 1969-1970

#### Lay Teachers

Mrs.Joe,Sokoly 1955-1957 Mrs. Floyd,Keuler 1956-1969 Mrs.MaryAnn,Bietzer 1959-1960 Ms.Margaret,Beaudreau 1960-1961 Mrs. Jay,McDonald 1962-1964 Mrs.Ruth,Nickel 1964-1966 Mrs.Norman,Clark 1966-1970 In 1969-1970, the school was operated with volunteer Sisters and lay teachers with an experimental, ungraded teaching system with 94 students in attendance. This venture came to an end on June 1970. The school remained closed until 1983, when, under the pastorate of Father Joseph Fischer, the school opened a program for the Kinderclub. Teacher Lori Schellfeffer took charge of primary education in 1983 till June of 1985, followed by Nancy Bump in the fall of 1985 assisted by Rose Everett. Mrs. Bump conducted classes through 1988. The 10-12 attending Kinderclub children came from St. Mary's, and St. Andrews parishes and the surrounding area.

The school doors were opened in the summer from 1987-1989. The Sisters of St. Joseph, Campbellsport, conducted summer school classes. Principal Sister Cheryl Gross, assisted in physical education by teacher Diane Hensel, received a high level of support for outstanding work in religious education. Under the Co-op Education Service (CESA), part of the school facility was rented to CESA to accommodate students with special education needs. This began August 1996 with CESA paying St. Andrew's \$ 550.00 a month for needed space, it ended June 1998.

Below: a Diploma of Graduation was awarded to Albert Adelmeyer at St. Andrew school in 1906.

Parents of farm children took a lighter look at the need for the full eight years of education. It was not uncommon for farm children who reached the sixth or seventh grade to be asked to stay home and help with the farm work.

Diploma of Graduation was only awarded in Parochial Schools upon the Standards of the State of Wisconsin in the early 20th century.



#### **St Andrew School and Teachers**

In 1868-1869 the Rev. August Lang repaired the old log church for a school. The school consisted of two rooms and living quarters. In 1882 a new school was built. The eastern part of the building was occupied by the Sisters until 1904. Recorded in the files of 1902, the three residing Sisters received \$420.00 a year salary. In addition fringe benefits were earned, with the added \$50.00 a year paid for playing the organ and a bonus of \$25.00 a year for washing church linens.

Due to increased in enrollment, the two rooms formerly occupied by the Sisters were now remodeled to four teaching rooms and in 1904. The Sisters now occupied the new convent. The convent was referred to as the 'Sisters House' and the Sister in charge of domestic duties was known as the 'Cook Sister': This terminology was a reflection of our German heritage. The school was now staffed with four teaching nuns and one housekeeper. This expanded work force for the parish school brought the Sister's yearly salary up to \$605,73. As we approach the year 1911, reports show the Sister's yearly salary was \$732. 27 an average increase of \$18.07 per year. The Sisters were known to be strong in character with a profound will to teach and discipline.

In 1919 the parish celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Dominic as educators of the St. Andrew children. In 1926 we find the following statement in the parish financial report written by Father Delles.

"We find it necessary to increase our assessment this year ,on account of a letter received Dec. 13th, 1926 from Mother M. Romana O.P. It is necessary for us, therefore, to ask for a substantial increase in salary for our teaching Sisters in order that we may keep them ready and fit for the burden they bear. We feel that we are not asking anything beyond what is just and reasonable, and we beg you to consider generally our plea, a yearly salary of four hundred dollars for each teacher after January first, nineteen hundred twenty seven. A second reason is, we must put a new roof on the church. A third, we must build new fences, line fences."

The yearly salary for the four teaching Sisters and one house maintenance Sister was \$1, 200.00 a year plus \$100.00 for the organist.

The Sisters responsibilities were numerous. They trained Mass servers in the Latin Mass. Other duties included church and altar care which called for flower and candle arrangements and also conduct weekly choir rehearsals. Special scheduling of classes for veneration at the Holy Forty Hour Devotion Service held once a year was also part of there responsibilities. In the 1920s -1930s the school children assembled in the school classrooms on Sunday morning before Mass. At the sounding of the first church bells the Sisters marched the children from school to church in order of grades to the front pews. First, second, third, and so on to the eighth grade, all in rank and file stood silently in the center aisle until the Sister Superior, with a thunderous clap of her hands, signaled a group genuflection, the boys then going to the right pews and the girls to the left pews. Sisters in charge watched diligently for mischievous behavior during Mass. Anyone out of line was disciplined and was asked to occupy Sister's pew. The rules of church behavior were: no looking around in church, no laughing or smiling in church, no talking in church, no stretching or unruly movements and no chewing gum.

#### **Parish Stage Plays**

The Sisters worked hard to train the children for the annual Thanksgiving Stage Plays held at Lehners Hall. Lehners Hall was the upper floor of the present Kollmans Korner Supper Club at down town Le Roy. The children were marched to Lehners Hall in the most inclement weather, at times in sub-zero temperatures for play rehearsal in the upper unheated hall. The writer recalls frostbite on the ears and toes received from the 1/2 mile walk to and from the hall and school. On the scheduled day or night of performance, the hall had limited seating room and when performance of any grade was finished, the children would return to their special dressing rooms and wait until the show was finished. The children would then join their parents and return home. Those were the days of the great depression and giving for the benefit of the church in time or talent was not questioned.

#### **First Confession First Holy Communion**

When the children approached the time for their First Confession , the Sisters instructed the children in the various steps of the sacrament. The open recitation of sins by each student to the class was to train the student to follow the Ten Commandants in examination of conscience. Confessional procedure was then mentally implanted into our minds for life. Soon after First Confession, First Communion instruction followed in preparation for this happy day. In an interview with "Shatzie" Schraufnagel, Shatzie talks about an unforgettable experience on her Communion day. All communicants were carrying lighted candles in procession toward the altar. Quoting Shatzie. "I was so sick that day that my head bowed forward and my head veil and hair caught fire. Sister slapped my head lightly left and right to extinguish the fire. This was the last time they had lighted candles for First Communion celebrations". The life saving Sister's name remains anonymous. Year after year the Sisters carried on their duties with patience, self-sacrifice, dignity and above all the love to teach the word of God. We all learned our basics from these good Sisters.

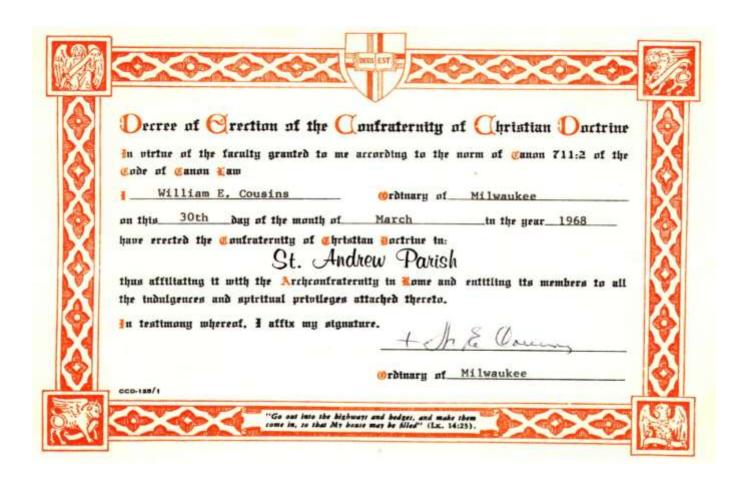
#### THE CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

In September of 1966 the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was organized to provide religious education for all Catholic children not attending Catholic school from first grade through high school. Many volunteers stepped forward to give of their time and talent for many years to come. Most of the volunteer instructors took special courses at Marian College in Fond du Lac. They assisted parents in carrying out their responsibility as the primary teachers of their children. This program was referred to as the "School of Religion". Records indicate that in any year almost 250 students received instruction from a staff of 18-20 volunteers. Below: early listings of volunteer teachers as taken from parish records up to 1980.

Milton Hurlbert , Norbert Weinberger , Harvey Simon , Gordon Lehner, Gertrude Leavengood , Mrs. Charles Feilbach , Arlene Hoffman, Margaret Gindt , Rachel Attenberger, Rita Weinberger , Robert Sterr, James Panzer, Bill Hurst, Mrs. Richard Hurst , Mary Hoffman , Mary Simon , Arlene Adelmeyer, Mrs. Harvey Sterr, Mrs. Benno Kollmansberger , Pamela Nitschke , Geralyn Schraufnagel Ruth Gassner , Janet Weiglein, Cathy Kehrmeyer , Margaret Schraufnagel , Helen Bauer , Mary (Ed) Wondra, Marie Schraufnagel, Marcella Clark, Helen Weinberger, Linda Kehrmeyer, Judy Clark , Patricia Weinberger, Betty Bauer, Mrs. Ralph Bryant , Diane Bauer, Margaret Klopfer , Alice Bauer, Jennifer Schraufnagel , Edgar Bauer, Anne Wondra , Mary Krapfl, Arlene Bauer, Kathleen Bauer, Cathy Schraufnagel , Lisa Kehrmeyer, Judy Rose , Philomena Ertl , Susan Weinberger

#### PARISH COLLABORATION

In 1995 St. Andrew entered into a collaborative program for Christian Education. June Strobel was hired as Director of Christian Education (DRE) for St. Andrew, St. Mary, Lomira, and St. Theresa. In 1997, St. Andrew joined with St. Mary, Mayville, to carry out religious education. Sr. Zita Kripavicius became the Director of Christian Formation for both parishes. This reconfiguration took place in anticipation of the planned retirement of St. Andrew's pastor, Father Robert Berghammer on July 1, 1998. At that time Father Charles Wester, pastor of St. Mary, Mayville, was appointed to the pastorate of both parishes.





Sister Caroline, Sister Viola, Sister Mary Ann, Sister Evarista, Gilbert (Jack) Schraufnagel, Hubert Schraufnagel, Fr. Henry Stehling, and Henry Feucht.

Forth row: Bernice Wagner, Carolyn Albinger, Bernice Schraufnagel, Erna Elsinger, Lorraine Vollmer, Alice Guse, Elizabeth Feucht, Angeline Malcuit and Martha Schraufnagel.

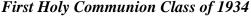
Third row: Dorothy Liegl, Alice Rost, Victor Gassner, Leo Wessing, Leander Hadaller, Milton Yoiungbeck, Melvin Zimmer, Merlin Sternat, John Wild, Corine Schraufnagel, Rubin Elsinger.

Second row: Robert Eilbes, Norbert Haller, Dorothy Weber, Mary Margaret Lehner, Philomene Feucht, Roger Sterr, Florance Gindt, Leo Feucht, Marie Eilbes, Victor Schraufnagel, Arnold Feucht, Francis Wondra, and Steven Sperger.

Front row: Communicant George Feucht, Ervin Guse,

Flower girls: Maxine Oechsner, Ida Vollmer, Helen Lehman, Adaline Kehrmeyer.

Flower boys- James Feucht, Robert Weinberger, Andrew Sperger, Alvin Bonack, Communicant Maurice Hurlbert, and Melvin Guse.





Back row: Sr. Thomas Aquinas, Arnold Feucht, Fr. Stehling, Francis Schraufnagel, and Sr. Basilia.
Ellen Ruhland, Florence Youngbeck, Alice Meyer, Helen Lehman, Gladys Lehner, Florence Rosebeck.
Schiedemeyer, Andrew Weber, Genevieve Kehrmeyer, Jeanette Hadaller, Ida Vollmer, Phylis Tighe, Albert Liegl, and Robert Gassner.

Second row: James Feucht, Victor Lehner, Robert Weinberger, Richard Bauer, Maxine Oechsner, Frank Sonnentag, Richard Hoffman,
Sperger, Carl Schraufnagel, Linus Schraufnagel, Albert Feucht, and Melvin Eilbes..

Front row: Valeria Eilbes, Alice Schraufnagel, Mabel Schraufnagel, Alice Krapfl, Carl Weinberger, Raymond Feucht, Wilfred Lehner, and Leo Wondra.

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Fourth row;

Third row: Francis

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Top row:Rubin Elsinger, Elizabeth Feucht, Victor Hinkes, Eugenia Marion, Merlin Sternat, Leander Hadaller, Melvin Guse.

top: Victor Schraufnagel, Martha Schraufnagel, Marie Eilbes, Corrine Schraufnagel, Francis Schraufnagel, Bernice Wagner. Third from top: Father Henry Stehling, Leo Feucht, Lorraine Vollmer, Philomene Feucht, Roger Sterr, Milton Youngbeck.

Standing in front: Mary Margaret Lehner and Florence Gindt.

Front row: Flower Escort, Rudolph Bauer, Earl Sternat, Leo Wondra, Elaine Krapfl, Mabel Schraufnagel, and Ann Schmidt.

#### **Class of 1936**



**Top row**: Father Henry Stehling, Sister Stephana and Sister Lorraine.

Third row:

Alice Schiedemeyer, Maxine Ertl, Erma Wild, Blandina Marion, Mass servers, Albert Feucht, James Feucht, Robert Weinberger.

Second row: Colette Eilbes, Marcella Feucht, Virginia Schabel, Florence Scheberl, Lucille Wild, Rosina Gassner, Philip Vollmer, Russell
Harold Lehner.

Flower Escort: Arlene

Schiedemeyer, Henriette Sperger, Grace Eilbes, Geraldine Feucht, Theresa Schabel, Elaine Krapfl, Florence Wild, Rose Feucht, Mary Ellen Oechsner, Beatrice Gassner, Joan Schmidbauer, Edward Eilbes, Norbert Weinberger, and Delore Schraufnagel.



Top James

row: Leonard Schraufnagel, Eugene Wild, Harold Feucht, Rudolph Sternat, Sister Stephana, Harvey Adelmeyer, Raymond Wondra, Florian Lehner, Weinberger.

Center row: Jerome Bauer, Albert Feucht, Gerald Feucht, Mary Jane Weinberger, Florence Lehner, Florence Wondra, August Stellberg, Rudolph Schraufnagel. Front row: Alice Tighe, Marion Oechsner, Dorothy Hinkes, Fr. Henry Stehling, Anita Gruber, Arlene Wagner, Lucille Burelbach. Flower Escort: Sylvia Bauer, Patsy Tighe, Paul Wondra, Norbert Weinberger.

#### 60 Year Class Reunion 1997



Top row: Leonard Schraufnagel, Donald Scharschmidt, Raymond Wondra, James Weinberger, Harold Feucht. Eugene Wild. row: Anita Gruber-Clark, Mary Jane Weinberger-Luehing, Florence Wondra-Gitter, Rudolph Schraufnagel, Second row: Left, Alvin Wondra, Right, Jerome Bauer.

Front row: Albert Feucht, August Stellberg, Gladys (Rudolph) Sternat, Clement Bauer, Dorothy Hinkes Collien, Marcella Guse Rahlf.

Third



Sister Gregory, Robert Weinberger, Carl Schraufnagel, Melvin Eilbes, Andrew Weber, Fr. Henry Stehling, Frank Sonnentag, Melbert Feucht, Harvey Center row: Alice Feller, Rose

Feucht, Lyra Bauer, Helen Krapfl, Marie Krapfl, Rosella Schraufnagel, La Vern Bonack, Norbert Weinberger Anita Neumeyer. Front row: Grace Eilbes, Roger Gassner, David Schraufnagel, Myron Schrauth, Leon Weinberger, Eugene Bauer, Henrietta Sperger.

Class of 1938

Top row: Kenneth Bauer, Carl Schraufnagel, Melbert Feucht, Merlin Zangl, Andrew Weber, Richard Schraufnagel, Linus Schraufnagel.



Third row: Fr. Henry Stehling, Melvin Eilbes, Irvin Gassner, Frank Sonnentag, Robert Weinberger, James Feucht, Victor Lehner, Sister Stephana.

Second row: Florence Rosbeck, Lorraine Pollajak, Ida Vollmer, Helen Lehman, Gladys Lehner, Jeanette Hadaller, Bernice Gassner, Phyllis Tighe, Richard Bauer.

row: Beatrice Gassner, Patsy Tighe, Leon Weinberger, Eugene Bauer.

Front

# Class of 1940.



Merrill Sperger, Roman Gassner, Rudolph Feucht, Willard Bauer, Ambrose Eilbes. Zangl, Mary Ann Wild, Valeria Eilbes, Gertrude Gassner, Dolores Schraufnagel, Betty Krapfl, Marvin Adelmeyer. Front row: Sister Veronica, Audrey Burelbach, Betty Feucht, Lyra Gassner, Richard Eilbes, Stanley Sperger, Laverne Sterr, Fr. Henry Stehling.

# **Class of 1941**

Top row;



Florence Feucht, Leo Wondra, Carl Weinberger, Leonard Reiser, Catherine Gindt. Center row: Margaret Mary Feucht, Lucille Lehner, Janette Schrauth,, Alice Krapfl, Alice Schraufnagel, Priscilla Adelmeyer. Front row: Sister Winifred, Raymond Feucht. Leon Weinberger, Charlotte Feucht, Marilyn Krapfl, Arthur Krapfl, Thomas Weinberger, Myron Schrauth, Norbert Weinberger, Fr. Henry Stehling.



Leo Belda. Glenn Sterr, Leon Weinberger, Norbert Weinberger, Robert Sterr, Delore Schraufnagel, Ray Weyer, Thomas Weinberger and Fr. Peter Klinkhammer.

Center row: Marvelyn, Zehren, Kathleen Schraufnagel,

Marilyn Krapfl, Harvey Waas, Rosemary Schwartzmiller, Betty Ann Schmidbauer, Elinor Oechsner, Arlene Neumeyer.

**Front row**: Neal Hoffman, Roger Bauer, Winefred Zimmer, Mary Ann Weinberger, Donald Feucht, Gerald Feucht, Richard Eilbes, Elaine Sternat, Norbert Sternat, and David Waas.

#### Class of 1942

Top row: Fr. Klinkhammer, Paul Wondra, Vernon Neumeyer, Gilbert Schmid, Rudolph Bauer, Raymond Feucht, Wilfred Lehner,



Fr.Leo Belda.

Center row: Marian Bauer, Ruth Gassner, Virginia Ries, Annella Bauer, Mabel Hefter, Henrietta Sperger, and Sister Verena. James Gassner, Jane Francis Schmid, Charlotte Feucht, Cecilia Wondra, Patricia Bauer, Loyd Hefter.

Front row:



Gordon Lehner, Richard Bonack, Arthur Krapfl, William Bach, George Oechsner, Arthur Adelmeyer, Martin Schraufnagel, Father John Stehle.

Center row: Norma (Sally)

Hoffman, Lloyd Hefter, Norbert Lehner, James Gassner. Raymond Schabel, Roger Bauer, and Carlton Sterr.

Front row: Mary Ann Schraufnagel, Janice Zimmer, Margaret Meyer, Charlotte Feucht, Cecilia Wondra, Anita Meyer, Georgiann Oechsner, Carol Schmidbauer, and Albert Wondra.

# St. Andrew's Graduates of 1943



**Top row :**Rose Feucht, Helen Krapfl, Rita Wondra, Norbert Weinberger, Marie Krapfl, Lyra Bauer, and Joan Schmidbauer. **Front row:** Sister Verena, Jane Schmidt, Norma Hoffman, Mary Jane Kahlhammer, Felix Bauer, Norma Oechsner, Mary Ann Weinberger, Elaine Sternat, and Father John Stehle.

Class of 1944 Top row:



Robert Sterr, Delor Schraufnagel, Geraldine Feucht, Florence Wild, Mary Ellen Oechsner, Anita Neumeyer, Theresa Schabel, Elaine Krapfl, Roman Guse, Roger Gassner.

Front row: Kenneth Hoffman, Joseph

Feucht Jr., Sue Schraufnagel, Jane Schmid,, Norma Oechsner, Norma Hoffman, Mary Jane Kahlhammer, Georgiann Oechsner, Francis Sterr, Gordon Gassner, Fr. John Stehle.

#### Communion of Class 1945

Top row: Kenneth Tighe, Albert Wondra, Carlton Sterr, Kenneth Schraufnagel,



Donald Weiss, Richard Weiglein, James Schabel, Lymann Indermuehele, Felix Bauer, Fr. John Stehle.

Weinberger. Franke, Norma Oechsner,

Mary Ann

Center row: Flower escorts Claude Vollmer, Kathleen Adelmeyer, Delores Kahlhammer, Daniel Front row: Irene Schraufnagel, Mary Jane Kahlhammer, Mary Jane Mayer, Susanne Schraufnagel, Bernice Schraufnagel, Norma Hoffman



Top row: Leon Weinberger, Joe Hausinger, Norman Gruber, Roy Gassner, Edgar Wondra.

Center row: Paul Steiner, Harold Reiser, Patsy Tighe, Arlene Schmidbauer, Myron Schrauth, Raymond Bauer, Fr. John Stehle.

Front row: Jerold Gassner, Susan Schraufnagel, Marcia Del Ponte, Dolores Bonack, Ann Schmidt, Caroline Lehner, Genevieve Wondra, Gertrude Feucht, Charles Feucht.

#### **Class of 1946**



Top row: Eugene Bauer, Francis Gassner, Floyd Starr, Gilbert Schabel, Arnold Sternat, Edgar Bauer, Roger Schraufnagel.

Center row: Dolores Feucht, Banitta Lehner, Lavern Bauer, Rosemary Kehrmeyer, Rita Schraufnagel, Betty Feucht, Fr. John Stehle.

Front row: Dennis Bauer, Ruby Sperger, Sylvia Bauer, Ruth Ann Zehren, Nila Rose Weinberger, Margaret Gindt, Ruth Weyer, Sylvia Schabel, and Kenneth Garriety.



Top row:Richard Eilbes, Norbert Lehner, Glen Sterr, Fr. John Stehle, Donald Feucht, and Raymond Weyer.

Center row: Henry Schabel, Marilyn Krapfl, Harvey Waas, Stella Nelleson, Jerome Sternat, Thomas Weinberger.

Front row: Leo Meyer, Marilyn Zehren, Kathleen Schraufnagel, Betty Ann Schmidbauer, Eleanor Oechsner, Margaret Mayer, and Eunice Sternat.

# Class of 1948



**Top row**: Joseph Herman, Arthur Krapfl, Milton Hurlbert, James Gassner, Gordon Lehner, Arthur Adelmeyer, Fr John. Stehle. **Center row**: Cecilia Wondra, Roger Bauer, Martin Schraufnagel, Janice Zimmer, Richard Bonack, Jerry Tighe, Mary Ann Herman. **Front row**: Charlotte Feucht, Betty Jane Neumeyer, Patrick Zimmer, John Krapfl, Lucille Kahlhammer, and Cathy Kehrmeyer

# St. Andrew's First Holy Communion Class of 1949



**Top row:** Lynn Indermuehle, Carl Tighe, Stanley Adelmeyer, James Zangl, Leo Mayer, Harvey Simon, Wayne Del Ponte, Norbert Schabel.

**Center row**: Nila Rose Lehner, Ermanelda Sperger, Delores Kahlhammer, Norma Feller, Father John Stehle, Carol Feucht, Margaret Gassner,

Judy Hoffman, Angeline Ertl.

Front row: Donald Bauer, Georgene Tighe, Corrine Ruhland, Gertrude Neumeyer, Kathleen Simon, Eugene Hoffman.

#### St. Andrew's Graduates of 1949



**Top row**: Eugene Schraufnagel, David Waas, Gordon Del Ponte, Norbert Sternat, Neal Hoffmann, Jerome Eilbes. **row**; Elaine Sternat, Robert Schabel, Gordon Schabel, Melvin Breit, Allan Breit, Anita Mayer.

Front row: Flower girls, Diana Krapfl, Adellne Mayer, Jane Schmidt, Mary Ann Weinberger, Bernice Franke, Winifred Zimmer,

Arlene Lehner, Patricia Bauer. Flower Boys, Alex Weinberger and Duane Waas .

Center



Top row: Richard Weiglein, Donald Weiss. Stanley Waas, Gerald Manney, Felix Bauer, Kenneth Schraufnagel, Kenneth Tighe, Carlton Sterr. Center row: Mary Jane Kahlbammer, Norma Oechsner, Norma Hoffman, Fr. John Stehle, Mary Jane Mayer, Ramona Sperger, Albert Wondra Front row: Laura Mae Villwock, Alois Neumeyer, Rosemary Feucht, Mae Belle Gassner, Stanley Zingler and Susanne Schraufnagel.

### First Holy Communion Class of 1951



Top row: Donald Bauer. Ronald Schraufnagel, Lawrence Indermuehle, Norman Schraufnagel, Harold Schwartzmiller, Gerald Pfalzgraf,

Duane Waas, Peter Schraufnagel, Richard Kollmansperger.

Center row: Joyce Vollmer, Romona Attenberger, Kathleen Marion, Elizabeth Feucht, Father John Stehle.

Front row: Richard Feucht, Vivian Clark, Georgene Tighe, Kathleen Simon, Diane Krapfl, Mary Ann Feucht, Adeline Mayer, Donna Mae Lehner, Shirley Schmidbauer, and Robert Feucht.



row: L-R. Gertrude Feucht, Rita Weiglein, Gordon Gassner, Kenneth Hoffman, Fr. John Stehle, Joseph Feucht, James Schabel, Betty Neumeyer, Eunice Neumeyer.

Front row: Sylvester (Tiny)
Gassner, Alice Weiglein, Mary Ann Schraufnagel, Anita Schraufnagel, Mary Ann Feucht, Claudia Feucht and Alois Neumeyer.



**Top row**: Myron Waas, Vernon Elsinger, Arnold Hurlbert, Fr. John Stehle, Charles Schalinske, Donald Franke, Ervin Gassner. **Center row**: Leon Krapfl, Claude Vollmer, Elaine Oechsner, Barbara Kohli, Joann Kahlhammer, Kathleen Adelmeyer, Daniel Weinberger, Gerald Gassner.

Front row: Bonnie Lee Adelmeyer, Carol Schraufnagel, Merlin Kahlhammer, and Ronald Vollmer.



Top row: Harvey Simon, Norbert Schabel, Charles Feucht, Wayne Del Ponte, James Zangl, Fr. John Stehle.

Center row: Lucille Weiglein, Judy Hoffman, Nyla Rose Lechner, Delores Kahlhamer, Carol Feucht, Ermanelda Sperger, Margaret Gassner, Gertrude Neumeyer

Front row: Alan Feucht, Dianne Zangl, Joyce Weiglein, and John Lechner.

# Class of 1956



**Top row**: Sister M. Rita, John Clark, Alvin Zangl, Donald Bauer, Richard Schabel, Eugene Hoffman, Peter Schraufnagel, Fr.Francis Eschweiler **Front row**: Carol Schabel, Leone Ertl, Adeline Mayer, Kathleen Simon, Barbara Lechner, Janette Lehner, Ramona Attenberger, Joyce Vollmer, Joanne Meyer, Elizabeth Feucht, and Kathleen Marion.



**Top row**: Francis Sterr, Norman Schraufnagel, James Kehrmeyer, Stanley Priepke, Thomas Feucht, Richard Feucht, Richard Attenberger, Robert Feucht.

Center row: Jean Hoffman, Carol Weinberger, Janet Ertl, Patricia Feucht, Geraldine Haller, Mary Ann Feucht, Bonnie Adelmeyer. row: Sister Rita, Dorothy Schraufnagel, Claudia Feucht, Sherlee Schmidbauer, Jeanne Streit, Ellen Vollmer, Diane Del Ponte and Fr. Anthony Gundrum.

First Holy Communion Class of 1958



Top row: Fr. Anthony Gundrum and Msgr. Wm. McGrath.

Fourth ehls Andrew

Front

row: Rodney Zimmer, Edward Feucht, Ronald Youngbeck, Michael Schraufnagel, Kenneth Weinberger, Leo Schraufnagel, David Nehls, Andrew Schraufnagel.

Third row: Leon

Schraufnagel, John Streit, Daniel Valle, Gary Franke, Roger Wondra, Dennis Adelmeyer. Patricia Haller, Susan Marion, Joan Bauer, Shirley Weyer, Jane Elsinger, Sandra Klueger. Sharon Weinberger, Denise Bonack, Constance Nitschke, and Shirley Neumeyer.

Second row: Sister Magdala , Front row: Mary Beth Vollmer, (Terrance Powers, not shown)



Top row: Sylvester Gassner, Kenneth Oechsner, David Haller, Merlin Kahlhammer, Richard Neumeyer, Stephen Schraufnagel, James Schraufnagel.

Center row: Sister Rita, Dale Del Ponte, Harvey Sternat, Fr. Anthony Gundrum.

Front row: Carol Schraufnagel, Carol Hinkes, Victoria Schraufnagel, Alice Weiglein, Vivian Clark, and Ruby Sperger.

#### First Communion Class of 1959



Back Center: Fr. Anthony Gundrum

Top row: Janice Neumeyer, Joe Keller, Norman Ruhland, Tim Del Ponte, Jeanne Weinberger, Karen Kamrath.

Third row: Sharon Boehmer, Ruth Adelmeyer, Norman Sabel, George Bauer, Leslie Schraufnagel, Dale Gourlie, Alice Keller.

Second row: Donna Ruplinger, Jeanette Wondra, Daniel Feucht, Gary Sarauer, John Toll, Patrick Schraufnagel, Sharon Kehrmeyer, Bonnie Schabel, Sharon Breit.

Front row: Catherine Feucht, Gail Hinkes, Lawrence Geschke, Richard Gassner, William Luehring, Gerard Feucht, Patricia Weinberger, and Kathleen Adelmeyer.

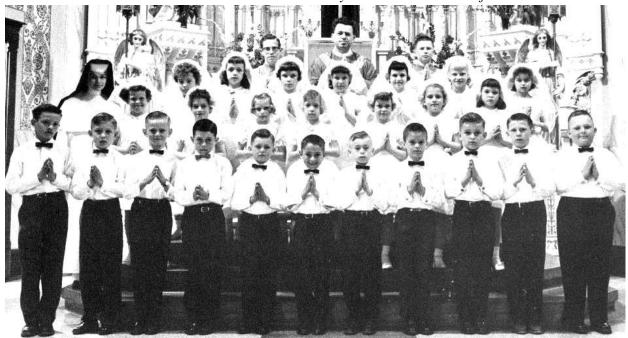


Top row: Frederick Luehring, Paul Steiner, Duane Bonack, Ronald Vollmer, Kenneth Feucht, Roger Zangl, Kenneth Zimmer. Center row: Sister Rita, John Lechner, Marie Treanore, Judith Woller, Arlene Schraufnagel, Judith Marion, Fr.Anthony Gundrum. Front row: Dianne Zangl, Mary Jane Wondra, Joyce Weiglein, Patricia Hinkes and Mary Ann Breit.



Ponte, Judy Gassner, Rosemary Schraufnagel, Donna Adelmeyer, Rachel Attenberger, Janet Franke, Fr. Anthony Gundrum. Center row: Sister Thomas More, Michael Sabel, Ronald Adelmeyer, Duane Gourlie, Alan Feucht, Julianne Schraufnagel. Front row: Betty Marion, Margaret Elsinger, Anthony Feucht, Ronald Schraufnagel, Carl Schraufnagel, Kenneth Wondra and Marlene Priepke.

#### First Holy Communion Class of 1961



Back row: Servers, Paul Bauer, James Bauer. center, Fr. Anthony Gundrum

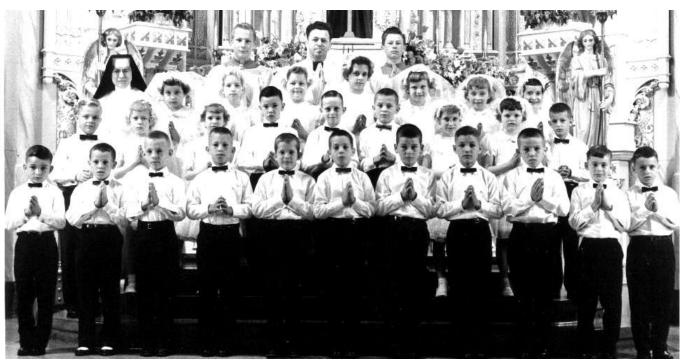
row: Catherine Wild, Linda Kehrmeyer, JelaineWild, Sally Del Ponte, Jane Schraufnagel, Joyce Adelmeyer, Beverly Nehls.

Sister Kathleen, Anne Schraufnagel, Mary Lou Dohrman, Joan Feucht, Pamela Nitschke, Debra Bauer, Evelyn Wondra, Charlene Weinberger.

Front row: Lewis Feucht, Joseph Zangl,

Robert Schraufnagel, Allan Bauer, Gregory Geschke, Jack Weinberger, Steven Feucht, Ronald Gassner, Allan Wondra, John Schraufnagel and Dale Hoffman

#### First Holy



#### Communion Class of 1962

Back Row: Server Michael Wild, Center, Fr.Anthony Gundrum, James Bauer.

Third row: Sister Grorge Ann, Lois Ruhland, Linda Hoffman, Marjori Gassner, Gayle Steindorf, Jennifer Schraufnagel, Carol Vollmer.

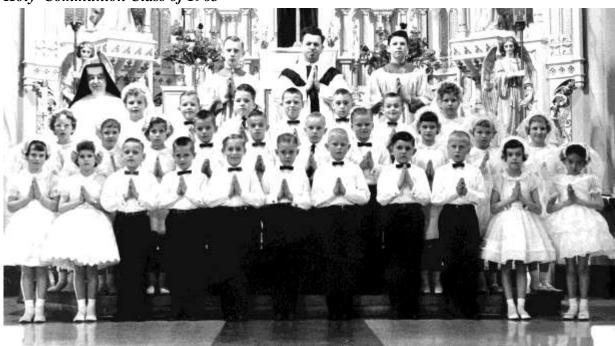
Second row: John Marion, Kathleen Mutz, Kristine Bauer, George Gsell, Gerard Bauer, Duane Sabel, Lois Schraufnagel, Terese Feucht, Dennis Gassner. Front row: Steve Wondra, Robert Feucht, Thomas Schalinski, Thomas Kehrmeyer, James Valle, Jeffery Weinberger, Richard Weinberger, Mark Feilbach, Dean Bonack, Gary Feucht and Frederick Schraufnagel.



Top row: Sister Thomas More, Paul Bauer, Mary Neumeyer, Judy Schraufnagel, Audrey Wondra, James Bauer, Fr. Anthony Gundrum. Center row: Gary Kehrmeyer, Diane Ruhland, Karen Schabel, Marjorie Schabel, Judy Clark, Victor Hinkes.

Front row: Mark Feucht, Linda Adelmeyer, Margaret Priepke, Rose Mary Simon, and Douglas Nehls.

#### First Holy Communion Class of 1963



Back row: Sister Duane, Leo Schraufnagel, Fr.Anthony Gundrum, Michael Schraufnagel.

Top row: Debra Adelmeyer, Dale Klueger, Terry Sterr, Dale Schraufnagel, Daniel Sperger, Dean Waas, Sharon Bauer.

Center row: Lori Sterr, Denise Sternat, Nancy Bauer, Dale Zangl, Thomas Schraufnagel, Mathew Zimmer, Larry Gassner, Desiree Wild, Cynthia Schabel, Ann Wondra,

Front row: Lu Ann Bauer, Debra Gassner, Gary Gindt, Dale Bonack, Gerard Schraufnagel, Robert Nitschke, David Lechner, Randell Feucht, Mark Adelmeyer, Miriam Steiner and Sharon Waas.

#### Class 1963



Top row: Harvey Sternat, Lee Del Ponte, Michael Wild, Richard Marion, Dennis Sabel.

Center row: Sister Thomas More, Kathleen Bauer, Norman Priepke, Lawrence Feucht, Melvin Wondra, Marie Feucht, Fr Anthony. Gundrum.

Front row: Betty Schraufnagel, Kathleen Weinberger, Mary Bauer and Jane Adelmeyer.

# Class of 1964



**Top row**: Gary Franke, Edward Feucht, Kenneth Weinberger, Michael Schraufnagel, Leo Schraufnagel, Eugene Wild. **Center row**: Sister Thomas More, Roger Wondra, Mary Beth Vollmer, Jane Elsinger, Susan Marion, Joan Bauer, Andrew Schraufnagel, Leon Schraufnagel, Fr.Anthony Gundrum.

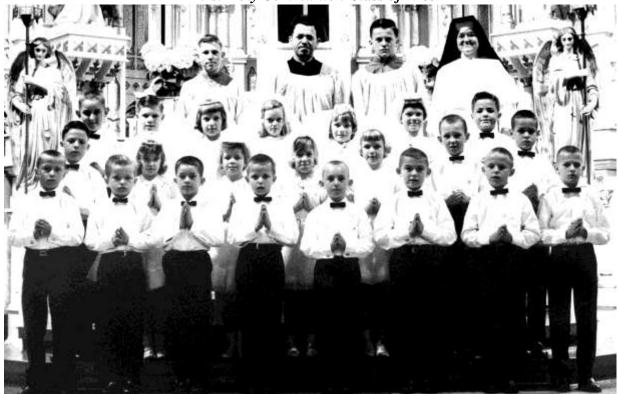
Front row: Dennis Gourlie, Constance Nitschke, Shirley Neumeyer, Patricia Haller, Denise Bonack, Sandra Klueger, John Streit and Dennis Adelmeyer.



**Top row:** Dale Gourlie, Norman Ruhland, Sharon Breit, Tim Del Ponte, Janice Neumeyer, Sharon Boehmer, Fr. Anthony Gundrum. **Center row:** Sr. Thomas More, Rodney Zimmer, Catherine Feucht, Patricia Weinberger, Shirley Weyer, Sharon Kehrmeyer, Ruth Adelmeyer, Norman Sabel.

**Front row:** Jeanette Wondra, Janis Pachan, Gerard Feucht, Daniel Feucht, George Bauer, Richard Gassner, Gail Hinkes, Bonnie Schabel and Kathleen Adelmeyer.

First Holy Communion Class of 1965



Fourth row: Patrick Schraufnagel, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Leslie Schraufnagel, Sister Daane.

Third row: Danial Wondra, Warren Schraufnagel, Cynthia Bauer, Victoria Geschke, Mary Ann Zangl, Sheryl Bauer, and Michael Sterr.

Second row: Daniel Knaus, Jacqueline Eilbes, Audrey Schultz, Debra Nitchke, Susan Weinberger, Howard Wondra and Daniel Bauer.

Keith Adelmeyer, Gerard Adelmeyer, Robert Valle, Dennis Adelmeyer, Patrick Schalinski, Dean Weyer, David Adelmeyer and Leland Gassner.

# Class of 1966

The last eighth grade class of the 20th century at St. Andrew



Top row: William Luehring, Gary Waas, Leslie Schraufnagel, Patrick Schraufnagel, Jerold Schraufnagel, James Attenberger, Fr. Anthony Gundrum.

Center

row: Sister Thomas More, Joseph Schraufnagel, Connie Bauer, Christine Haller, Judy Weinberger, Anna Sabel, Daniel Walters, Mark Zimmer.

Front row: Daniel Adelmeyer, Bruce Schabel, Diane Bauer, Geralyn Schraufnagel, Gail Bauer, Carla Feilbach, Kenneth Gindt and David Clark.



Top row: Terry Sterr, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Sister Duane, Gerard Schraufnagel.

Fourth row: Kay Hoffman, Christine Oechsner, Kristine Geschke, Christine Feucht, Mary Jo Adelmeyer.

Third row: Carol Breit, Nancy Weinberger, Katherine Feucht, Dan Kuen, Julie Lehner, Cheryl Wiese, Patricia Weiss.

Second row: Jeffery Bauer, Patrick Sterr, Dennis Feucht, Michael Adelmeyer, Mark Wild, Scott Hurst, David Zangl, Timothy Personius. Front row: David Feilbach, Robert Kretschmann, Gregory Steiner, Steven Riser, Daniel Oechsner, David Schraufnagel and David Sterr.



Top row: Lee Bonack, Scott Sterr, Daniel Eilbes, David Oechsner, Joseph Kohlmann, Robert Schraufnagel, Scott Schabel, Alexander Strupp. Center: Sister Paula Marie, Fr. Anthony Gundrum.

Front row: Harley Gindt, Deborah Del Ponte, Catherine Schmidt, Barbara Wondra, Mary Ann Bauer, Therese Hoffman, Marcia Bauer and Mark Knaus

# First Holy Communion Class of 1970



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Top row: Elizabeth Kohlmann, Christine Wild, Brenda Waas, Linda Bauer, Judith Sterr, Cheryl Jens, Diane Wondra, Cheryl Mutz, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Deborah Adelmeyer, Denise Gourlie.

Center row: Dennis Oechsner, Jeffrey Weiglein, Tom Adelmeyer, John Zimmer, Francis Feucht, Myron Franke, Tom Jens, Brian Eiche, Du Ward Valle, Carl Weiss, Richard Wondra, Terry Gassner.

Front row: Donna Geschke, Jeanne Krapfl, Patricia Adelmeyer, Lori Battistine, Jodi Krapfl, Anthony Oechsner, Tony DelPonte, Francis Eilbes, Robert Weiglein, Brian Bauer, Michael Bauer, Lori Feucht, Theresa Geschke, Ann Lehner, Susan Nitschke and Patricia Schraufnagel. Absent for photo, Mark Personius.

First Holy Communion Class of 1971



Back center: Jeff Bath, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Jim Bath.

Third row: Glen Wiese, John Bauer, Randal Wondra, Chris Bauer, Anthony Weinberger, Gregory Krapfl, Gregory Breit, Gary Hoffman Center row: Lisa Bauer, Lori Walters, Patricia Hurlbert, Roseann Sabel, Julie Straveler, Karen Adelmeyer, Patricia Simon. Front row: James Wild, Michael Mutz, Stephen Knaus, Scott Franke, David Weyer, Keith Schraufnagel and Duane Eilbes.

#### First Holy Communion Class of 1972



Top row: Teacher Judy Clark, Steve Bauer, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Steven Kehrmeyer, Teacher Patricia Weinberger.

Third row; Julie Krapfl, Debra Walters, Lori Schraufnagel, Richard Bauer, Joseph Krapfl, Patricia Feucht, Amy Kehrmeyer, Annette Krapfl.

Second row: Annette Gassner, Michelle Sbonik, Bernice Weiglein, Tina Kohlman, Mary Jo Schalinski, Brenda Welak, Heidi Bauer,
Anna Feucht.

First row: Dale Waas, Warren Eilbes, Daniel Fink, Scott Zimmer, Gerard Weinberger, Michael Hurst, Daniel Gourlie and Randy Waas. Also in communion class: Russel Wondra and Loni Okon

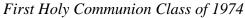
Back



Lori Brandel, Lori Bauer, Lisa Schraufnagel, Shelia Waas, Jill Krapfl, Julia Bauer, Lynn Hurst, Jane Sterr, Staci Kehrmeyer, Charlene Feucht. Second

row:Mike Schmidt, Jeff Bauer, Mark Simon, Vince Bartoli, Steve Schraufnagel, Jeffrey Swainston, David Pendergast, Lee Wondra, Angie Del Front row:

Michael Sbonik, Thomas Bauer, Daniel Gassner, Lee Geschke, Patrick Quinn, Dean Weinberger, Gary Krapfl, Gerard Knaus and John Weiglein.





Top row: Teacher Judy Clark, Mass server, David Schraufnagel, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Server Jeff Bath, Teacher Patricia Weinberger.

Third row: Vince Wild, Stanley Weiss, David Hesprich, Jeff Strub, Scott Strub, Thomas Adelmeyer.

Second row: Michelle Schabel, Patty Jo Welak, Timothy Simon, Geard Weiglein, Todd Weinberger, William Hoffman, Mary Ann Franke,

Vickiy Breit, Eugene Straveler.

Front row: Patty Jo Gassner, Lori Fink, Lori Schabel, Annette Kehrmeyer and Julie Wondra.



Back row:Teacher Patricia Weinberger, David Schraufnagel, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Jeff Bath, Teacher Judy Clark Third row: Douglas Hurst, Steven Bauer, David Krapfl, Mark Straveler, Jeffrey Feucht.

Second row: Roger Belling, Jennifer Feucht, Patricia Fink, Lisa Haddy, Pamela Bartoli, Cheryl Franke.

Front row: Connie Gassner, Mary Beth Geschke, Ann Weiglein, Keistine Schabel and Nancy Sterr.

# First Holy Communion Class of 1976



**Back row:** Teacher Patricia Weinberger, Joe Krapfl, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Tony Weinberger, Teacher Judy Clark Wagner. **Center row:** Scott Waas, Tommy Walters, Brian Kehrmeyer, Margaret Keller, Lance Feucht, Brenda Walters, Randy Kehrmeyer, Lori Haddy, Lee Bauer.

Front row: Linda Bauer, Renee Geschke, Laurie Schuppe, Ann Marie Fink and Becky Krapfl.



Top row: Teacher Patti Weinberger, Anthony Weinberger, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Greg Krapfl and Teacher Helen Weinberger. Third row: Michael Weiglein, Robert Eiche, Randal Klopfer, Dale Weiss John Wondra.

Second row: Todd Feucht, Victoria Hurlbert, Kim Gassner, Rene Krapfl, Deanna Schraufnagel, Lisa Weinberger. Front row: Tamara Schabel, Gina Weyer, Kim Schuppe, Jacqueline Quinn, Kristin Zangl and Charlene Wiese.

#### First Holy Communion Class of 1978



Top row: Joe Krapfl, Teacher, Judy Weinberger, Greg Krapfl, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Steve Bauer, Teacher, Helen Weinberger, Mike Hurst . Third row: Vince Bartoli,, Jon Krapfl, Jeffrey Wass, Tom Ohrmund, Graig Eilbes, Brian Schraufnagel, Scott Feucht, Bill Hoffman.

Second row: Brenda Welak, Julie Collien, Kristine Bartoli, Kristi Krapfl, Mary Beth Hurst.

Front row: Rick Schuppee, Darlene Belling, Ronda Welak and Tim Hoffman.



Back row: Jeff Bauer, John Hurst, Judy Weinberger Rose, Dave Weyer, Fr.Anthony Gundrum, Mark Simon, Teacher Helen Weinberger, Simon

Tim **Third** 

 $\textbf{row}\text{: Brian Wild, Tanya Schraufnagel, Kay Franke, Kristine Weyer, Tricia Sabel, Arnold Weiss} \; .$ 

Second row: Richie Haefman, Peter Streit, Michael Hurlbert, Kelly Zangl, John Oechsner, Kent Feucht, Alan Bauer.

Front row: Ann Bauer, Loni Bauer, Pam Simon, Amy Youngbeck, Janel Collien and Amie Schraufnagel.

## First Holy Communion Class of 1980



**Back row**: Jeff Bauer, Teacher Judy Weinberger, Joe Krapfl, Fr. Anthony Gundrum, Todd Weinberger, Teacher Helen Weinberger, David Krapfl. **Center row**: Bill Hoffman, Craig Waas, William Krapfl, Patrick Wondra, StevenValle, Scott Waas.

 $\textbf{Front row} : \textbf{Sheila Zingler}, \textbf{Karen Belling and Becky Schraufnagel}. \quad \textbf{Absent}, \textbf{Gary Ohrmun}.$ 

# St. Andrew's Confirmatiom Class of 1987



**Back row**:Father Fred Bistricky, Bishop Leo Brust, Scott Feucht, Tom Ohrmund, Kristi Krapfl, Vicky Hurlbert, Renee Krapfl, Todd Feucht, teacher, Jody Krapfl.

 $\textbf{Front row:} \ \ \text{Tim Hoffman, Jachie Quinn, Tammy Schabel, Lisa Weinberger, John Krapfl, Charlene Wiese and coordinator Mary Hoffman.}$ 

## St. Andrew's Confirmation Class of 1995





Top row: Tony Wondra, Eric Gudex, Eric Youngbeck.

Center row: Father Robert Berghammer, Ryan Bauer, Jeremy Rose, Richard

Thompson, Coordinator, Mary Hoffman.

Front row: Richard Bauer, Jessica Okon, Mindy Okon, Jim Weinberger.



Back row: Nathan Waas, Fr. Berghammer,

Brian Krapfl.

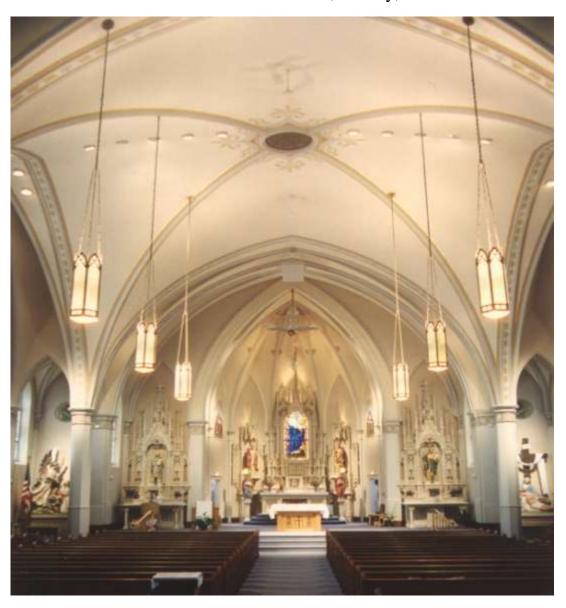
Front: Cara Youngbeck, Tom Rauch,

Coordinator Mary Hoffman.

# A PICTORIAL TOUR OF

ST. ANDREW
THE APOSTLE CHURCH

St Andrew Catholic Church, Le Roy, Wisconsin. 1900-2000



Mid-day photo of St. Andrew's Catholic Church built in 1900 under the pastorate of Father John W. Blum. The German gothic design is the original creations of the artistic hands of Mr. Anton Dohmen, a well-known architect from Milwaukee. The front of the church faces north and has a width of 40 feet. The northwest bell tower rises 150 feet and the northeast octagonal tower reaches 90 feet. The length of the church is 124 feet and the transept width is 56 feet. On each side of the transept are the large windows, the nativity window to the east and the ascension window to the west. Each being 14 feet wide and 24 feet high over which a wide gable rises. A special charm of the interior of the church are the ribbed arches, especially the ones in the transept rest on four pillars and are remarkable for their sweeping thrust towards the vaulted apex where they intercept. The beautiful stained glass windows are the work of the Emil Frei Art Glass Company of St. Louis, Missouri. The rich toned color and detailed fused stained glass at St. Andrew's church have provided beauty and inspiration for parishioners and thousands of visitors to the Le Roy area.

# t .Andrew's Evening Reflection



Conrad Schmitt Photo

In the evening hours, St. Andrew's stained glass windows enrich the interior of the church as light is softly diffused through colorful stained glass panels. One is inspired by the account of creation of the world, we read from Genesis:

"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss, while a mighty wind swept over the waters. Then God said 'let there be light' and there was light. God saw how good it was. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day' and the darkness He called 'night'. Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day."

# THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF ST. ANDREW

At St. Andrew Church gracefully style stained glass windows portray the lives of saints of the Church. The stained glass art work was the work of the renowned German stained class artist Emil Frei of St. Louis, Missouri. It has been reported that St. Andrew's stained glass windows were installed in the year of 1912. The stained glass used in St. Andrew's church dates from a period from 1875 to about 1914. Called opalescent glass developed by La Farge and Tiffany. The glass when fused with metallic oxides are used for coloring glass. St. Andrew stained glass windows were made by this process in which the

images were created by painting the glass, then heated to high temperatures to fused the color into the glass.

St. Andrew two largest stained glass windows measure 14 ft.in width and 24 ft. in height. The thickness and weight of the stained glass windows demand long term maintenance and restoration concerns.

St. Andrew Building and Grounds Committee addressed a restoration program to preserve the artistic and historic work of art glass in the close of the 20th century.

# St. Andrew the Apostle

Patron of the parish, St. .Andrew, brother of St. Peter, was a native of the town of Bethsaida in Galilee and a fisherman by profession. Being first a disciple of St. John the Baptist, he later followed Jesus, and also brought to Him his brother Simon. After the dispersion of the Apostles, St. Andrew preached the Gospel in Scythia, as we learn from Origen and, as Sophronius says, also in Sogdiana and Colchis. He suffered martyrdom at Patras in Achaia, and according to ancient authorities, by crucifixion on a cross in the form of an X. The body of the saint was taken to Constantinople in 357, and deposited in the Church of the Apostles, built by Constantine the Great. In 1270, when the city fell into the hands of the Latins, the relics were transported to Italy and deposited in the Cathedral of Amalfi.



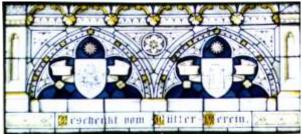
# NATIVITY WINDOW EAST TRANSEPT





Enlarged view--Wheel Window above Nativity window scene, angel holding scroll,

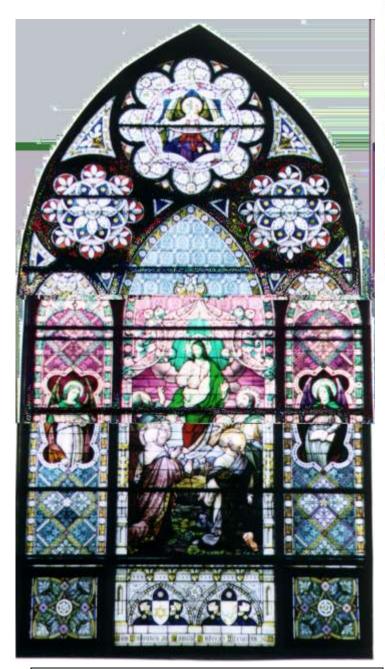
"Gloria in excelsis Deo."



Gift from the Christian Mothers Society

Enlarged view of lower center Nativity window

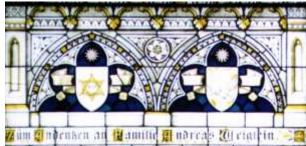
# ASCENSION WINDOW WEST TRANSEPT



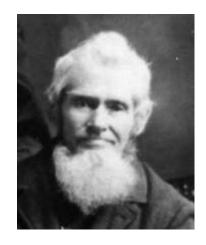
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Enlarged view-Wheel Window above Ascension scene, angel holding scroll, "Ascendit in Coelum, Alleuia"



Enlarged view of lower Ascension window



Andreas Weiglein Pioneer Benefactor

#### SECOND WINDOW EAST



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Gift from the Young Ladies



St.Rose of Lima.

Gift from the Young Ladies
Sodality

Left: The Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced with a sword and holding a lily, a sign of her purity. Right: St. Rose was born in Lima, Peru. Her name was really Isabel, but she was so beautiful that people called her Rose. Her parents were poor, so Rose became a maidservant. Her beauty was noticed by everyone. She feared this attention so she cut her lovely hair. She worked until her hands were rough and wore unattractive clothes. She wanted her soul to be beautiful for the love of God. Then she decided to become a Dominican sister. She practiced extreme penance and mortification, modeling her life after of St. Catherine of Siena. St. Rose bore her many adversities with heroic patience and consoled the sick and suffering among the poor, Indians and slaves. She is regarded as the originator of social service in Peru. She died in 1617 at the age of 31 years.

#### THIRD WINDOW EAST

**Immaculate Conception**: Patroness of the United States. Mary the Mother of God is venerated on December 8 as the ''Immaculate



Conception'. This feast commemorates the preservation of the Blessed Virgin from the stain of original sin from the first moment of her conception. It originated in the Eastern Church about the 8th century. This dogma was clearly understood and accepted by tradition, by the writings of the Fathers and by feasts observed according to the general belief of the faithful long before it was defined by Pope Pius IX.

#### St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary was only twenty- four when she died. Her father was a king. Her aunt was St. Hedwig. At a young age, she married Louis, a young nobleman who soon became king. She was devoted to her husband and loved her children. She knew queens should be very good to the poor and the sick, so she took care of them in the palace and also nursed them in the hospitals. Her husband grew angry. "That's no work for a queen" he said. One day she went to visit the poor. Her cloak was full of provisions. Her husband met her. "Are

#### FOURTH WINDOW EAST



St. Elizabeth St.
Barbara Gift from Johanna

**The Immaculate Conception** *Gift from* 

you carrying food like the servants?" he shouted. He pulled open her cloak. Out fell not food but lovely red and white roses. Her husband asked her forgiveness. Louis was killed while fighting with the Crusaders. After his death, Elizabeth left the court,

made arrangements for the children, and in 1228 renounced the world, becoming a tertiary of St. Francis. She built the Franciscan hospital at Marburg and devoted herself to the care of the sick until her death at the age of twenty four in 1231.

#### St. Barbara

When Barbara as a little girl, she was imprisoned in a high tower by her wicked father. He wished to give her superior education, and caused her to be locked in the tower, and preserve her from the world. The solitude of the tower caused her to think of herself and her creation that all this could not be the work of man, or of imaginary idols. A priest passed under her tower singing about Jesus Christ. She asked him about his song. He told her all about the Savior and Barbara was overjoyed. This enraged her father and he drew his sword to slay her, but she escaped. He pursued her, and when he found her hidden in the shrubbery and dragged her by her hair to the house and ordered her to abandon her faith. He treated her most cruelly; but Barbara remained constant to her faith in Christ. The rage of her father knew no bounds. She was brought before the tribunal where she declared with renewed courage that she belonged to Christ. She was then ordered to be beheaded. At the place of execution her father overpowered by fiendish rage, with one stroke of his sword severed her head from the body. On account of this unnatural crime, her father was struck by lightning and killed. Her feast day is on December 4.

#### FIRST WINDOW WEST

#### SECOND WINDOW WEST



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Gift from the Joseph Koch Family



**St. Aloysius. Patron of Youth** *Gift from the Young Men's Society* 

St. Aloysius was born March 9, 1568. From his tenderest years he devoted himself heart and soul to the service of his Creator. In 1584 he manifested his desire to enter the Society of Jesus. In spite of opposition, he finally succeeded in carrying out his intentions and became a novice at Rome in 1585, during the pontificate of Pope Pius V. From the beginning of his religious life he was a model of perfection. During an epidemic in Rome in 1591, he distinguished himself by his charity toward the sick in the hospital. These labors brought on him the illness that ended in his death. He died on June 21, 1591, at the age 24 years. St. Aloysius was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726.

#### FIFTH WINDOW WEST



#### St. John the Baptist

St. John, Patron of Farriers spent most of his life in the wilderness. When thirty years old, he appeared before the world on the banks of the Jordan, as a preacher of penance, the precursor of Jesus Christ and the 'voice of one crying in the wilderness'. He had the honor of baptizing his Divine Master and pointing Him out to his hearers as the Lamb of God

#### St. Henry-Emperor

St. Henry was born in 972. He received an excellent education under the care of St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon. He was most watchful over the welfare of the Church and exerted his zeal for the maintenance of ecclesiastical discipline through the instrumentality of the Bishops. He

**St Henery and St. Cunegunda** *Gift from the Catholic Knights, Branch 200* 

St. John the Baptist
Gift from the Young men Society

over his enemies, at home and abroad, but used these with great moderation and clemency.

In 1014, he went to Rome and received the imperial crown at the hands of Pope Benedict VIII. Circumstances drove the holy Emperor into war, from which he always came forth victorious. He and his wife, St. Cunegunda, lived in perpetual chastity, to which they bound themselves by vow. The saint made numerous pious foundations, gave liberally to pious institutions and built the cathedral of Bamberg. His death occurred at the castle of Grone, near Halberstad, in 1024. Both Henry and his wife, Cunegunda, became great saints.

gained several victories

#### St. Cunegunda

St. Cunegunda, Patroness of Lithuania was married to St. Henry., Duke of Bavaria, who, upon the death of Emperor Otho III, was chosen King of the Romans. St. Cunegunda was crowned at Paderborn in 1002. In 1014 she went with her husband to Rome and became Empress, receiving together with him the imperial crown from the hands of Pope Benedict VIII. Though married, she lived in continence, for, with her husband's consent, she had made a vow of virginity before her marriage. Calumniators accused her of scandalous conduct, but her innocence was signally vindicated by Divine Providence, as she walked over pieces of flaming irons without injury, to the great joy of the Emperor. Her husband, Henry II, died in 1024, leaving his widow comparatively poor, for she had given away nearly all her wealth in charitable works. In 1025, on the anniversary of his death, and on the occasion of the dedication of a monastery which she had built for Benedictine nuns at Kaffungen, she clothed herself with a poor habit, adopted the veil, which she received from the hands of the Bishop, and entered that same monastery. Her occupations consisted in prayer, reading, and manual labor, and thus she spent the last fifteen years of her life. She died in 1040, and her body was carried to Bamberg, where it was laid near that of her husband, St. Henry.

view of the stained glass Rose Window in the balcony is generally observed from floor level. The center of the window portrays the portrait of St. Cecilia. The close-up photos below reveals the colorful and artistic stained glass arrangement and design. Because of the window's remarkable beauty, it was suggested by the lighting engineers to illuminate the window in the evening hours. Special timed electronic sensors operate the Rose window evening lighting from 7:00 to 10.30 p.m.



#### Below: St. Cecilia, Patroness of Musicians,

Virgin and Martyr was a native of Rome. At an early age she made a vow of virginity, but her parents forced her to marry a nobleman named Valerian. She converted him to the faith of Christ, and by the providence of God, preserved her virginity. She also converted Tiburitius, the brother of Valerian. Both these men suffered martyrdom for the faith, and St.

Cecilia died the same glorious death a few days after. The name of St. Cecilia has always been most illustrious in the Church, and since the primitive ages it has been mentioned in the Canon of the Mass. She is honored as the patroness of ecclesiastical music.



A close-up view of the St. Cecilia "Rose Window". The window measures 12 ft. in diameter.

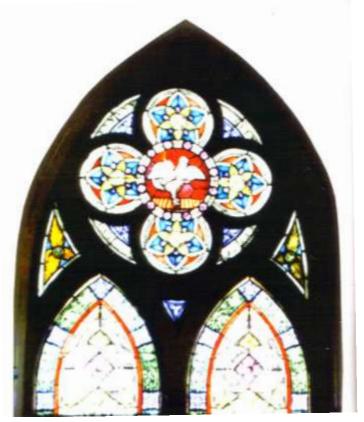
Gift from the Christian Mothers and Young Ladies Society.



Above: Church restoration artists copied the red floral pattern from the "Rose Window" illustrated in the above enlarged photo and decorated the nave arches with this pattern.

#### **BALCONY WINDOWS**





A close up view of the windows in the balcony depict the window to the west with the bag of money, a symbol of betrayal, and the window to the east with the rooster, symbol of Christ's denial.





North balcony windows on the left depict the I H S, symbolic Greek spelling or monogram for the name Jesus, and on the right, the Roman ornate cross.

#### **BAPTISTRY WINDOWS**

The windows of the baptistery depicted the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The baptistery was converted to provide a handicap entrance and the baptistery ceased to exist as we knew it. The window above the handicap door symbolizing the sacrament of Reconciliation was removed and unfortunately was damaged. The windows were gifts from the school children.











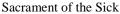
Baptism

Holy Eucharist

Confirmation

Matrimony







Main entrance window.

#### THE CHANCEL OF THE SANCTUARY



The 'High Altar' was the center of liturgical celebrations before Vatican II. The altar stone (mensa) contains five relics and commemorates the altars of early Christians that were the tops of tombs of martyrs. The altar stone is placed on the top of a superstructure that has its base to the depth of the church foundation.

The artistic and decorative hand carved wood work of the alter enhances the centered carving of the Last Supper. It is flanked by sentry angels to illuminate the Tabernaclewhere the consecrated Host is reserved.

Below: High from the arch of the chancel hangs the gothic crucifix, a focal point when entering the church. The 23 karat gold leaf trim casts a ray of light in semi-darkness. In the early 1970s it was recommended by the restoration crew to remove the crucifix . This met with strong objections from this traditional German congregation. The crucifix hangs as a symbol of St. Andrew's heritage.







Look to the ceiling of the sanctuary. The entrance to the chancel, the ornate crucifix symbolize the veil of the temple.

The angels of light illuminate the tabernacle and high altar.

The angels were placed in church during the pastorate of Father Delles.



St. Peter the Apostle

The reredos behind the altar support two statues. On the left side stands St. Peter, prince of the Apostles and the first Pope. Recall that Peter was the brother of Andrew and they were fishers in Galilee before they were called by Christ to be "Fishers of Men". Peter holds the "Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven". The rooster at his feet recalls the prophesy of Jesus, "by the time the cock crows you will have denied me thrice.

Church historians affirm positively that St. Peter founded the see of Antioch before he went to Rome. Antioch was then the Capital of the East. St. Gregory the Great states that the Prince of the Apostles was Bishop of that city for seven years. It is also a fact, based upon the unanimous consent of Christian antiquity, that St. Peter was at Rome and founded the Church there. However, his sojourn in the Capital of the Roman Empire was not continuous, as he was often absent when performing his apostolic functions in other countries. The feast, which commemorates St. Peter's pontifical authority, formerly was celebrated on two different days: on January 18, in honor of his Pontificate at Rome, and on February 22, in honor of his Pontificate at Antioch.

On the right, the statue of St.John the Apostle. At the foot of John you see an eagle, the symbol of John the Evangelist. The opening verse of his Gospel carries readers on a journey into the infinite. Note: John and his brother, James the Greater, sons of Zebedee were called by Jesus to be his Disciples. John died at a very old age and is the only apostle that did not die a martyr's death. St. John, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He became the "beloved disciple" and the only one of the twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the Cross, whence the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother. His later life was passed chiefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor. He wrote the fourth Gospel, and three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation is also attributed to him. Brought to Rome, tradition relates that he was by order of the Emperor Domitian cast into a caldron of boiling oil but came forth unhurt and was banished to the island of Patmos for a year. He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow Apostles, and died at Ephesus about the year 100. St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The "beloved disciple" died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque.



St. John the Apostle

#### DOCTORS OF THE LATIN CHURCH

In the recessed area between the arches of the chancel are the hand painted portraits of the Doctors of the Church. The 1922 paintings were the work of W.T. Feld





St. Gregory the Great

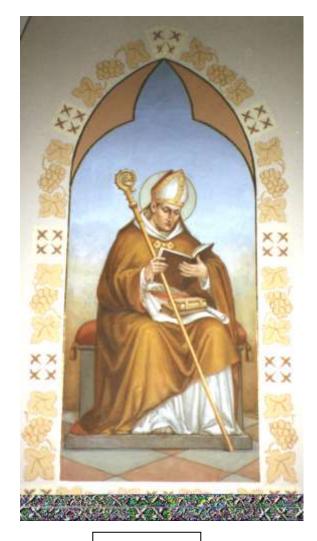
St. Augustine

St. Gregory the Great; Pope and Doctor of the Church was born at Rome about the year 540, the son of Gordianus, a wealthy senator. After he had acquired the usual thorough education, Emperor Justin the Younger appointed him Chief Magistrate of Rome in 574, at the age of 34. After the death of his father he built six monasteries in Sicily and founded a seventh in his own house in Rome, which became the Benedictine Monastery of St. Andrew. Here he himself assumed the monastic habit in 575, at the age of 35. After the death of Pelagius, St. Gregory was chosen Pope by the unanimous consent of the priests and people. His zeal extended over the entire known world. He was in contact with all the Churches of Christendom and in spite of his bodily sufferings and innumerable labors, he found time to compose a great number of works and brought to the Church the Gregorian Chant. He is frequently shown with a dove at his ear or speaking into his month, recalling his belief that the Holy Spirit would often make theological points clear to him while he was actually speaking. He was humble and modest during his papacy. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. He died March 12, 604.

St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church was born on November 13, 354 in Algeria, Africa. In spite of the piety of his holy mother, St. Monica, he fell at an early age into the greatest disorders, and even at a later period became a heretic of the sect of the Manicheans. Unfortunately, his father, Patricius, was then an idolater, so that the youth met with little or no restraint on his side. In the beginning of 370 he continued his studies at Carthage and following the year his father died. After being converted to Christianity, as a result of the prayers of his mother, St. Monica, St Augustine taught that violence to the body was not wrong if it were done for a just cause. Unfortunately this was the justification for the torture of heretics and waging of just war. He saw the glory of Rome ending and realized that on earth we have no lasting city. St. Augustine did much to define sexuality as we perceive it today in our Christian community.

#### DOCTORS OF THE LATIN CHURCH





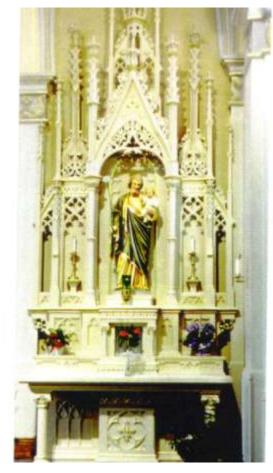
St. Ambrose

St. Jerome, patron of librarians was a recluse and a bad tempered man who could not approve the ways of the imperial cities. They were cesspools and the Roman circus and Roman gladiators were the curse of his diocese. Jerome engaged Bar Ananias to tutor him in Hebrew and produced the vernacular or Vulgate edition of the Scriptures, the authoritative biblical text of the Catholic Church. He is represented with quill in hand. He was the Bishop of Antioch, ordained in 379. In 382 he participated in a council with Pope Damasus where he remained for the next three years and revised the Latin Gospels.

St.Ambrose, patron of candlemakers, became the bishop of Milan in 374. He clarified the division of state and church. He was a politician prior to being a bishop. Ambrose's work defined the fact that the church is not Caesar's, but Christ's. The church's temporal powers grew under Ambrose. He had the satisfaction of witnessing the conversion of the great St. Augustine, whom he baptized in 387. One of his last actions was the ordination of St. Honoratus. After a life of labor and prayer, the holy Bishop of Milan died in 397.

#### SHRINES OF THE SANCTUARY







The shrine of Mary, Mother of God and Queen of the Universe. This is a common representation of Mary in the Tyrol. As Queen she holds the scepter in her right hand and on her head is the crown of a queen. Christ is held in her left arm and He is holding the orb or representation of the world. She is truly the Queen of the Church

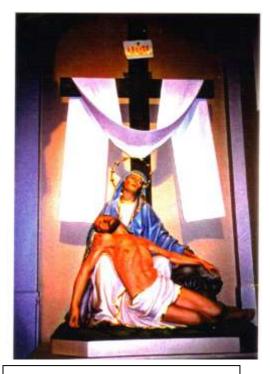
The shrine of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus. He holds the lily in his right hand as a symbol of purity. Christ is in his left arm and is offering a blessing to his people assembled in the house of God.



#### THE GROTTOS



The Agony in the Garden



The Sorrowful Mother



The statues of the Sacred Heart and St. Anthony are located in the rear of the church, since the church redecoration of 1997. Previously, the statues had been placed on the corner columns of the chancel as earlier photos of church interior will indicate.

The statue of the Sacred Heart was placed in church at the time of the first worship service.

The statue of St. Anthony was donated by Margaret Hoffman after the renovation program of the church interior in 1958. The oak pedestals were built by parishioner Richard Schabel.

Perpetual burning votive lamps are placed at the foot of the statues for weekly intentions from parishioners and visitors.

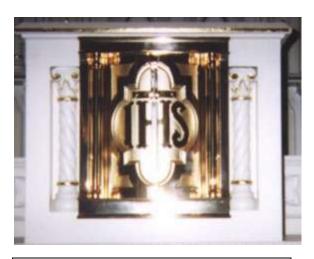


#### CHURCH ART AND MEMORIALS

Those of us who have enjoyed parish membership most of our lives and have visited the church many times may tend to take our beautiful church for granted. Visitors who enter St. Andrew's church are awestruck by its beauty. The Fathers of 1900 built a building of brick and mortar, with the intention to build a house of God of the highest quality that was humanly possible in this rural community at that time. As we enter the third millennium, the people of St. Andrew's can proudly assert that they have fulfilled their hopes and dreams that generations to follow would preserve this beautiful house of God. In earlier times when one would pass by the church, the gesture of tipping one's hat or bowing one's head was not uncommon. Other such sacramental practices were blessing oneself, or observing a brief moment of silence as a measure of respect for God's house.

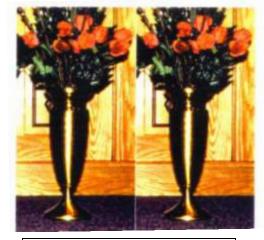
Throughout the many years of St. Andrew's existence (and this is still an ongoing practice today) parishioners and, sometimes nonparishioners have donated gifts or memorials to the parish either openly or anonymously. For sometime, the names of those who have donated gifts in memory of loved ones were recorded. (for example, the names inscribed into the stained glass windows). It is impossible at this time to reach into the deep past and list all generous benefactors. If indeed a benefactor's name comes to mind, a prayer may be appropriate. We are about to enter St. Andrew's Church. To begin with we shall describe the various parts of the church. The floor plan is based to the likeness of the cross. The narthex is the large vestibule area before entering the nave or the main body of the church. The nave is where the faithful participate in the Mass and other worship services. We also have the east and west cross sections called 'transepts' forming the cross within the church. To the south of the nave we approach the three steps which leads to the sanctuary and the chancel area. Going further, we reach the three steps level to the tabernacle resting above the altar where the Sacrifice of the Mass was offered before Vatican II. The late Milton Hurlbert wrote;

"Take a minute now to sit in a pew and view the church. Let your soul open to the call of Christ from the tabernacle where Christ is present. The tabernacle made of the finest gold, was a gift to the parish, and installed in 1930. Christ is present and the red sanctuary lamp reminds us of his presence. In quiet meditation leave the world and let St. Andrew embrace you."



23 karat gold plated tabernacle donated in 1930





Two gold vases donated in memory of Roger Schraufnagel by the graduating class of 1961.

Sanctuary lamp donated in memory of James Schraufnagel by Rudolph and Mary Schraufnagel.

The Altar of Sacrifice, made of oak by parishioner Tim Del Ponte. African padauk wood is used for symbols of Alpha

and Omega



The Altar of Sacrifice, a gift from Joseph and Gladys Feucht in thanksgiving for 50 years of married life.



Left: Baptismal Font donated by the seven man Coon Hunting Club sometime in the late 1950s. The Club also donated the two large electric fans for the church in 1960.

Right: The Lectern donated in memory of Thomas Weinberger by parents, James and Marie Weinberger.



#### THE GREETING ANGELS

The statues of two greeting angels in genuflection position holding the holy water shells, recall the Baptisms of those who enter the house of God. The angels extend the fonts of holy water inviting people to bless themselves as they enter. The angel statues were painted in the 1997 restoration program. The oak hexagon pedestals were built by parishioner Jeff L. Bauer.







Left: Master chandelier under the balcony was donated in memory of Marilyn Gassner by the Roger Gassner family.

Right: Candles of the consecrated church. The twelve highly polished bronze candle holders were donated in memory of Arnold Wondra by the Wondra family.



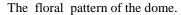
#### THE MURAL MEDALLIONS

In 1971 the Rauth Studios of Madison redecorated the interior of the church. Unfortunately for reasons unknown, the mural medallion at the south end of the east and west transepts were covered with paint. The paintings were recognized from old photos as a valuable expressions of art by the Conrad Schmitt people and restoration of the murals was suggested. The artist stripped that part of each wall and the original medallion surfaced. Complete retouching was done with fresh paint and 23 karat gold leaf was applied.











Painter applying free hand floral design.

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#### THE OUTDOOR SHRINES OF ST. ANDREW

Below: The Sacred Heart Grotto was donated in memory of James Schraufnagel by Rudolph and Mary Schraufnagel. James lost his life in a hunting accident January 1,1961.





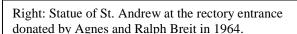
James Schraufnagel

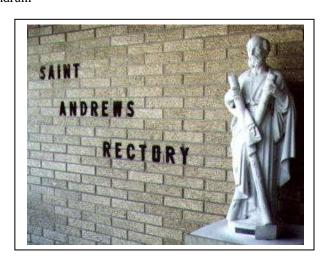


Above: The Virgin Grotto was donated in memory of Stanley L. Bauer by the Edgar Bauer



The cemetery monument of the Risen Christ was erected in1973. Donors of this memorial are as follows:
Earl and Betty Ann Kehrmeyer in memory of Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Sterr and Family
Andrew and Mary Schraufnagel Sr.
James and Marie Weinberger Sr.
John, Hattie, and Rose Schmidbauer
Leonard and Marie Woller
Frank, Milton and Johanna Lehner
Melvin and LaVerne Hinkes
Edwi n and Helen Lehner
Rev. Anthony Gundrum



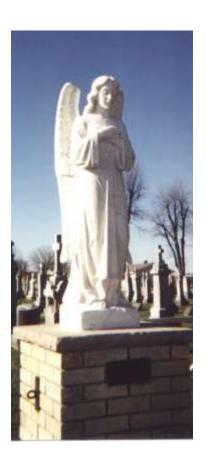




#### **GUARDIAN ANGELS**

With folded hands two guardian angels guard the cemetery entrance. Angels were donated by the Albert Adelmeyer family in memory of Lt. Harvey Adelmeyer born Sept. 16, 1922, killed in action April 8, 1945.

The Hammond organ was also donated by the Adelmeyer family.





Left: The statue of St.Pius X. was donated in memory Thomas Weinberger by parents James and Marie Weinberger.

St. Pius X. was born June 2, 1835 and became the 259th. Pope. On May 29, 1954 was canonized St. Pius X. Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this saintly Pope were the inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to Biblical studies, and brought about the codification of Canon Law. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ, above all, his holiness shone forth conspicuously. From St. Pius X we learn again that "the folly of the Cross, simplicity of life, and humility of heart are still the highest wisdom and the indispensable conditions of a perfect Christian life, for they are the very source of all apostolic fruitfulness." His last will and testament bears the striking sentence "I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor."

#### **CHURCH WINDOW RESTORATION 1987**

A memorial plaque depicts the architectural floor plan

of St. Andrew church. The donations to restore the windows follows: clockwise beginning with St. Andrew window.



- No. 1 Robert and Anna Sterr
- No.2 Kenneth and Theresa Schraufnagel
- No.3 Eugene Schraufnagel
- No.4 Hubert and Margaret Schraufnagel
- No.5 Norbert Weinberger Family
- No.6 Dale Michels Family
- No.7 St. Andrew's Holy Name Society
- No.8 James and Helen Weinberger
- No.9 Waas Boring Co. Stan Waas
- No.10 Patricia Weinberger
- No.11 Harvey Sterr Family
- No.12 Peter and Katherine Quinn
- No.13 Arthur Krapfl Family
- No.14 Grande Cheese Co, John Candela
- No.15,16,17 Leo Schraufnagel Sr. Family
- No.18 Olive Wild
- No.18 Lena Ries
- No.19 Louis and Catherine Schmidt Family
- No.20 Eugene Wild Family
- No.21 Raymond and Elizabeth Vollmer
- No.22 Andrew and Mary Schraufnagl
- No.23 Jerome and Pearl Okon
- No.24 Andrew Rinzel Family
- No.25 Gertrude Leavengood
- No.26 Leonard and Marie Schraufnagel

Total Cost of 1987 Window Restoration \$ 17, 277.00

#### **ENTRANCE LIGHTS**

The entrance lamps now in place were the former nave lamps in the main body of the church. The lamps were donated in 1945 by the Arthur Sterr Family in thanksgiving for the safe return of son Roger, U.S. Air Force pilot. The 50 years service showed advanced wire deterioration. Therefore a complete church lighting project was undertaken. A parishioner modified these lamps with stainless steel brackets and also fitted the lamps with leaded glass covers. This parish project attempted to retain the lamps in harmony with the intentions of the donors and to illuminate the exterior of St. Andrew's during the evening hours.



#### MASS IN THE PARISH HALL

During the 12 weeks of church restoration in the spring of 1997, Sunday and weekday Mass was offered in the parish hall. Right: St. Andrew hosted a missionary priest with Father Berghammer concelebrating the Mass. The altar was built and donated by parishioner Erwin Gassner.



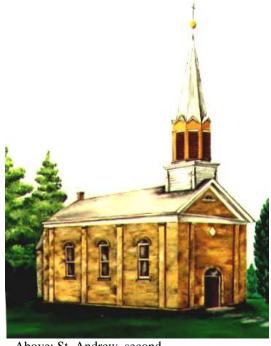
#### **PORTRAITS**

First St. Andrew Church. Below: Illustrated charcoal drawing by Francis Schraufnagel of St. Andrew log church.



Below: Painting by Doraine Priest, Lomira, of St. Andrew church presented to Father Gundrum at his farewell, August 15, 1980.





Above: St Andrew second Church built in 1862 under the pastorate of Father Nicholas Pickel. Painted by Francis Schraufnagel.

# CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW



The St. Andrew community and visitors from far and near year after year joins with the Christian world in the joyous season of Christ's birth. The celebrated Christmas Liturgy is filled to over-flowing. The liturgy committee, with help from young and old, decorate the church for the season. Flowers arrive at the church anonymously and many contribute cash as memorials to enhance the seasonal setting.



The Nativity stable built of donated weathered barn boards symbolizes the poverty in which Christ was born. The stable was built by parishioner Leonard Schraufnagel as a gift to the parish.

The 24 crib figurines were donated in memory of parishioner Melvin Hinkes by the LaVerne Hinkes family.

The Nativity stable painting depicts the Star of Bethlehem shining down on St. Andrew, Le Roy.

The church and village are in the distance while deer wander in the foreground. The annual migration of wild geese flying to the distant Horicon marsh horizon are shown as they wing there way over the peaceful community. Parishioner Francis Schraufnagel's artwork was donated in loving memory of his spouse Helen.



The stained glass octagon Advent Wreath was designed and built by parishioner Leonard Schraufnagel. Each of the eight sides contains a sacramental symbol. The wreath holder is mounted at 28 degree pitch. The two inch diameter oil burning candles are 11 inches in height except the Christmas candle which is 14 inches. The stained glass colors consists of red, green and aqua illuminated with miniature lights located in the internal area of the wreath. The cherry wood stand was designed and built by parishioner Tim Del Ponte.





The crib of yesteryear was donated by the Zuehrn family in memory of their son, Burkhard Zuehrn.

## INTERIOR CHANGES AT ST. ANDREW N 100 YEARS

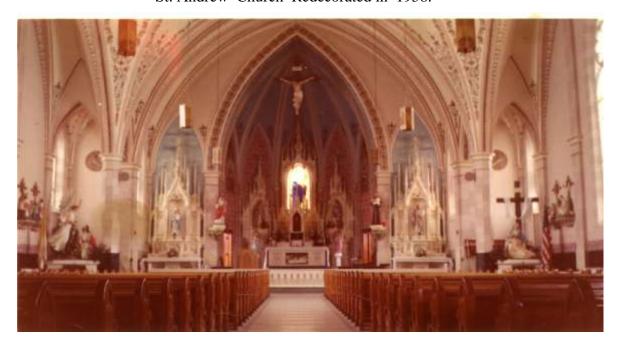


The first interior decorating of St. Andrew church took place in 1923. The black and white photos reveal the bishop chair and the canopy to the left in the chancel. The reredos were walnut in color. The pulpit with the ornate carved shell matched the communion rail and the pews.



The above pre-Vatican II wedding ceremony of Richard Hoffman and Elaine Krapfl in 1952 illustrates the liturgy of the times. The Latin Mass was celebrated with Father Stehle facing the altar assisted by four altar boys. Note: the decorative wall painting.

## St. Andrew Church Redecorated in 1958.



The A.P. Jackson Co. contracted for interior painting including statues and stations, and exterior Painting for total cost of \$10, 391.25

## St. Andrew Church Redecorated in 1971.



St .Andrew Church was redecorated in 1971 by the Rauth Studios of Madison. Storm glass was added on all remaining windows at a cost of \$ 17,756.46. It was at this time that the treasured art mural medallions above the grottos were covered with paint.

**The Stations of the Cross** were donated to St. Andrew church from the inheritance received by Andrew Weiglein from the Alex Weiglein estate, in memory of Alex, son of Andrew.



## The BELLS of ST. ANDREW'S



SMALL BELL. BASE DIAMETER 26 1/2" Weight 601 #



MEDIUM BELL .BASE DIAMETER, 32" WEIGHT 1.065 #



LARGE BELL. BASE DIAMETER 39 1/2 ".Wt. unknown

High in St. Andrew's Church tower in the village of Le Roy hang three beautiful bronze bells. All were cast by different founders. The small bells was cast by F.R. Mayer, St. Louis, Mo. in 1860. The second bell was cast by J.C. Stuckstede and Bro. in St. Louis Mo. in 1868 and the large bell was cast by H.Y.Stucksted St. Louis Mo. in 1928.

In 1869 the old church was equipped with two bells donated to the parish and later in 1901 these two bells were placed in the present church tower. Father August Lange recorded the weight of the bells to be 1.065 and 601 lb. The weight of the larger bell is unknown. This large bell was blessed in the summer of 1928. The following week the bell was hoisted by tackle block inside the four walls of the bell tower. The balcony floor and all higher floors were opened which provided a full view inside the steeple and accessibility for placing the larger bell in the bell tower.

We find in the 1928 St. Andrew's financial reports a cost of \$369.35 for recasting this bell. However, the year 1928 is cast into this bell. It is unclear why this bell had to be recast .The names JOHANN, FRANZ and ANDREAS are cast into the center area of the larger bell. We find no record why these three names are there.

The bells announced the time of daily church services. The daily angelus started the day at 6:00 A.M. It was announced again at noon, and finally retires for the day with it's last announcement at 6:00 p.m. The bells would resonate for miles around through the towering steeple, they sounded the joy of a nuptial mass or tolled the announcement of a departed member of the parish. The bells rang out in full glory at the recessional of the special feast days when the choir sang the 'Grosser Gott' or 'Holy God We Praise Thy Name'. Through the years bell ringing duties were assigned to the members of the Hoffman family, janitor Max Bauer, Hubert Schraufnagel, during W.W.II the James Weinberger family and Marie Krapfl (Schraufnagel). After the war janitor Norman Sabel and Eugene Hoffman carried on the bell ringing duties.

Since 1982 the bells have been silent. The bells have been replaced by 'Verdin Electronic Carillon Bell System'. This system replicates the sounds of the three bells with remarkable clarity. In this time in history the three beautiful bronze bells hang silently in the bell tower about 90 feet above ground. It is with regret that these idle instruments of sound, beauty and art, which rang out 120 years to call in the faithful, and a part of St. Andrew's heritage are hidden from view.

A bell fund totaled \$1.980.33 including interest and donations of \$330.01 was on report June 30, 1984. The I.T. VERDIN Co. received the amount \$2.050.43 from St. Andrews June 30, 1985 as part payment for the Electronic Carillon /Bell/ system. The total cost as listed on a shipping invoice from I.T. Verdin Co. amounted to \$6.395.00 plus freight It is assumed a parishioner who wished to remain anonymous donated the difference to St. Andrew's parish.

#### ST. ANDREW PRIEST SONS

Since the founding of St. Andrew, sixteen members of the parish have answered to the call to religious vocations. From the material available, we provide the following biographies.



#### **Father Peter Burelbach**

Peter Burelbach was born at Knowles, on September 8, 1870. After attending the parochial school in Le Roy, Peter entered St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, in September, 1885. Completing his studies he was ordained June17, 1894 by Archbishop F. X.. Katzer. Father Burelbach was temporarily stationed at Mapleton. His first appointment was as assistant pastor of St. Gregory's parish at St. Nazianz, where he remained until July 1895, when he was assigned to St. Kilian parish at St. Kilian.

#### **Father Maximilian Schmid**

Maximilian Schmid was born August 3, 1871 in the township of Le Roy. Max Schmid was the son of George and Maria Grriner Schmid and one of 11 children. Max was educated at St. Andrew's school and attended Mayville high school. In 1887 he entered St. Francis Seminary. Upon completion of his studies, he was ordained June 21, 1896. Father Schmid was assistant at St. Peter and Paul parish and later assigned to St. Martin's parish in Ashford on September 14, 1898.

At the consecration ceremony of St. Andrew's church Septembed 25, 1901, Father Schmid preached the sermon and commended the parishioners for their unbounded zeal, self-sacrifice and cooperative efforts in erecting the beautiful church. Father Max Schmid died at the early age of 34 years. Father is buried in St. Andrew's cemetery.



Photo courtesy Ann Guse



#### **Father John Marion**

Left: John Marion was a son the parish, but the date of his birth and death are unknown. Father Marion was last seen at St. Andrew's in 1929 while visiting his mother. Father John served as sub-deacon at the pontifical High Mass at St. Andrew's Diamond Jubilee celebration August 26, 1924. At this time Father Marion was stationed in Edgewood, Illinois. Father John's brother Matthew farmed in Le Roy till 1940.

#### **Father Martin Wittman**

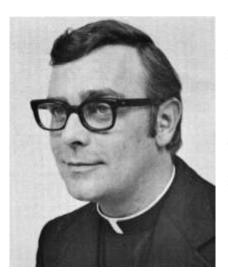
Martin Wittman was born in 1890, ordained in 1916, and died in 1965. Father Wittman spent his early priestly ministry in the Dakotas until disabling health problems caused him to return to Fond du Lac where he resided at St. Agnes Hospital until his death. In spite of Fathers disability, he would offer Mass occasionally on a special bed side altar built for him by local carpenter Leo Neumeyer.



#### **Father Gabriel Hinkes**

Gabriel Anthony Hinkes was born Feb. 4, 1909, in Le Roy, the son of Peter and Margaret Hinkes. Father graduated from the Salvatorian Seminary, St. Nazianz, in June 1928. He graduated from St. Norbert College, DePere, in June 1931, with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Father Hinkes entered St. Norbert Abbey on Aug. 28, 1932 where he was vested as a novice. On Aug. 28, 1934, he professed Simple Vows, and Solemn Vows on Aug. 14, 1937. Father Hinkes was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 21,1937. He was a member of the faculty of Archmere Academy, Claymont, DE.; St. Norbert College, DePere; and Southeast Catholic High School, Philadelphia, PA. Other assignments include being pastor of Our Lady of Ransom parish, Hingham, MT, St. Peter parish, Lincoln; and St. Joseph parish, Madison. He served as temporary administrator of St. Mary parish,

Peshtigo and as chaplain at St. John's Hospital and Health Center, Santa Monica, CA.. Father had also been master of novices at the Norbertine Novitiate, Madison. Upon his retirement, Father Hinkes resided at St. Norbert Abbey where he was involved in priestly ministry. Father died at the Abbey on Friday Oct. 9, 1998 and in buried at the Abbey Cemetery.



#### Father Melvin Breit

Melvin Breit, son of Frank and Mathilda Breit, received his eight years of elementary education at St. Andrew and completed his high school education at Mayville. He studied at St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary 1953-1956 and at St. Francis Seminary 1956-1962. He was ordained May 26, 1962. Following ordination Father's assignments were as follows; St. Michael's, Milwaukee, 1962-1966, St. Theresa, 1966-1967. Father then served on the faculty at St. Catherine High School from 1967 to 1976 and on the faculty at Thomas More High School from 1976-1982. In 1982 Father took charge of Sacred Heart parish in Fond du Lac. In 1988 he became pastor of St. John De Nepomuc, Milwaukee until 1994. Father Breit then in pastored the parishes of St. Rita, Holy Rosary, and St. Hedwig in Milwaukee . In June 1999 Father Breit was transfered to St. Philip Neri, Milwaukee.



Photo courtesy Mary Ann Wild

### **Father Michael Wild**

Michael Wild was born August 28, 1948, the eldest child of Eugene and Mary Ann Ries Wild. He attended St. Andrew Grade School and St. Francis High School at Mount Calvary. He completed his studies at St. Mary Seminary, Crown Point, IN. and the Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners. Father Michael Wild was ordained a priest on June 22, 1984 by Archbishop Thomas Murphy at St. Lawrence Seminary Chapel, Mount Calvary, Father served as associate pastor at SS. Peter and Paul, Huntington, IN; Mother of Perpetual Help, Milwaukee; and St. Monica, Whitefish Bay. From 1993 to 1999 Father served as Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Allenton..

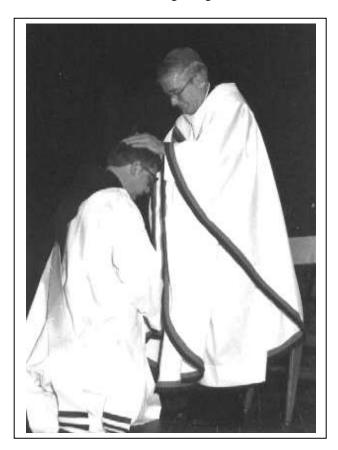
He was appointed pastor of Annunciation parish at Fox Lake on June 15, 1999.

## Father Gabriel Hinkes First Mass. Ordained Aug 21, 1937



Photo offered by Eugene Bauer

Angels: Patricia and Beatrice Meyer. Flower Girls: Geraldine and Helen Margaret Hinkes. Bride, Camilla Kuen, Reverend Gabriel Hinkes Page, Engene Bauer and Melvin Hinkes.



Left: Ordination of Father Michael Wild by Thomas J. Murphy June 22, 1984.



Ph0to courtesy Ann Guse

#### DAUGHTERS OF ST. ANDREW'S IN RELIGIOUS LIFE Sister Maxima Gruber O.P

We express our appreciation for the biographical information obtained through the courtesy of Sr. Diane Kenel, Archivist of the Racine Dominicans.

Sister Maxima Gruber. baptismal name, Mary Alexia, was born to Charles and Elizabeth Schmid Gruber Sept. 28, 1897 at Farmersville. Sister entered the Racine Dominicans Nov. 5, 1912 and made her final profession August 15, 1922. Sister Maxima devoted 60 many her years of religious life teaching in Racine, Mineral Point, Montello, Plain, Caledonia, Janesville, and Milwaukee. From 1954-1974 Sister Maxima was a resident at Our Lady of the Oaks Pewaukee. She died Sept. 12,1974 and is buried at Our Lady of the Oaks Cemetery, Pewaukee.

#### Sister Alberta Feucht O.P.



Sister Alberta Feucht, baptized Magdalena, was born to Johann and Magdalena Dierwimmer Feucht at Le Roy. Sister entered the Racine Dominicans July 6, 1877 and made her final profession August 3, 1897. Sister taught in Racine, St. Lawrence, Oshkosh, Kaukauna, Little Chute, South Milwaukee, Plain, Roxbury, Belgium and Corliss. Sister Alberta inscribed her name in the teacher's register of practically all pioneer missions in Wisconsin. She dedicated 67 years to God. Sister died March 27,1944, and She is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Racine.

#### Sister Augusta Feucht O.P.



Sister Augusta Feucht, baptized Rose Elizabeth, was born May 22, 1888 to August and Philomene Wittmann Feucht. Sister entered the Racine Dominican order August 28,1906 and made her final profession August 3, 1915. Sister's 57 years of religious life were spent teaching children in Mineral Point, Saukville, Little Chute, Racine, Milwaukee, East Bristol, Green Bay, Santa Fe, NM.. Detroit, MI., Tomah, South Milwaukee, Madison, and Kimberly. Sister died March 9, 1966 and is buried at Our Lady of the Oaks, Pewaukee.

#### Sister Michaelinda Feucht O.P



Sister Michaelinda was born to Michael and Mary Schraufnagel Feucht August 9, 1906 and baptized Rose. She made her religious profession August 4, 1930. She was a licensed psychologist but spent most of her active years teaching. She taught at St. Catherine High School in Racine for 18 years. Other teaching locations were Caledonia, Little Chute, Roxbury, Milwaukee, Ottawa, IL. She ended her teaching career at Fowler and Detroit, MI. Sister retired to Siena Center in 1985 and in August of 1997 celebrated 67 years as a Racine Dominican. She died April 23, 1998 and is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, In Racine.

#### Sister Eulalia Wittmann O.P.

Sister Eulalia's baptismal name, Anna was born to Wolfgang and Theresa Wittmann November 27, 1857 at Farmersville. Sister Eulalia entered the Racine Dominican convent June 30, 1873 and made her final profession July 25, 1891. Sister taught schools in Fussville, Caledonia, Racine, Mineral Point, Schleisingerville and Fowler, MI. Sister died at the age of 47, June 10, 1904, and is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Racine.

#### Sister Catherine Wittmann O.P.

Sister Catherine, baptized Theresa, was born to Wolfgang and Theresa Wittmann Sept. 18, 1854 at Farmersville. Sister entered religious life April 13,1874 and made her final profession at the Racine Dominican Convent July 22, 1895. Sister's teaching ministry was in Niles Center, IL, Caledonia, St. Augustine, IL, Roxbury, Mazomanie, Wrightstown, Merrill, South Milwaukee, Edwardsville, IL, and New Coeln. Sister taught 45 years and she died June 6, 1923 at the age of 69. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Racine.



#### Sister Tharsilla Gindt O.P

Sister Tharsilla, baptismal name, Walburga, was born to Jacob and Rosalia Schraufnagel Gindt Sept. 21, 1907. Sister's religious work began January 3, 1924 and she made her final profession at the Racine Dominican Convent August 19, 1926. From 1924 to 1940 Sister Tharsilla was assigned to the sewing department at St. Catherine's Convent. Sister also taught at Roxbury, Madison, Caledonia, Santa Fe, NM., Pewaukee, Kenosha, Ottawa, IL, Belgium and Racine. Sister dedicated 65 years to religious life, and died October 24, 1989 at the age of 82. Burial took place in Our Lady of the Oaks Cemetery, Pewaukee.

#### Sister Philomene Schraufnagel O.P.

Sister Philomene, baptized Regina, was born to Joseph and Theresa Feucht Schraufnagel Nov.27, 1911 at Le Roy. Sister entered the Racine Dominican Convent August 15, 1935 and made her final profession August 5, 1944. Sister fulfilled her mission in food service and attended food service workshops at Racine in 1963 and Milwaukee in 1969. Sister served at Fowler, MI., Santa Fe, NM., Detroit, MI, Milwaukee, Chicago, IL, River Forest, IL, Merrill, Little Chute, Green Bay, Kaukauna, Pewaukee, Oconomowoc, Kenosha and Racine. She retired at Siena Center at Racine in 1989. Sister is now active in the Doiminican Community Music Department playing the violin at requested concerts.



#### Sister Beata Reiser



Sister Beata , baptismal name, Patricia Rita was born to George and Genevieve Seiler Reiser on Dec.17, 1937 in Lomira on the old Ben Day farm. Patricia attended first grade at Silver Leaf public school in rural Lomira and then St. Mary's parochial school, Lomira, taught by the Sisters of St. Agnes. Her parents were members of St. Andrew's parish before they moved to Lomira from the Reiser family farm at Le Roy. They returned to St. Andrew's when they moved to Knowles in 1956. We consider her at least an adopted daughter of St. Andrew's. Sister Beata entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, on Sept. 3, 1951. Sister made her profession on August 15, 1962 at St. Agnes Convent. She graduated from the school of nursing in 1959 and received a BSN from Marian College in 1960. Sister's mission locations include Wisconsin and Mississippi. Sister worked as a R.N. for 40 years and since 1991 had worked for Hospice Ministries in Mississippi. Currently Sister is in Forest, Miss. providing

health care service in the surrounding areas.

#### **VETERANS HONOR ROLL**

St. Andrew's Honor Roll plaque was erected and placed on parish grounds during WWII. A display of names lists 98 men and one woman who entered military service from the parish up to war's end. Soon after the war, this plaque was placed in the church basement where it deteriorated. Parishioner Francis Schraufnagel offered to renew this plaque and include the veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and peace time service.



#### A SALUTE TO ALL DECEASED VETERANS OF ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Throughout the history of St. Andrew's parish, men and women were called to serve their country joining the thousands from other communities of our nation to preserve the freedoms our founding fathers have prepared for us.

The following list of deceased veterans were published in The Mayville News dated May 21, 1998

#### **CIVIL WAR**

Buried at St. Andrew's Cemetery

Jacob Altman
Xaver Dietrich
John Hausinger
John Huber
Joseph Krapfl
Gabriel Loy
Michael Schraufnagel
Andrew Liegel
John G. Wass
Andrew Weiglein

John Bernard Charles Dreger Peter Hinkel Jacob Kalhamer Leonard Kehrrmeyer Frank Malcuit George Sterr Franz Jungbeck Paul Wrigelheim Sedastian Wild Ignaz Berglener
Joseph Greiner
Joseph Hofmeister
Peter Kauth
Louis Lehner
Michael Schweitzer
Andrew Sterr
Frederick Wagner
Nocholas Weidig
Wolfgang Wittman
Robert Wanninger



The five point bronze medallion rests honorably at the grave sites of the Civil War Veterans. The G.A.R. signifies 'The Grand Army of the Republic, a voluntary association organized in 1866, of men who served in the Union Army or Navy during the civil war in the United States. The association was organized to maintain and strengthen fraternal feelings, to perpetuate the memory and history of fallen comrades and to assist the widows and dependents of deceased members who were in need.

#### WORLD WAR I

Frank Adelmeyer Arthur Urban Charles Vozelli Arthur Wild Ignarz Krapfl Arthur P. Sterr Alvin Lehner Ben Bauer Walter W. Wegner Ben Wessing Leo Gruber Michael Krapfl Edward Hart Alvin E. Kehrmeyer Max L Strasser Benjamin Wild Peter Hinkes Frank Schabel Wolfgang Huber George Krapfl Adolph Sterr

#### WORLD WAR I MEDALLION

#### WORLD WAR II MEDALLION





Harvey Adelmeyer Charles Gruber Alois Gruber Raymond Feucht Hubert Schraufnagel Frank Sonnentag Oscar Bonack

Thomas Feucht Charles Feucht

#### WORLD WAR II

Joseph Lechner Philip Bauer Felix Vollmer Gertrude Boehmer Melvin Garriety Ernest Hurlbert

#### PEACE TIME VETERANS

Edgar Bonack Maurice Hurlbert Aaron Vollmer Felix Elsinger Gilbert Nitschke Florian Lehner David Weinberger

George Reiser Jr. Gregory Hilbert



#### Lt Harvey Adelmeyer

## KILLED IN ACTION



## Lt. Harvey Adelmeyer Killed In Action

A telegram, received Monday, from the Secretary of War, informed Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adelmeyer of town of Oakfield, that their son, Lt. Harvoy Adelmeyer, who had been reported missing in action in Germany since April 8, had been killed.

Harvey was with the 8th Air Force, as pilot, since Jamary and had been in service for 30 months, months.

Harvey was born in town Le Roy on Sept 16, 1922. He attended St. Andrew's Catbolic school and later worked on his father's farm until entering the service on Dec. 19, 1942. Harvey arrived in England in January 1945 and was one of Gen. Doolittle's 8th Air Force pilots.

Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Militon in Le Roy and Marvin at home in town Oakfield, also his sister, Priscilla at home.

Requiem Mass will be held Fridsy morning at 9 o'clock at St. Andrews' Catholic church at LeRoy. Maurice M. Hurlbert P.F.C. Co. A Born June 4,1920 Killed in Action April 25,1945 Buried in Margraten, Holland



### MEMORIAL DAY AT ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY 1999



Above: The distinguished American Legion Medallion displayed at veteran's graves in St. Andrew's



Above: The Bintzler-Waehler Post 347 American Legion Honor Guard approaching the graveside of the veteran to be honored on Memorial Day May 31, 1999.



Above: The Squad in 'At Ease' position. Legion Chaplain announces the names of the departed veterans.



Legion Firing Squad Saluting the Dead as W W I Veteran Alvin Kehrmeyer's grave was honored in the 1999

The Lomira American Legion Drill Squad devotes countless hours of drill time in preparation for the Veterans Graveside Honors. St. Andrew's cemetery is the first site visited by the Honor Guard on Memorial Day for this patriotic ceremony. The annual attendance for this impressive display of patriotism numbers about 100 people annually. From the 'Dodge County Pionier' May 29, 1906 we read;

"On Memorial Day, only a few people joined in the observance by the veterans, the schools, city officials and the band. Prof. L.S. Keeley, the speaker, said it is unfortunate that the general public cannot devote even a half day to this occasion and that it is apparent there is lack of understanding of the sacrifices made by the veterans who remain and their fallen comrades.

At Le Roy on Decoration Day, there was a parade from the district school to St. Andrew's cemetery, where Father F.C. Pischery gave an address and the children of two schools sang. In the afternoon, the children gave a program at the district school and Father Pischery spoke again."

## St. Andrew's Parish Park



St .Andrew's parish park under the management of the Le Roy Athletic Club has maintained the park for many years. Thousands of young and old have enjoyed the park since the park opened in 1932...



#### THE LE ROY ATHLETIC CLUB 1932



Le Roy Baseball Team 1932. Standing L-R. Henry Feucht, Hilary ( Jack ) Krapfl, Norbert Hurlbert, Rueben Springer, Ed Youngbeck Manager and Norbert ( Nuss ) Hoffman

Front row, L-R. Oscar Bonack, Edmund Vollmer, Shorty Kingsley, Raymond Vollmer, Max Bauer and Joe Sorgent

Photo courtesy Ray Vollmer

Utilizing the parish grounds for recreation was initiated in 1932 under the pastorate of Father Henry Stehling. When Father Stehling arrived at St.Andrew's in 1929 he brought with him a riding pony which was sheltered in the Hoffman barn. In the afternoon or evening hours Father would ride his horse around the perimeter of the parish grounds with gallop or trot. Father soon realized the great potential for this unused space and set in motion the wheels to convert the area into a parish and community recreational facility. With the help of enthusiastic parishioners, a baseball diamond was soon leveled and a tennis court followed, located in the area west of where the present park service building now stands. The time for home town recreation and athletic competition with neighboring communities was ideal, we were in the midst of the Great Depression and this would be free entertainment for all.

The following is an excerpt taken from The Mayville

News, May, 1932. 'The Central Rock River Valley Baseball league, composed of the following teams, Le Roy, Kekoskee, Theresa, Mayville, Horicon and Hustisford, made its initial bow to the fans last Sunday. Le Roy opened on home grounds against Hustisford. The Rev. H. C. Stehling curved the first ball over the plate, and the batter fanned it. Under the able management of 'Pepper' Ed Youngbeck, the Le Roy club smothered the Hustisford nine. It looked like a whitewash until the seventh inning when 'Unser Maxi' eased up a bit. Max Bauer pitched a splendid game'.

The Sunday baseball games were the highlight of the week throughout the summer and were always well attended. Baseball continued throughout the 1930s. James Weinberger Sr. managed the club from 1938 to 1942. A few new players also joined the club, Dropsy Sorgent, Minie Mickel, Jerry Dapp, Carl Lehman, and Melvin Guse The team's transportation to neighboring fields was provided by the Weinberger 1936 panel Ford used during the week to haul eggs to the Milwaukee market. The panel truck was converted for the players transportation by turning the egg crates upside down to seat the players. In addition, Father Stehling provided a limited supply of beer for the players. In 1939 the Le Roy team won the Rock River championship and in turn played at Borcherd Field, Milwaukee. Max Bauer and Carl Lehman pitched the game.

With the clouds of war hanging over Europe, many of the boys were called into military service and Le Roy baseball came to a halt. During the war, the left field and center field was plowed by James Weinberger Sr. Potatoes were grown in the spirit of the war effort's 'Victory Garden' a national program to encourage citizens to grow fruit and vegetables to alleviate food shortages for the armed services. Sheep were grazed by George Haller to keep the grass under control. The boys from Mayville came with push lawn mowers to trim the grass in infield area and they also cleaned up the sheep manure to clean the field for practice. The sheep meanwhile were herded into the corner of the field and locked up for the duration of the game. When the boys returned from military service, baseball resumed and the parish park once again became an active place for the youth of the community.



Photo by Edgar Mueller and submitted by Ray Collien

Le Roy Athletic Club honoring Harold Marion for outstanding services in the ticket sales department. Harold achieved an unbroken record of selling tickets from the beginning of the club until retirement. The award was presented by Rod Luck with Kenneth Weinberger looking on. About 1980.

Joe Feucht assumed management of the new team after WWII. The 1948 play-off between the Northern Division (Le Roy) and the Southern Division (Juneau ) was attended by more than one thousand spectators at St. Andrew's park. It is believed Le Roy was the winner in terms of attendance. To the right are the players of 1948. The ever present Gilbert Youngbeck provided score keeping for the club for many years. It should also be noted that after the war Harold Marion held the record for selling tickets. Tickets sold for the minimal amount of 50 cents to cover the costs of equipment.

The lower right photo depicts a presentation in memory of the late Scott Sterr, which brings to mind the many young people who were called to Cornelius Youngbeck, 10 yrs. Lorraine Wittman, 10 yrs. Orest Battistini, 20

eternity since 1928: Leo Valle, 24 yrs. yrs. Michael Feucht, 24 yrs. Helen Schmidbauer, 21 yrs. Mary Schmidbauer, 15 yrs. Rose Stumpf, 19 yrs. Marie Bauer, 9 yrs. Merlin Sternat, 18 yrs. Mary Dalle Nogare, 13 yrs. Julian Trebino, 25 yrs. Florence Scheberl, 18 yrs. Richard Adelmeyer, 3 yrs. Richard Gassner, 3 yrs. Lt. Harvey Adelmeyer, 22 yrs. Arthur Adelmeyer, 15 yrs. John Wild, 26 yrs. Thomas Weinberger, 16 yrs. Nyla Marie Neumeyer, 7 yrs. Karen Ann Ruddy, 3 yrs. Judith Virginia Feucht, 2 yrs. Donald Vollmer, 1 yr. 4 mo. James Schraufnagel, 16 yrs. Roger Schraufnagel, 19 yrs. Stanley Bauer 3 yrs.11 mo. Gerald Davel, 28 yrs. Michael Valle, 18 yrs. Julie Ann Adelmeyer, 2 yrs. Scott Allen Sterr, 11 yrs.

Michael Hurlbert, 18 yrs

Thomas Kehrmeyer, 18 yrs. Diane M. Wondra, 13 yrs. Daniel Eilbes, 19 yrs.

Gregory Hilbert, 20 yrs

Top row: L-R. Manager Joe Feucht, Wilmer Benzel, Lefty Lettau, Milton Sterr, Bob Weinberger, Philip Vollmer, Sylvester (Baby) Kuen, Norman Kuen, Jackie Krapfl, Roy Gassner.

Second row: Richard Bauer, Rudolph Bauer, Delore Schraufnagel, Ray Dohrman,

Roman Sterr, Lambert Wondra, Albert Valle, Bill Bauer

Front row: Merlin Zangl, Earl Sterr, Eugene Zangl, Jerry Zangl. Bat boy: Tommy Weinberger Photo courtesy Ray Dohrman



MAN OF THE YEAR

er for the loss by death of a Emotions ran high at the Lettle League baseball player. Year award for his efforts in be too Athletic Club banquet when Scott Sterr, son of manager half of Little League baseball. He Rev. Anthony Gundrum led Robert Sterr, and at this point his community and church. Photo by Edgar G. Mueller.

ed Bob with LeRoy's Man of the half of Little League baseball, Photo by Edgar G. Mueller.

Robert Feucht,

20 yrs Justin Collien, 20 yrs.



Le Roy Athletic Club leadership awards 1978. Among the recipients were coaches for the Rock River Valley Team, Babe Ruth, and Little League, and umpires and service personnel.

L-R. Joe Feucht Jr., John Krapfl, Bill Hurst, Patricia Weinberger, Jane Hurst, Francis Bartoli, Joseph Feucht Sr., Eugene Bauer, and Ray Collien.



Photos by Edgar Mueller. Submitted by Ray Collien

Left: Emotions ran high when James Weinberger Sr. was called forward and was presented an award by his grandson, Kenneth Weinberger, for his many years in promoting community sportsmanship.

# Le Roy Athletic Club Awards of 1971

Top row L-R.
Lloyd Hanke, Norbert Schabel, Joe
Feucht, Norman Sabel, Fr.Gundrum,
and Joe Goeser of K.F.I.Z. Radio,
Fond du Lac. Athletic
Achievement Winners: Front row:
Duane Gourlie, Warren
Schraufnagel, Michael Kehrmeyer,
Terry Sterr, and Terry Grabow.



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LEROY ATHLETIC CLUB DANCE BRINGS IN OVER \$5,000 FOR ZACK

Sally Kahlhamer

The LeRoy Athletic Club held a benefit dance for leukemia patient Zack Wilderman at the Mayville Park Pavilion. Over \$5,000 was realized from the event and was presented to Zack and his family Sunday, March 21. Pictured are, from left front, Athletic Club member Ken Weinberger presenting the check to Zack and his mother Sue and father Dan Wilderman, Athletic Club member Marie Feucht; back row, Athletic Club members Gerard Feucht, Ray Collien, Sue Gassner, and Mike O'Brien. Not pictured was Dan Gourlie.

Through the years the Le Roy Athletic Club has provided the community with recreational leadership. Dedicated men and women gave countless days year after year to instill sportsmanlike character into hundreds of young people. Baseball, the all American sport, has entertained spectators from local communities including Fond du Lac, Randolph, Waupun, Horicon, Juneau, Mayville, Hustisford, Brownsville and Theresa.

In writing about the athletic activities of these past many years, we have relied on word of mouth accounts of players and past managers. With appreciation to Ray Vollmer, Norbert Weinberger, Ray Dohrman, Ken Weinberger, Rudolph Bauer, Ray Collien and Gerard Feucht, we provide the following general account of athletic activities since WWII.

The rotation of coaches was gradual. Some men coached as many 10, 20, and 30 years. Many can recall Leo (Gabby) Weyer coaching the teams approximately 12 years with vigor and enthusiasm, as was the spirit of managers Don Gourlie and Ron Rose, who coached to about 1980. It was about this time playing in the Rock River League ceased because of the lack of new volunteer players and coaching help. The Babe Ruth team, ages 13-15 also folded as a result of the low number of entries. However, the 'A' squad, Little League, and the girls soft ball team continued, coached by Marvin Youngbeck and Henry Schraufnagel. Later Marvin continued to coach the girls softball for a number of years. Ken Weinberger first coached the Babe Ruth team for about 10 years and then the Little League from 1969-1987. He served in one capacity or another in community youth activities a total of 29 years. He coached 18 years and served as president 19 years. Ken retired as president but will remain active in maintaining the grounds; incoming athletic president Gerard Feucht assumed duties March 1999. Ray Collien has assumed a leadership roll for our youth since 1964. This 35 -year service has been supported by fellow community—leaders. All their efforts reflect dedication to the parish and the athletic club.

The St. Andrew athletic field has been the center of many tournaments. The park is equipped with food, soda and beer service with a spacious canopy providing picnic tables and restroom facilities. The park has a variety of beautiful shade trees and adequate parking space. An announcing booth was added in 1998 and a batters practice bull pen added in April 1999. Visiting teams and home players stir up the excitement as cheers for each team ring out The participants fill the atmosphere with the spirit of excitement and competition for the players, and recreation for the spectators. Among the more recent coaches we call to mind David Schraufnagel, coached the girls ages from kindergarten to 5th grade from 1987 to 1997.

In 1999, league playing consisted of two boys teams and three girls teams which calls for close scheduling. Marie Feucht managed the girls team of ages 13, 14 and 15. Sue Gassner coached one team and Lori Wasmund and Anne Mueller worked with the younger girls teams. The boys 'B' squad Little League, ages 6-9 were under the coaching of Ronald Walters. The 'A' squad Little League boys team, ages 10-13, were

under the coaching of Mike O'Brien.

Right: Meghan Brummond was awarded the Mike Hurlbert Award at the Le Roy Athletic Banquet at St. Andrew's parish hall on Sept. 1999. The award was given to the outstanding seventh or eight grader based on overall personality (good mentor and community minded-- person) and athletic ability. The recipient can be either a boy or a girl.



Photos by Edgar Mueller.

#### St. Andrew's Parish Membership of 1921

Adelmeyer, Albert Adelmeyer, Frank Adelmeyer, Geo. Alois, Keller Altmann, Mrs. J Attenberger, Eugene

Bachhuber, Max Bauer, Alois Bauer, Herman Bauer, Jos. Bauer, Lorenz Bauer, Louis Bauer, Norbert Bauer, Otto Bauer, Xavier Bayrl, Robert Bernhard, Peter Bonack, Mrs. Wm Bonack, Robert Brechtl, John Breit, Peter Burelbach, Ben Burelbach, John

Darge, Mrs. Louis Diegmann, John Droll, Jacob

Eilbes, Henry Eilbes, Martin Elsinger, Jos. Elsinger, Mich Elsinger, Wolfg Ertl, Alvin Ertl, Frank Jr. Ertl, Frank Sr. Ertl, Henry Ertl, John Feucht, Michael Feucht, Alois Feucht, August Feucht, Frank Feucht, John Feucht, Peter

Gassner, Frank Gassner, Henry Gassner, Louis Gindt, Jacob Gindt, Peter Gittl, Jacob Gruber, Alois Gruber, Leo Gruber, Louis Guse, Mrs. Ed Guse, Mrs. Paul

Freibrodt.

Hadaller, Jos.

Hall, Mrs. Wm
Haller, Geo. Jr.
Haller, Geo., Sr.
Hart, Albert
Hart, Edward
Hart, John
Hart, Jos. Sr.
Hausinger Mrs. C
Hausinger, Jacob
Hausinger, Jos.
Hefter, Paul
Hinkes, Edw.
Hinkes, Henry

Hinkes, Mrs. Elis

Hinkes, Peter Hoffman, Mrs. M

Holzner

Jagdfeld, John Jungbeck, Ed. Jungbeck, Raymond

Hulbert, Mrs. Morris

Kehrmeyer, Alvin Kehrmeyer, Mrs. G Keller, Geo. Sr. & Jr. Koch, Gebh Koch, Mrs Jos Kohlmansperger, M Korehning, Mrs. Krapfl Magd. family Krapfl, Arthur Krapfl, Geo. Krapfl, Jos. Kupsch, Wm

Lankes, Geo.
Lehman, Adolph
Lehner, Alvin
Lehner, Edwin
Lehner, Ferd
Lehner, Frank
Lehner, J.O.
Lehner, Louis
Liegl, John
Liegl, Jos.
Liegl, Miss Frances

Liegl, Miss Franc Liegl, Ph Liegl, Xavier

Malcuit, Mrs. Rose Malterer, Mich Marion, Math Marion, Mrs. A Marx, Nic.

Meyer, John

Neumeyer, Adolph Neumeyer, John Neumeyer, Lorenz

Oechsner, And.
Oechsner, Geo. L.
Oechsner, Geo., Sr.
Oechsner, Linus
Oechsner, Ph
Reiser, August
Reiser, Xavier
Ries, John
Ries, Peter & G. Gruber
Roethle, Henry

Rosbeck, Herm Rost, Arthur Rost, Reinhold Ruhland, And. Ruhland, Herman Ruhland, Louis

Ruhland, Mrs. Jos

Schabel, Bernh Schabel, Frank Schabel, Jos. Scheberl, John Scheberl, Louis Scheberl, Mich. Jr. Scheberl, Mich. Sr. Schiedemeyer, Arthur Schmid, Barbara Schmidbauer, Alph Schmidbauer, And. Schmidbauer, John Schmitt, Louis Schmitt, Ottilia Schraufnagel, Adolph Schraufnagel, Alois

Schraufnagel, Geo.
Schraufnagel, J. N.
Schraufnagel, John
Schraufnagel, Jos., Jr.
Schraufnagel, Jos., Sr.
Schraufnagel, Linus
Schrauth, Dan
Seifert, Jos.
Serwe, Balth
Sonnentag, Ed
Sonnentag, John
Sonnentag, Mrs. M
Sperger, And.

Schraufnagel, And

Sperger, Geo. Stadler, Sebast Stellberg, Aug Ster, Mrs. Louis Sterned, Rudolph Sterr, Adolph Sterr, Arthur P. Sterr, Henry

Sterr, John

Sterr, Mrs. Arthur Sterr, Mrs. C Sterr, Mrs. Mary Sterr, Mrs. Mich Sterr, Oscar Sterr, Peter Sterr, Philipp Strasser, John Stuckmeyer, Ed Stuckmeyer, John Stuckmeyer, Jos. Stuckmeyer, Jos. Jr. Stumpf, John Stumpf, John Stumpf, Linus

Urban, Mrs. Jos.

Vollmer, Albert Vollmer, Jos.

Wagner, Wm.
Weber, Wm
Weiglein, John
Weinberger, Henry
Weinberger, Jac
Weinberger, Leonh
Weiss, ARnold
Weiss, Xavier
Weix, Martin
Wessing, Ben
Wessing, John
Wessing, Leo
Wessing, Mrs. C
Westerhausen, Miss M
Wild, Adolph

Wild, Arthur
Wild, Benno
Wild, Guy
Wild, Herbert
Wild, John S.
Wild, Louis L.
Wild, Mich. A.
Wittman, Franz
Wittmann, Henry
Wittmann, Jos.
Wittmann, Mrs. Wolf
Wolf, Paul M.

Wolfschmitt, Aug Yaeckee, Mrs. Ernst Zangl, John Zangl, Jos. Jr. Zangl, Jos. Sr. Zehren, Andr

Zehren, Edward Zehren, J. Zehren, J. & A Zimmer, Edward Zimmer, Math Zisterer, Mrs. F

#### St. Andrew's Parish Membership of 1949

Adelmeyer, Alphonse Adelmeyer, Armond Adelmeyer, Ernst Adelmeyer, Frank Adelmeyer, Leslie Adelmeyer, Marvin Adelmeyer, Milton Attenberger, Eugene Attenberger, Roman

Batistine, Mario Batistine, Nazarius Batistine, William Bauer, Alois Bauer, Alvine Bauer, Annella Bauer, Eugene Bauer, Herman Bauer, Jerome Bauer, Kenneth Bauer, La Verne Bauer, Lawrence Bauer, Louis Bauer, Lyra Bauer, Marion Bauer, Norbert Bauer. Otto Bauer, Richard Bauer, Roman Bauer, Rudolph Bauer, Sylvia Bauer, Willard Boehmer, Arnold Bonack, Dolores Bonack, Edgar

Bonack, Oscar

Breit, Agnes

Breit, Cecillia

Breit, Frank

Breit. Helen

Breit, Peter

Breit, Ralph

Breit, Clarence

Bonack, Robert

Breit, Raymond Brummond, Mrs. Arnold Burelbach, Ben

Clark, James Clark, Leon Collien, Mrs. Arthur Cook, William

Darmody, Ed Del Ponte, Babtiste Del Ponte, Peter Dethardt, Mrs. Wesley Dohrman, Ray

Eilbes, Alvin Eilbes, Ambrose Eilbes, Edward Eilbes, Grace Eilbes, Henry Eilbes, Martin Eilbes, Roman Elsinger, Felix Elsinger, Joseph Elsinger, Michael Elsinger, Theo.

Elsinger Wolfgang
Ertl, Albert
Ertl, Mrs. Frank
Ertl, Frank
Ertl, Henry
Ertl, John
Ertl, Robert
Feller, Adolph
Feller, Alice
Feller, Ervin
Fellwock, Arnold
Feilbach, Mrs. Charles
Feucht, Alois

Feucht, Andrew Feucht, Anthony Feucht, Arnold Feucht, Frank Feucht, Geraldine Feucht, Gerold Feucht, James Feucht, John Feucht, Joseph Feucht, Lawrence Feucht, Melbert Feucht, Mrs. Michael Feucht, Peter Feucht, Raymond Feucht, Rudolph Flasch, Ralph Franke, Alphonse Farriety, Melvin

Gassner, Alois

Gassner, Barbara Gassner, Ervin Gassner, John Gassner, Leo Gassner. Louis Gassner, George Gassner, Robert Gassner, Roger Gassner, Roman Gassner, Ruth Gassner, Victor Gehl, Esther Gindt. Arnold Gindt, Ralph Gittle, Jacob Gremminger, Daniel Gremminger, Frank Gremminger, Janice Gremminger, Jeanette Gremminger, Raymond Gremminger, Roderick Gruenwald, Harry Gruber, Carl Gruber, Jane Frances

Halbur, Gregory Haller, Mrs. George Haller, Norbert Hart, John

Gruber, Leo

Gruber, Louis

Guse, Elmer

Guse, Mrs. Ed.

Guse, Roman

Gruber, Norman

Heege, Lawrence
Herman, Martin
Hinkes, Melvin
Hinkes, Peter Sr.
Hinkes, Peter Jr.
Hodoff, Victor
Hoff, Mrs. Donald
Hoffman, Alfred
Hoffman, Elsie
Hoffman, Margaret
Hoffman, Norbert
Hoffman, Richard
Hurlbert, Mrs. Margaret

Indermuehle, Lawrence

Kahlhammer, Joseph Kahlhammer, Melvin Keyrmeyer, Alvin Keyrmeyer, Earl

Keyrmeyer, Mrs. Frances Keyrmeyer, Vernon Keller, Alois Keller, George

Keller, Ervin Keller, Robert Kohlmansperger, Ben

Konimansperger, Ben Kohlmansperger, Mrs. M Krapfl, Arthur

Krapfi, Artnur Krapfl, Elaine Krapfl, Fremont Krapfl, Mrs. Jos Krapfl, Nora Krapfl, Peter Krapfl, M. Family Kuhn, Mrs. Ida

Lackas, Mrs. Nick Lau, Mrs. Vernon Lavarda, Babtiste Lavarda, Geno Lechner, Mrs. John Sr. Lechner, Joseph Lehner, Alvin Lehner, Edwin Lehner, Ferd. Lehner, Mrs. Johanna Lehner, Rose Lehner, Wilfred

Lehner, Rose
Lehner, Wilfred
Liegl, Adolph
Liegl, Florence
Liegl, Frank
Liegl, John
Liegl, Mrs. Joseph
Liegl, Theo
Luehring, Clarence

Manney, Adell Malterer, Alvin Malterer, Mrs. Michael

Marion, Harold Mayer, Joseph Merkel, Ben A.

Nelleson, Mrs. Frank Neumeyer, Alois Neumeyer, Edward Neumeyer, Mrs. John Neumeyer, Louise Noll, Mrs. Lawrence

#### 1949 membership continued

Schraufnagel, Victor Schrauth, Myron Schrauth, Roman

Oechsner, Arnold Oechsner, George Oechsner, Mrs. Linus Oechsner, Mary Ellen Oechsner, Norbert Oechsner, Phillip Oechsner, Rudolph Phalzgraf, Eldor Powers, James Priepke, Carl Reiser, August Reiser, Harold Reiser, Ida Reiser, Norbert Ries, Edward Ries Peter Roethle, Andrew Roethle, Ottilia Rosbeck, Herman Rost, Arthur Rost, Reinhold Ruhland, Anita Ruhland, Clara Ruhland, Clarence Ruhland, Mrs. Herman Ruhland, John Sr. Ruhland, John Jr. Ruhland, Marvin

Sabel, Norman

Schabel, Albert Schabel, Ben Schabel, Eileen Schabel, Frank Schabel, Gilbert Schabel, John Schabel, Joseph Schabel, Lloyd Schabel, Merlin Schalinski, Edgar Scheberl, Aloysius Scheberl, Michael Schmidt, Frank Schmidt, Gilbert Schmidt, Mrs. Louis Schmidt, Roman Schmidtbauer, Arlene Schmidtbauer, John Schmidtbauer, Joseph Schraufnagel, Albert Schraufnagel, Andrew Schraufnagel, Anthony Schraufnagel, Benno Schraufnagel, Carl Schraufnagel, Clarence Schraufnagel, Delore Schraufnagel, Edwin Schraufnagel, Florence Schraufnagel, Francis Schraufnagel, Hubert Schraufnagel, Joseph Schraufnagel, John Schraufnagel, Leo Schraufnagel, Leonard Schraufnagel, Linus, Jr.

Schraufnagel, Peter

Schraufnagel, Rudolph

Schraufnagel, Rita

Schrauth, Wavne

Schwartz, Adam

Schwartz, Helen Schwartzmiller, Mrs. Harold

Simon, Hugo

Simon, Peter Sperger, Mrs. Andrew Sperger, Courtland Sperger, Daniel Sperger, Henrietta

Sperger, Henrietta Sperger, Ruben Sonnentag, Frank Sonnentag, John Steiner, Wilbur J. Stehle, Rev. John Stellberg, August Sterr, Arthur Sterr, Benno Sterr, Clarence Sterr, Ervin Sterr, Harvey Sterr, Mrs. Henry Sterr, Mrs. John

Sterr, LaVerne Sterr, Milton Sterr, Oscar Sterr, Phillip Sterr, Robert Sterr, Roman Sterr, Theo. Sternad, Arnold Sternad, Rudolph Strasser, Eugene

Strasser, Helen Strasser, Mrs. Max, Sr. Streit, Mrs. Werner Stuckmeyer, Ed. Stuckmeyer, Joseph Stumpf, John

Testolin, Albert Testolin, John

Thurk, Clarice Tighe, Walter

Urban, Alfred

Valle, Albert Valle, Bruno Valle, John Vollmer, Aaron Vollmer, Edmund Vollmer, Raymond Vozelli, Charles

Waas, Alois Waas, Armond Wagner, Edward Weber, William Wegner, Walter Weiglein, Arthur Weiglein, John Weiglein, Leo Weinberger, Carl Weinberger, David Weinberger, James, Sr. Weinberger, James, Jr. Weinberger, Leonard Weinberger, Leon Weinberger, Norbert Weinberger, Rita

Weinberger, Robert Weiss, Arnold Wetzel, Mrs. Elton Weyer, Lawrence Wild, Arthur Wild, Eugene Wild, Francis Wild, Herbert Wild. Louis Wild, Michael Wittman, Mrs. Henry Woller, Leonard Wondra, Arnold Wondra, Edward Wondra, Frances Wondra, Genevieve Wondra, Joseph, Jr. Wondra, Joseph, Sr. Wondra, Killian Wondra, Lambert Wondra, Leo Wondra, Paul Wondra, Ray

Yacks, Alfred Yakee, Mrs. Maggie

Youngbeck, Milton

Zangl, Edgar Zangl, Joseph Zangl, John Zangl, Merlin Zangl, Norbert Zangl, Roman Zehren, Ed. Zehren, John Zimmer, Gilbert Zimmer, Melvin Zingler, Alvin

Kenealy, Harriet King, Janel

Feucht, Anton Klueger, Brian Adelmeyer, Monica Feucht, Brett Klueger ,Dale Klueger, Kevin Adelmeyer, Marvin Feucht, Donald Feucht, Edward Klueger, Virginia Bauer, Allan Feucht, Gary Krapfl, Arthur Krapfl, Brian Bauer, Alan Feucht, Gerard Bauer, G. Chris Feucht, Joseph, Sr. Krapfl, David Feucht, Thomas Krapfl, Gregory Bauer, Brian Bauer, L. Jeffrey Fink, Dorothy Krapfl, John Bauer, Jeff Fischer, Brad Krapfl, Leon Bauer, James Fischer, Dorothy Krapfl, William Bauer, Gregory Fleischer, Lisa Krapfl, Maria Leavengood, Gertrude Bauer, Helen Franke, Erna Lechner, George Bauer, Eugene Franke, Maxine Lechner, Helen Bauer, Elizabeth Bauer, Edgar Geschke, Lee Lehner, Wilfred Bauer, Dean Gassner, Daniel Liebenow, Kenneth Bauer, Jerome Gassner, Erwin Bauer, Jessica Gassner, R.Gerold Mayer, Leo Bauer, John Gassner, Roger Mueller, Ann Bauer, Joshua Gassner, Sylvester Mutz, Edward Bauer, Kenneth Geschke, Donna Bauer, G. Lee Geschke, Gilbert Neumeyer, Mary Ellen Bauer, Loni Gindt, Gary Nitschke, Joan Bauer, Mark Gourlie, Daniel Bauer, Mary Ann Gudex, Brian Oechsner, Arnold Bauer, Michael Gudex, Sharon Oechsner, David Bauer, Richard Gruenberger, Charles Oechsner, Dennis Bauer, Ronald Gudex, Eric Oechsner, John, Sr. Bauer Rudolph Oechsner, John Bauer, Willard Ohrmund, Wilmer, Jr. Haddy, Linda Bashaw, Terry Hafemann, Frederick Okon, Brian Bartoli, Jeanine Hanke, Paul Okon, Jerome Bartoli,,Dorothy Hartwig, Greg Okon ,Jessica Battistine, Reno Nazarius Herman, Patti Jo Okon, Mindi Berghammer, Rev. Robert Hilbert, James Biever, Ronald Hinkes, LaVerne Paape, Kathleen Billington, Jan Hoffman, Dale Priepke, Lorena Bertagnoli, Gordon Hoffman, David Priepke, Marcy Bredeson, Roseann Hoffman, Gary Breit, Mathilda Hoffman, Neal Quinn, Peter Breit, Raymond Hoffman, Eugene Breit, Shirley Hoffman, Tim Rauch, Curtis Hurlbert, Arnold Reiser, Ida Cook, Mary Beth Hurst, Douglas Renderman, Greg Collien, Raymond Hurst, Scott Rinzel, Andrew Czerwinski, Jeff Hurst, William Rinzel, Janet Rinzel, Gloria Del Ponte, Agnes Jenson, Robert Rinzel, David Rose, Amanda Del Ponte, Timothy Jones, Jane Dohrman, Raymond Rose, Jeremy Kehrmeyer, Annette Rose, Melissa Kehrmeyer, Brian Rose, Ronald Edwards, Laura Elsinger, Richard Kehrmeyer, Vernon Ruhland, Clarence Eggers, Joseph Keller, Joseph Ruhland, Marvin

#### 1999 membership continued

Wondra, Nicholas Wondra,, Raymond Wondra, Roger

Sabel, Gerard
Sabel, Norman
Schabel, Gordon
Schabel, Jay
Schabel, Tamara
Schabel, Lloyd
Schabel, Norbert
Schabel, Richard
Schalinski John
Scheberl, Alois

Schmidbauer, Harriette Schmidt Catherine Schmidt, Frank Schmidt Gilbert Schmidt, Michael Schraufnagel, Andrew Schraufnagel, Dave Schraufnagel, David Schraufnagel, Floyd Schraufnagel, Kenneth Schraufnagel, Leo, Sr Schraufnagel, Leo, Jr Schraufnagel, Leon Schraufnagel, Leonard Schraufnagel, Margaret Schraufnagel, Mary Schraufnagel, Robert Schraufnagel, Rudolph Schraufnagel, Joy Schroeder, Jody Schroeder, Jason Schultz, Arlen Schultz, Arnold

Straveler, Eugene Straveler, Eugene, Jr. Straveler, Mark

Simon, Harvey

Stenz, Walter

Sterr, Robert

Simon, Margaret

Sterr, Hildegard

Thompson, Deborah Thompson, Richard Thompson, Thomas Thornton, Jeanette

Valle, Albert Valle, Bruno Valle, Duey Vollmer, Raymond Vollmer, Theresa Waas, Armond Waas, Graig Waas, Dale

Waas, Harvey Waas, Kristen Waas, Nathan Waas, Scott Waas, Stanley Walters, Banitta Weiglein, Art Weiglein, Jeff Weiglein, Jim Weiglein, Richard Weiglein, Robert Weiglein, Anthony Wester, Rev. Charles Weinberger, Anthony Weinberger, Chad Weinberger, Derrick Weinberger, Gerard

Weinberger, James, J Weinberger, James, R. Weinberger, James R. II Weinberger, James Weinberger, Kenneth Weinberger, Norbert Weinberger, Patricia Weinberger, Phyllis Weinberger, Rita Weinberger, Susan Weinberger, Todd Weinberger, Tracy Weiss, Donald Wells, Scott Wieneke, Robert Wiese, Donald, Jr. Wiese, Susan

Wild, Roger Williams ,Lynn Hurst

Wild ,Eugene

Wild, Francis

Woller, Marie
Wondra, Allen
Wondra, Angeline
Wondra, Anthony
Wondra, Craig
Wondra, Daniel
Wondra, Mary
Wondra, John
Wondra, Keri
Wondra, Keith
Wondra, Kelly
Wondra, Keven
Wondra, Lee
Wondra, Lee

Wondra., Mark

Wondra, Ronald Wondra, Steven

Youngbeck, Brian Youngbeck, Cara Youngbeck, Craig Youngbeck, Eric Youngbeck, Mark Youngbeck, Marvin Youngbeck, Ronald

Zangl, Dale Zangl, Elizabeth Zangl Norbert Zimmer, Lawrence

## SURVEYED DESCRIPTION of LAND OWNED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE ST. ANDREW'S PARISH LE ROY, WISCONSIN

TWO SURVEYED DESCRIPTION REVEAL 12-1/2 ACRES

7616 HARWOOD AVE.

Surveyed and Drawn by WALTER J. CONNELL, INC. BLUFMOUNG 8 180

WALTER J. CONNELL.

SURVEYED FOR

I, Walter J. Connell. hereby certify that I surveyed the above described property

8t. Andrew's Congregation February 9, 1954 according to the official seconds

Knowles, Wisconsin and that the above plat is a true representation of the boundary lines thereof, and
the principal lines of present building there is

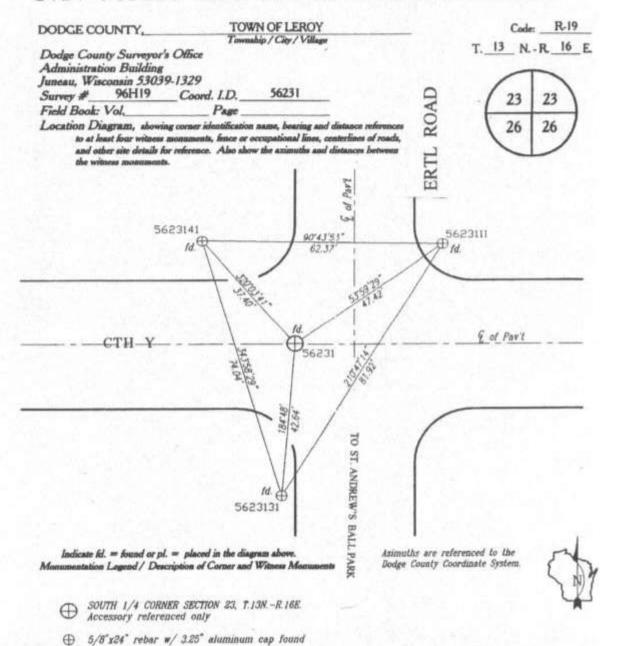
Job No. Dodge - 2505

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER NO. 655 - STATE OF WISCONSIN

Church Parcel
A parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 13 North, Range 16 East, in the Town of Le Roy, Dodge County, Wisconsin, bounded and destribed as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said 1/4 section, thence running East 26 rods (429 feet), thence South 65 rods (1072.5 feet), thence West 26 rods (429 feet) to the 1/4 section line; thence North on the 1/4 section line, 65 rods (1072.5 feet) to the place of beginning.

VOI. 366 FAGE 12 Section 255 14, Wissensie Statutes . A. D. 19 68 August Chis Indenture, Made this 2nd Jerome H. Bauer and Elizabeth M. Beuer part 1es of the first part, and religious acorporation duly organized and The St. Andrews Congregation existing under any by virtue of the lass of the State of Wisconsin located & in the Town of Leroy/Wisco carry of the sepond part. Witnesseth. That the said part 100 of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) in hard paid by the said parts of the soveral part, the receipt whereid in hereby conferred and acknowledged, ha Ve given granted Purgamed wild removed eleved almost convexed and confirmed, and by these presents do give grant burgain, sell remore release alien convex and continu until the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, the following discreted real estate situated in the Dodge County of A part of the North West 1/4 of the North East 1/4 of Section 26, Township 13 North, of Range 16 East, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the South West corner of said North West 1/4 of Northeast 1/4; thence North 16 rods (764 feet); thence East 25 rods (412.5 feet); thence South 16 rods (764 feet) to the South 11ne of said North West 1/4 of North Fast 1/4; thence West 25 rods (412.5 feet) to the place of beginning.

## U.S. PUBLIC LAND SURVEY MONUMENT RECORD



If applicable, show any discrepancy between the location of the corner as re-tored or reestablished and the location of that corner as previously restored or reestablished by azimuth and distance. Also, show the azimuths and distances between the previous corner and at least 2 of the witness monuments.

#### THE EARLY YEARS IN LE ROY

In documenting the history of St. Andrew's community, one must also realize the relationship with local government. Local government determines how the community perceives itself, how it projects its future, and how the resources are used to achieve that future. Sources of historical information were provided by the "History of Dodge County", The Dodge County Pionier, Verna Panzer, Linda Schraufnagel, Chairperson of Town Le Roy, and Town Clerk Robert Sterr. It is also important to realize that throughout our community's existence, since records were kept, or word of mouth stories handed down, the people of Le Roy lived in harmony and brotherhood regardless of ethnic origin or creed. The following article portrays the beginnings and the development of the Le Roy community, written by the late Milton Hurlbert

"We capture the times by recalling that Wisconsin was admitted to the Union in 1848. It was in 1848 that the big German immigration began. Le Roy a French name meaning The Royalty named after a well known French fur trader of the area, populated with southern German and Austrian immigrants at the time. Indians lived on the boundaries of an ancient lake- marsh area. These Indians of the Woodland tribes built the Effigy Mounds found today on Highway "Z", west of Le Roy. The Indians were friendly and traded with the hardworking immigrant farmers. The trade was in agrarian commodities rather than the hides and furs of former European trader. The French left for richer trading areas in the west. Religion was the center of Indian life. The half-man, half-god, Manabush created the first Menemonic and told him "I give these things to you, and you shall always have them-the river, the fish, the wild rice, and the sugar trees". It is certain, that in 1849 the congregation was founded. At that time the surroundings in town 13 (the so-called name for the Bayrische Lund). The forests of virgin timber were sparsely settled by immigrants who built log cabins and tilled the soil with primitive implements. The greater number of settlers in Town 13 were honest, thrifty and brave Bavarians. As vigorous young men they had left their German Fatherland before the revolutionary years of 1848 and had come to the New World where toil and hardship strengthened their faith in God and their fellowmen. Endurance and perseverance finally procured for them a home in their adopted country. Just as the pioneers retained their manners and customs, their courage and humor, their language and folk songs, so they also retained their faith in God. With financial aid they received from King Ludwig of Bavaria's Mission Society they established a parish here. The parishioners came together every Sunday for common worship. Their faith and trust in God was rewarded. Soon they reaped the benefits of their work. Forests disappeared, homes were built, Expansive fields stretched in every direction and created the "Bayrische Lund" that we see, love and admire today. Although none of the early settlers are among us now to tell of the good old days, yet we have statistics that go back over the years."

From the 'History of Dodge County' published in 1880 we quote the following:

"In the fall of 1845, Alfred Lamberson settled in the present town of Le Roy. He was followed shortly by Rufus Cowles, Austin Graves, C.Holdridge, David Niles, C. and B. Parrish, Ira Hodge, H. Barns, James Patrick and B.G. Gill. Together with their respective families, these gentlemen formed quite a respectable settlement. In fulfillment of the command to 'multiply and replenish the earth' a daughter was born unto Mr. And Mrs. Servis, to whom was given the name of Emma. W.D. Barnes was the first male child, born July 19, 1849. The first death in town was that of a son of Austin Graves. The first school in town was in 1849. A schoolhouse was built about the same time, on Section 12. A better schoolhouse was erected in 1854, which still stands, and the school is that of District No.2. There are nine schoolhouses in the town. The Catholics and Methodist Episcopal denominations furnished the spiritual food for the citizens of the town. The former erected a church house as early as 1849, located on Section 26. (The church house mentioned here is in reference to the log church built by missionary Father Charles Schraudenbach) For the convenience of the people, a post office was established on Section 25, in 1848 to which was given the name of Farmersville. B.G.Gill was the first Postmaster and later Sebastian Weinberger succeeded B.G.Gill. Another post office was later established in Section 1, (page 189 plat map of 1873) to which was given the name of Le Roy.

Gill and Lamberson were the proprietors of the first mill in the town built in 1847 on Lamberson's Creek.

Austin Graves opened the first store, on Section 1, about the year 1850. The town is in the northern tier of towns in the county, Town 13 north, Range 16 east, and is a fine farming country, with a thrifty population. It contains 23,000 acres of land. The principal trading point is Waupun, though Mayville comes in for a share of its trade".

From another article taken from the Dodge County History, "Many Immigrants Farm In Le Roy," Le Roy, one of the northern tier of townships bordered on the west by the Rock River, is best known for its fine farms. Those farms began with the hard work of the pioneer farmers who began the work of clearing the land in the mid 1840s. Albert Lamberson was a settler in 1845. He was soon followed by the families of Rufus Cowles, Austin Graves, C. Holdridge, David Niles, C. B. Parrish, Ira Hodge, H. Barns, James Patrick, and B.G. Gill. The Austin Graves family of New York purchased 80 acres there in 1846. They built a log house, and with three other Graves cut the first road to Mayville and brought back a load of lumber. David and W.P. Miles were also early farmers. Although they prospered later, young W.P. Miles wore rags on his feet to school. The first school house was erected in 1854. The Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1849, and the Catholics are known to have early services there too. In 1847 Gill and Lamberson built the first mill on Gill Creek. Casper Sterr and his brothers, Marcus, Andrew, and Joseph brought 10-15 German families with them when they came to Le Roy in 1847. They were confronted with a cold and rainy November that year and they suffered an outbreak of small pox. Joseph died. When they were well again they faced the task of clearing their heavily wooded land. Eventually they too became successful farmers." The villages of Le Roy and Farmersville are located in the township of Le Roy. Among the early settlers mentioned above, the following brief biographies will shed some light on the early beginnings, development, religious and political affiliations and progress of settlers accomplished in the Le Roy Township.

**Ernest Adelmeyer**, born in Prussia Feb. 14, 1850, came to America in 1854 and settled on a farm in Le Roy, working on the farm and his trade till his death Oct. 16, 1872. Ernest was a blacksmith and wagon-maker. Ernest was a Roman Catholic, Republican, and Supervisor of town Le Roy.

**Andrew Bachhuber**, merchant and farmer and serving as post master at Farmersville for nine years till 1875. Andrew was a Roman Catholic and a Democrat. Andrew Bachhuber died Feb. 2, 1879, leaving a wife and ten children.

**Joseph Heimerl Jr.**, farmer, born in Bavaria Aug. 15, 1842. With his parents Joseph came to America in 1853, locating on heavily timbered land; they did real old settlers work, in chopping out a farm and home. He was a teacher in the district schools of Lomira six terms; and an ardent Democrat. Mr. Heimerl also was Assessor and Chairman of Township of Le Roy, a Roman Catholic, He married Mary Waas Jan. 25, 1865; they had four children-Justina, Clara, Joseph and John, having lost four children.

**Louis Lehner**, merchant at Lehner's Corners. Louis was born in Bavaria July 27, 1849; His parents came to America in 1852 and settled in Addison, Washington Co. and moved to Le Roy in 1860. Louis enlisted in the 1st W.V.C. in 1864 and was discharged in July, 1865 Returning, he worked on the farm in Le Roy until 1871 when he bought the store and stock at what was then Sterr's Corners; has since continued the business Louis married Kate Waas Dec. 14, 1871 and had four children Louis, Anna, Matilda, and Lillie Louis was a Roman Catholic and a Democrat.

**John McClain,** was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, Oct. 28, 1829 and came to America in 1848 and settled in Schuylkill Co. Penn. where he was engaged in transferring coal from the cars and canal boats until 1864, when he came to Le Roy and settled on his present farm. He married Jane Crawford, of County Tyrone of Ireland in 1859 and had four children. Mr. McClain is a member of the Republican party and also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church

**Joseph Marx**, farmer and hotel-keeper. Mr. Marx was a Democrat, and Justice of the Peace in Le Roy for two years.

**W. P. Miles**, farmer, was born Sept. 5, 1842; son of David Miles.W.P. Miles saw rough pioneer experience, as the family was large and money was scarce; he used to wear rags on his feet to school in the winter, drying them during school hours and wearing them home again. He enlisted in Co. G. 1st W.V.C. Mr.Miles was a Republican and has been Constable and Supervisor. Mr.Miles was a member of The Odd Fellows

**George Schmid,** farmer and brewer, was born in Bavaria March 10, 1829, came to America in 1853. George farmed 74 1/2 acres and also built a brewery in 1858, manufacturing about 100 barrels of beer annually. George Schmid married Mary Greiner in 1854, who was born in Bavaria Feb. 1, 1832, they had nine children. Mr. Schmid was a Democrat, and the family are members of the Catholic Church.

Marcus Sterr, farmer, came to America in 1846, moved to Le Roy in 1853 and settled on sixty acres of his farm. He then cleared and bought 230 acres and also built a large brick house and good barns. He married Elizabeth Meirtz of Upper Austria in August, 1853 and had seven children, Theresa, John, Marcus, Elizabeth, Peter, Robert, and Michael. Mr. Sterr was a Republican, Roman Catholic and has been Treasurer of School District No. 4 for many years.

**Frank Sterr,** farmer, came to America and to Le Roy with his father, Casper Sterr. At 21 he went to Michigan and six years later returned to Le Roy where he rented a sawmill for two years, then built and owned a share in his brother's saw mill. He enlisted Sept. 22, 1864, in the 43d W.V.I. Upon his return, he married Mary Yung Oct. 6, 1856. That was followed by 13 children. Mr. Sterr was a Republican and town treasurer. The families are Roman Catholic.

**Sebastian Weinberger**, shoemaker and postmaster of Farmersville was a son of Jacob Weinberger who settled in Dodge County in 1849. Mr. Weinberger married Mary Remmelmyer Oct. 30, 1872 followed by three children. Mr. Weinberger makes and sells boots and shoes, also deals in hides and pelts. He is a Democrat and Roman Catholic. He was appointed Postmaster at Farmersville Sept. 2, 1879.

**John Wild**, farmer,came to America with his father and brothers in 1852. In 1855, his father deeded him forty acres, which he afterward sold, buying eighty acres of his present 140 acres of well-improved land, which he earned himself. He married Theresa, daughter of Casper Sterr, July 4, 1855 followed by children named John, Frank, Michael, Rosy, Albert, Xavier, Theresa, and Bertha. Mr. Sterr was a Republican and the families are Roman Catholic.

Note: The Feucht and Schraufnagel biographies were not written in the Dodge County History book

**Johann Feucht**, was born in Eifeldorf, Bavaria in 1821. In 1844 he married Barbara Brummer. From the "Dodge County Pioneer" dated Nov. 9, 1897 we read from the obituary; "Johann Feucht, 77, town Le Roy pioneer, whose wife and two of their children died at sea in 1853 as they came here in a sailing vessel from Bavaria, another child died on the trip from Milwaukee to Mayville; he and his second wife were the parents of 14 children." When Johann arrived in Le Roy, he bought 160 acres of thickly wooded land. In the year 1854, he married his second wife, Magdalana Dierwimmer. The Feucht family were Roman Catholic

Johann and Maria Schraufnagel Joseph was born November 18, 1818 in Landgerecht Donan on the Isar River in Bavaria, emigrated to America in July 1854 and settled in town Le Roy where he purchase 50 acres of land in Le Roy from the United States Government Periodic payments had to be made in Milwaukee or Fond Du Lac and these trips were often made by foot With mules for 'horse power' they cleared land, planted and raised enough crops to keep growing and expanding. Johann and Maria had four sons, Henry, Joseph, John Nepomuck and Frank. The three sons, Henry, Joseph and John Nepomuck entered into married life, thus continuing the population growth in America that Johann and Maria initiated. The 1994 computer documented family biography reveals that 616 families are direct descendants of Johann and Maria Schraufnagel. Joseph was buried At St Andrew's cemetery January 28,1892. The Schraufnagel family are Roman Catholic.

The above abbreviated biographies are just a few of the many of our early settlers that illustrates the hardships, struggles, religious and political affiliation. It further illustrate that they were thrifty, rugged proud people with integrity who brought with them their skilled craftsmanship which for many provided a needed source of income to support their way of life. They demonstrated a determination to reach their goals and no sacrifice was too great. We recall stories told by our grandparents about their elders of the trials and tribulations they encountered as Le Roy's first settlers.

The subsequent Le Roy plat maps of 1857, 1873, 1890, 1910 and 1998 will illustrate the changes in demographics and township land acreage in terms of land now under the jurisdiction of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. Dodge County Register of Deeds provided these maps. The map of 1857 is the first Town of LeRoy map on record. Carefully study all 36 Sections and ask yourself, How many names of land owners listed sound familiar today?

On the map of 1873, St. Andrew's property is located on the north center part of section 26. The lower left sections 19, 30, 31, 32 and the western part of section 29 are in the area of the Mechanics Union Manufacturing Company. The above named sections were owned by a syndicate (Senator Saterlee Clark, Mr. Trueman A. Woodford, Mr.Shepherd and Mr. G.H. Lawrence) bought from the US Government at an auction sale, at a price as low as seven cents an acre, a large part of the 25, 000 acres covered by the Marsh. The syndicate mentioned above was later dissolved and the 1890 map will indicate the Marsh area was then under the control of J. S. Ranney and W.H. Scanlan. It was a time Le Roy township had a squared surveyed boundary reaching well into the Marsh of western Le Roy.

The village map of 1910 illustrates the east and west village communities with approximately 1,500 feet of farm land to separate the two small communities as this gap no longer exist.

Many other issues of concern were part of our Le Roy history. We mention in general the Horicon Marsh water level disputes, the drought and depression of the 1930s, the 1934 milk strike, farm foreclosures and bankruptcies, WW II and the draft, family relief program (now known as welfare,) the post war baby boom resulting in school building and in sharp contrast, 15 years later, school closing, road maintenance, fire protection, high school tuition, village water and sewer installation.

According to census figures, the population of Le Roy Township reached 1,025 in 1990 and dropped to 1,002 by 1996 with a projected decline to 862 people by the year 2015. In spite of the many new homes that seemed to surface, farm population declined rapidly as the 1910-1999 town plat map comparisons will indicate.

Wisconsin farms numbered 200, 000 in 1935 and declined to 79,000 in 1999, and the farm population in Le Roy followed this same trend. Since 1989, farmland in town Le Roy has been placed under the Farmland Preservation Program, preserving the towns best agricultural farmland. This represents 45.8% of the Le Roy farmland. The other remaining land is the 26.4% controlled by the National Fish and Wildlife Service (Horicon Marsh) and 27% of Le Roy land which is not in a preservation program. At the Town of Le Roy Comprehensive Land Use Plan meeting held in May 1999, it was disclosed that Town of Le Roy now has 6, 313 acres under Federal jurisdiction or 26.4%.

At the Town educational meeting conducted in June 1999, the following goals were presented:

- 1. Strengthen local control of land use decisions and maintain the ability and right to guide town destiny;
- 2. Preserve the Town's best agricultural farmland and maintain the Right to Farm;
- 3. Provide and encourage participation in town decision making;
- 4. Maintain high quality town services and administration;
- 5. Maintain a strong local economy;
- 6. Maintain, preserve and enhance the Town's rural atmosphere, natural resources, scenic views and unique natural features which contribute to the towns quality of life;
- 7. Maintain a reasonable tax rate consummate with the level of town services;
- 8. Improve communications with neighboring towns, Dodge County, state and federal agencies relative to land use issues, services and programs;
- 9. Develop design guidelines and specific development standards for commercial, industrial and public structures in order to direct development's appearance and function including the landscaping, open space, building scale and building materials and adopt these standards and guidelines as part of the Town ordinance;
- 10. Minimize conflicts between residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural land uses.
- 11. Balance appropriate land use regulation and the rights of the property owners, which focus on the best interests of the Town as a whole;
- 12. Provide a safe and well-maintained transportation;
- 13. Preserve the town's historic and cultural resources;
- 14. Support a high quality network of park and recreational lands with safe and accessible facilities meeting the needs and demands of residents of the Town of Le Roy and its visitors.

In appreciation to Town Chairperson, Linda Schraufnagel and Clerk, Robert Sterr who provided early reports from the Town of Le Roy archives.

### Proceedings of Town Meetings

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Voted that the report of Supervisors be adopted.

Voted to pay the Town Clerk sixty dollars (\$60.00) per year for his services and to raise \$400.00 for town expenses.

E. G. Stoddard, Town Clerk do certify that the forgoing which is true copy of the original was recorded April 10th 1869.

E.G. Stoddard, Town Clerk and clerk of town meeting.

Below: Real Estate tax receipt to the amount of \$ 2.79 paid by Peter Gassner dated December 31, 1869. Document offered by Erwin Gassner

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## **TOWN OFFICIALS**

In the past many years of town leadership, men and women answered the call of civic duty. We shall enter the names of these patriotic citizens who officially served Town Le Roy in one capacity or another, and whose names were available at the time of printing. Some officials were elected to office and some were appointed. Elected to office were the Chairman, Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Constable and Justice of the Peace. Appointed were the Notary Public, Health Officer, Pond Master, and Weed or Thistle Commissioner.

Early 1870 records show E. G. Stoddard, Clerk. Max Bachhuber, Notary Public. Fridhrich Herrmann, Supervisor. John Fisher, Treasurer.

In 1906 we find an interesting assortment of political responsibilities. Bernhard Schabel, Chairman, J. N. Schraufnagel and George Keller, Supervisors. Andrew Schmidbauer, Clerk. Xavier Reiser, Treasurer. George Waas, Assessor. George Ertl, George Kehrmeyer and B.E.Sampson, Justices of the Peace. Edward Sterr, John Strasser, and Andrew Pammersperger (later changed to Sperger) Constables. John Sonnentag, Weed Commissioner.

Democratic committee: B.Schabel, Andrew Schmidtbauer, and John Altmann.

Republican committee: L.J. Lehner, Louis Schmidt, Ernst Adelmeyer.

In 1916 the following officers served the Town of Le Roy: Joseph Bauer, Chairman. George Oechsner and Julius Martel, Supervisors. John E. Heimerl, Clerk. Otto Bauer, Treasurer. Philip Oechsner, Assessor. John Heimerl and Alois Gruber, Justice of the Peace. John Lehner and Joseph Hart, Constables. Alois Gruber, Health Commissioner, assisted by Joseph Bauer and John Heimerl. Pond Masters, Henry Ertl, Adolph Schraufnagel, Herman Wellso and Edward Snyder.

### Officers serving the Town of Le Roy since 1925

Chairman		Frank
Panzer	1925-1967	Farl

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The citizens of Le Roy remember Frank Panzer as an outstanding civil servant:

Town Chairman 41 years Dodge County Board Chairman 26 years

Wisconsin Assemblyman 2 years

Wisconsin Senator 30 years

Senate President Pro Tem Emeritus 10 years

## **SUPERVISORS**

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# MEMORIES of the HISTORIC OLD COUNTRY CHURCH LOCATED ON HWY. Y VOLLMER'S CORNER, LE ROY, WISCONSIN.



Photo courtesy Ray Vollmer

The old Baptist church which once served the congregation of Kekoskee was moved to a new location one mile west of Le Roy in February 1895. The church was taken down in sections and moved to Vollmer's corner on Hwy. Y. Joseph Krapfl had the contract to disassemble and reassemble the church, which later was used to serve the Methodist denomination. The church was razed in 1928 and the lumber was used to replace the Ed Lehner house which was destroyed by the marsh fires. To the left is the property of the century old family farm owned by Raymond and Elizabeth Vollmer.

### **Social Life**

What was social life all about? What kind of entertainment satisfied the young and the restless? How did the elderly occupy their time? Many other questions surface when we think about a world without cars, radio, television etc. In the early 1900s many homes were without electricity and indoor plumbing. There were the early telephone party lines where a group of homes shared the same line. For example, when party 'A' was called, party B, C, and D could all hear the coded number ring. With the old crank telephone, one might crank one long and two short for party 'A' expecting to enjoy a private conversation. Others sharing the line were to respect the honor system and not listen in. However, occasional eavesdropping occurred..

Sunday was observed by first attending church services. In the afternoon people would visit relatives or neighbors. Visiting was spent by playing cards or just conversing.

Prohibition went into effect in 1919. As a result, many large and small entrepreneurs went underground and engaged in their own illegal bootlegging. A book could be written on this subject alone. This was a dangerous business as unskilled bootleggers mixed up concoctions that ruined their health, and the revenue agents would place heavy fines on violators they caught. Prohibition was repealed in 1931.

Below: Some of Le Roy's senior citizens of the 1940s engage in the traditional past time at Ma Schmidtbauer's Saloon. The Mayville News stated, An almost daily routine in Le Roy is this gathering of old time card players. All except the kibitzer (standing) are retired farmers from the town of Le Roy. Their favorite past time is 'Herz Schafskopf,' talking over the 'good old days' and the issues of the day. They are, left to right, Lorenz Neumeyer 79, Henry Roethle 92, D.G. Koedinger 84, Martin Weix 86, and Reinhold Rost 82. Koedinger is from Mayville. The men are considered an institution in Le Roy.



Right: Le Roy Orchestra of 1901. The first orchestra in Le Roy played for parties, dances and weddings. L-R. John Ertl, William Ewald, Louis Scheberl, Mike Scheberl, Edwin Herman and Fred Darge



Photo Courtesy Irwin Gassner

### LE ROY ORGANIZED BAND



Photo courtesy Aurella Kuehl

The Le Roy Organized Band provided entertainment at picnics, weddings and other celebrations. The band wore classy green uniforms with white trim, and was in existence from 1906 until 1909.

L-R: Top row: Herman Ewald, Louis Lehner, Ralph Tidyman, Frank Lehner, John Ertl, Louis Scheberl, and Arthur Tidyman.

Front row: Frank Ewald, John Scheberl, Louis Schmidt, Louis Darge, and Willie Ewald, director of the band.

### WHAT I REMEMBER ABOUT LE ROY

By Clarence Heimerl 1979—Editing Permission from Jim Heimerl

I was born in 1907 so what I remember about Le Roy must have taken place between 1910 and 1918. We were still living at Le Roy at the end of World War I as I remember helping to make noise on November 11 by climbing the windmill tower with a stick to beat on the windmill. In 1919 we were living at Mayville later my folks moved to Rubicon. However I spent most of my life in Chicago and Milwaukee. During a part of this time at Le Roy, my father, John Heimerl, was Town Clerk. He was a carpenter and built the old style timber frame barns. He built the square house a little south of Lehner's Corner for the Altmans. He also built the Stuckmeyer farm house in the Town of Lomira. [John Heimerl built the porch on the rectory in 1915]. Members of his crew that I can remember were Leo and Herman Neumeyer, Ervin and Adolph Sterr, Casey Kehrmeyer, Jack Hausinger, and my uncle Henry Hebert. Most, if not all, of his crew were drafted or enlisted in the World War I Army, so my father wrote and passed a mail carrier's exam. He carried mail out to Knowles till he was transferred to Mayville. My uncle Henry was my Godfather and I remember him taking a picture of me pulling myself on my sled. His trip to France was one way. I remember my mother receiving his personal effects, which included a bloodstained letter, addressed to my mother, which he had not mailed. I also remember Felix Indermuehle (a son of Charlie Indermuehle the cheese maker), who used to give me some very fast rides by pulling my sled. Felix later married my first cousin, Marie Heimerl of Beaver Dam. He passed away at the age of 74 in April 1978.

I remember Jesse Schmidbauer hauling milk to the cheese factory with an old white horse hitched to a stone boat. Bobby Bonack used to stop ahead of our house in Le Roy to fill our milk pail with a dipper which hung in the inside of one of his milk cans. I don't know if the USDA put a stop to this or not, but later we went to the cheese factory and caught our pail full of milk from the end of the spout, when Bonack's milk was dumped into the vat. We left either a nickel or a dime on the table at the factory. The large straight up old style milk cans were in use at that time. After emptying the milk cans, the farmers filled them with whey, which they fed to their hogs. The cheese makers did not have the disposal problems they have today, which seems to give the ice cream manufacturers the excuse to make ice cream out of it.

We did most of our shopping at Lehner's Store on Lehner's Corner [ now known as Kollman's Corner]. We didn't drag so many things home from the store as most everything was made from scratch. The clerks at the store were Louis Lehner, Rose Lehner, and I think Anna Miller. Rose Lehner is living at Hope Nursing Home at Lomira and I believe Anna Miller is married to Art Schiedemeyer. John Lehner tended bar in the saloon located in the same building. Hank Faust had a special built wagon and ice box combination painted red with gold lettering. There was a scale mounted to the rear door and he must have carried his brass bell on the seat next to him. He brought fresh meats, sausages, etc. from Mayville to Le Roy.

When he rang his bell, women came out with baskets and dishpans to buy their supply of meat. There also was a man whose name, I think, was Sam Scheir. He drove a team of mules on a wagon with a covered box and many shelves. This wagon was loaded with bolts of cloth which he sold by the yard. To him a yard was the distance between the tip of his nose and the end of the thumb of his outstretched arm.

I also remember Muck Schraufnagel's very large stallion. He used to drive this stallion, hitched to a two wheeled cart, going from farm to farm to breed mares. If I remember correctly the colts born to these mares were born black, then turned to iron gray, and when old would turn pure white. Louis Schmidt and his brother used to drive into town and to church with a beautiful team of bay ponies

Victor Bauer's parents drove a beautiful car with a lot of brass and straps from the top to the brass headlights. In those days Leonard Weinberger stirred up a lot of dust with, I think, an Overland. Fred Sterr had one with the engine under the seat and it cranked on one side. His wife, Kate Sterr, helped my mother on wash days. Our washing machine was quite a rig, powered by a one cylinder gasoline engine located about 5 feet from the machine, at the far end of a 3 inch flat belt. This rig had fold up shelves that supported two wooden tubs and it was located behind the house, under a plum tree, in which a pet crow scolded all through the washing process.

John Sterr had the steam powered threshing rig that threshed most of the grain in our neighborhood. I can still smell the combination of hot grease, sweat, soft-coal smoke, steam and grain. Threshing always reminds me of beer as it did now. I forgot to mention that on wash days I had to get a pail of beer for the women before going to school. For 10 cents John Lehner filled a one gallon pail with beer and after the foam settled a little, he dropped in a piece of ice to keep it cool. The John S. Wild blacksmith shop always fascinated me. I think I could still draw a fairly accurate picture of it. Behind the blacksmith shop Louis Wild had a wagon shop. My father and Pete Feucht built the little garage that was located on the northwest corner of Lehner's Corner. Pete Feucht operated it for a while and later Pete Krapfl operated it for a long time. My father and Pete Feucht sold Fords and Dodges through this garage. They got the Fords from the Bachhuber Bros. and the Dodges from the Pioneer Auto Co. at Mayville. Pioneer Auto was at the time owned by my uncle, Frank Bauer. Muck Schraufnagel lived on the northeast corner of Lehner's Corner and a little brick one room school house was on the southwest corner. This was where I received my first year of schooling. It was much closer than St. Andrew's where I started the next year. Every school I ever attended has been torn down. After the two Le Roy schools, I attended the one room Golden Glow School which was east of Kekoskee, St. Mary's at Mayville, and the old square red brick Mayville High School. At St. Andrew's we had both English and German readers and our Catechism and Bible History books were in English on one side and German on the other.

They may have changed that when the name Schlesingerville was changed to Slinger. I'll never forget the time when I was one of the smallest altar boys and was participating in the Corpus Christi procession in St. Andrew's cemetery. We were going from one altar to the other and when Sister clapped her hands we were to kneel, so I knelt right on an ant hill. Sister had quite a time ridding me of the ants. When I received first Holy Communion, one of the girls held her candle too close to her veil and the Sister had to put out the fire. (The above sentence is in reference to story about Alvina—Schraufnagel tells about her dilemma when her veil and hair caught on fire.) I received First Holy Communion at St. Andrew's and was confirmed at St. Mary's in Mayville. Our pastor at Le Roy was Fr. Pischery and later Fr. Delles. At Mayville we had Fr. Ritger and Fr. Cramer. When serving Mass my partner usually was Sepple Hall. There was a long shed on the line between the church property and the Hoffman's. The west side of this building was open so the farmers could drive their horses into the shed and tie them to the manger. Now and then, after school, we visited Aunt Hausinger, one of my grandfather's sisters. She had a little black and tan dog that was struck by lightning under the bed.

The little store now operated by the Weinberger's was at that time operated by Martin Pfeil while at this end of town there was a saloon operated by Sepple Hall's parents, and back at the other end of town there was Lehner's saloon. Across the street was Krapfl's saloon and between Krapfl's and the cheese factory was Mike Schmidbauer's saloon. There was a hall above Lehner's saloon. There also was a dance hall at Schmidbauer's Park and Lehner's park. Lehner's park was about ½ mile north of Le Roy and Schmidbauer's park about ¾ mile southeast of Le Roy.

One year after we moved to a small 10 acre farm south of Le Roy and across the road from the Neumeyer farm we had what they called a cyclone. Part of Adolph Schraufnagel's barn roof was carried over our house and dropped in our pasture. One of the 2x4s from this roof was driven through one corner of Schraufnagel's house and stayed lodged over the top of the baby's bed . I think the baby was in the bed at the time. This cyclone also picked up the octagon dance hall in Schmidbauer's park, and dropped it not far from where it was. There were also broken trees sticking up through the floor. Our 10 acre farm must have been part of a large farm as it had a very large barn. This was a timber frame barn that was held together with hardwood pegs. My father sold this barn, took it apart, and reassembled it for the new owner. This left only the stone foundation of the old barn, and after the cyclone sightseers thought the cyclone had taken the old barn ,so some of us kids sat on this old foundation and gave out all the information we knew about the cyclone damage.

Note: Dad (Clarence J. Heimerl) had written this by hand in 1979 on an old Dairy Farm Record. It showed up while going through Mom's things after she passed away in 1993. Dad passed away in 1982 on the farm near Lomira, about 5 miles from Le Roy. *Bill Heimerl*. Thanks to the Heimerl family for sharing this story of early Le Roy.





Photos Courtesy Roger Gassner

Twisted wreckage caused by the tornado on May 9,1918 is all that remained of the Schmidbauer Park . Photo on the right :L-R Rose Lehner, Mamie Schiedemeyer, and Peter Feucht

### **Teaching In A One Room Schoolhouse**

The Mayville News article was provided by Joan Nitschke, written by Anita Zahn

Before I started teaching in a one room rural schoolhouse over 60 years ago, I knew practically nothing about the goings on that type of educational facility. My elementary and secondary education was received in a Lutheran parochial school in Fond du Lac. After graduating from high school at the close of the Great Depression, employment was hard to find. A well meaning friend encouraged me to enroll at the Dodge County Normal School and I have never been sorry.

During the two year course we 'would –be –teachers' were required to spend two weeks in a rural school setting teaching under the supervision of the experience teacher at the school. With that cadet teaching, and teaching classes in the practice school at the Normal School plus all the methods classes, we supposedly were ready to face a room of youngsters. They ranged from five or six year old first graders to 14-15 year old eight graders.

At the annual school district meeting in August I signed a contract to teach at the Wuthnow School in Le Roy Township in Dodge County for a nine months school year at \$ 55.00 a month. (The former Wuthnow School has been renovated into the pleasant residence now owned by Peter and Catherine Quinn) In addition to teaching the three R's, I was expected to do the janitorial work, but I had helpers with that.

The older boys carried water from the neighboring farm and brought in wood from the woodshed for the stove in the winter. The girls cleaned blackboards, pounded the blackboard erasers, and swept the floor. On Friday night, however, it was the teachers turn. A sweeping compound was sprinkled on the floor to cut down the dust. In the winter the water cooler had to be sure to be emptied so the left over water wouldn't freeze over night and crack the cooler. The first day of school arrived. I admit I was a little more than nervous. The children began arriving, placing their lunch pails on a shelf in the entry way. There were lard pails, honey pails, syrup and tobacco pails. In the winter they were brought into the classroom so the contents wouldn't freeze. I was responsible for making the fire so that it would be warm by the time the children arrived. That meant getting to school early, and sometimes the fire didn't cooperate. There were mornings when we sat around the stove with our book learning until the room warmed enough to take our regular places. Wet mittens were placed on the fire resistant pad under the stove. As the steamy mittens dried, they gave a peculiar odor. But that was a part of the one room school era. It didn't take long for roll call that first morning. Many of the district children were enrolled at St. Andrew's Catholic School in Le Roy. That first year there were two in the eighth grade, two in seventh grade, two in fourth grade, one in second grade, and one in first grade.

A daily schedule was established when one or the other of the graders came up front for recitation, maybe first grade reading, or forth grade arithmetic, or seventh grade and eighth grade geography. Meanwhile those at their desk were busy ( or were supposed to be ) on assignments or special seat work or projects all prepared by the teacher. Some of the older girls dictated spelling words to the younger children or helped out with a difficult reading word or arithmetic problem.

Morning and afternoon recess and lunch broke up the learning process. Pupils and teacher played games such as Red Rover, Anti-Anti Over, and Captain May I. Rainy days found us playing board games, or chalk games on the blackboard. And so the days became routine. That was broken several times a year when the supervising teacher from the County Superintendent's Officer dropped in unannounced. She offered criticism both constructive or destructive and helped with problems we might have.

That first year was one of heavy snow. Up until Christmas I walked to school, one to two miles. After that I boarded with the school board clerk's family (Rubin Sperger) just down the road a ways. With six -foot snow drifts in the road, the roads was closed. Weekends a friend came to get me and bring me back with his team of horses and sled over the drifts of snow in the fields. The pupils and I hastened outside when we heard the area farmers with their teams and shovels opening the road in front of the big snow plow. It was good to see traffic again.

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School closed for Christmas vacation with the annual Christmas program. A little temporary stage was constructed with the help of the school board members and their wives. Bed sheets were hung on a wire stretched across the room for a curtain. The children had practiced songs and skits since Thanksgiving. Since the enrollment was small some of the district children attending St. Andrew's were willing to help and participated also. The evening of the program the little school-room was filled to capacity. Dads, moms, grandpa, grandma, big and little siblings, relatives, and friends all came to see what the new teacher could come up with by way of a program. (And the teacher was more nervous than she was the first day of school. The program ended with the arrival of Santa and his pack of goodies. Fortunately the bags of goodies were checked earlier. A quick trip to town for more goodies had to be made. The mice had found Santa's pack of goodies and had sampled the contents.

The long days of winter passed slowly, but then came spring and the end of the school year was in sight. That meant the annual school picnic. The entire district was invited, whether they had children in school or not. Although it was the busy season of planting, most of the farmers took a few hours off for relaxing and visiting with their neighbors. Long boards were placed on saw horses. Each homemaker brought food, trying to outdo herself, with her favorite recipes-potato salad, baked beans, casseroles, or all sorts of desserts. The afternoon was spent visiting, card playing, games and contests. Chores time brought the festivity to an end to my first year of teaching.

The era of the one room schoolhouse is now a memory. But those memories are dear in the hearts of all who ever were a pupil or a teacher in such a school. The living style and all the modern technology in teaching and business has brought a great change from the one room school to more sophisticated methods of education.

But the education in the one room school had its merits. Younger pupils had a review of what to expect and the older ones had a review of what they had learned. There was more relaxed atmosphere. It was like one big family. Teachers and pupil had respect for one another. I wouldn't exchange my teaching days of 60 years ago with those of today's teachers.

In a interview with Anita she relates how she walked more than 5-1/2 miles round trip from her uncle's farm, August Panzer to the Wuthnow school every day except rainy or stormy days. Anita continues, "On those days Frank Panzer would drive me to school". However, except for the winter of 1936 when I stayed at the Rubin Sperger home.

Anita taught at the Wuthmow school f rom 1936-1941.

### Wuthnow School 1936-1937

Students

Left row: Adeline Meyer, David

Weinberger.

Center row: Donald Sperger, Henrietta

Sperger, and Rosemary Thurk

Right row: Charles Thurk and Clarice

Thurk.

Not present Alice Meyer Teacher: Anita Zahn



Photo: Courtesy Rosemary Sukowatey

#### THE GREAT DEPRESSION

"The Great Depression" was written by Angela Youngbeck as a High School assignment. The text is a combination of historical research and an interview with her grandfather. Senior citizens may recall those years of 1929 to 1936 as the era of national and natural turmoil. The national economic foundation collapsed, and the unnatural lack of rainfall throughout the United States in those 7 to 10 years added to the "The Great Depression"

'Devastating' is the only word that comes to mind when my grandfather thinks about The Great Depression. The Great Depression caused the worst economic crisis the United States has ever experienced. It started in October, 1929 and lasted until 1937. The Great Depression was the only time in history where one of every four Americans was unemployed. Prices of productive goods dropped to lower production costs. The depression affected everyone from the United States to Germany, unfortunately, the United States was affected the most. The most believed cause of the Great Depression was the Stock Market crash on October 29, 1929. In September 1929, a trend started that led to the crash of the stock market. From September to October the stocks continued to drop. Sadly enough on Tuesday, October 29, 1929 the stock market crashed. This was known as 'Black Tuesday' and was viewed as the start of the depression. The cause of the crash was that people had bought stocks on a narrow margin. When the stocks began to fall, the brokers could not pay back their loans. After the market crashed more and more banks started to fail because they could not pay the depositors. After the banks closed, people began to horde money in their mattresses and walls in their houses. When people started doing this, more and more people had to declare bankruptcy.

Another cause of the Great Depression was the severe drought that caused the dust bowls in the Midwest. In those years farm crops starved from needed moisture for crops to grow. The winds from the western states sucked up the dry earth high into the atmosphere and blew this brown earth dust eastward over the Midwest including Wisconsin reaching all the way to Washington, DC. For weeks and in the heat of the summer one could look at the sun with the naked eye and see a pale orange disc as densely fine particles of dust in the sky obscured the sun.

The Dust Bowl caused many farmers that lived in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, North and South Dakota to move to the cities. The farmers that dared to stay usually had to declare bankruptcy. The Great Depression affected city workers, farmers, miners, and all who lived in North America. Milk prices were the lowest in the history. My grandfather family farm milk check for the month of December of 1933 amounted to \$6.00 as Christmas was approaching. Produce sold below production costs. For an example, hogs were sold only for 5 cents a pound. Farmers raised their own food where their city counterpart stood in line for bread.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President March 4th, 1933 many useful programs such as the CCC, NRA, WPA and the New Deal were put in place. The New Deal included social and economic proposals to help the people. FDR started Welfare, Social Security, and repelled prohibition, which created jobs at breweries. The President also called for programs such as: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), The Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.), and The National Recovery Administration (N.R.A.) The CCC gave jobs for men to work in planting forests and draining swamps. The WPA gave jobs building highways and roads. The NRA worked at establishing minimum wages and codes of fair competition in every industry. FDR also made changes in our banking system. FDR declared "A Bank Holiday" and close the banks for two weeks or whatever it took for each bank to become financially secure. When the banks reopened FDR started a program called the 'Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation' (FDIC). The program protects depositors by insuring their bank accounts.

### **Foreclosures**

Grandfather's worst memory of the depression was when his father was threatened by a money loaner that he would foreclose on the family farm. Money had to be found from a privet source as banks would not lend money. That memory was all too real for him and many farmers were in the same situation and lost everything.

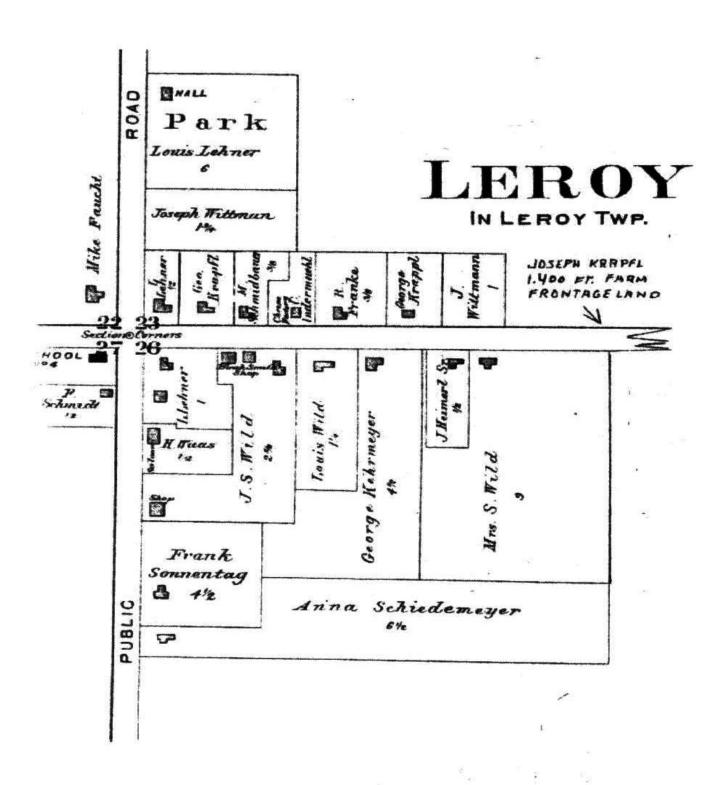
There were times the depression brought out the worst in people. It turned brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor, best friends into enemies because of the milk strikes in the early thirties. Milk income was far below production costs squeezing farmers into a financial bind. Milk strikes erupted throughout the country. Some farmers boldly grouped together and dumped their neighbors milk, hoping this action would bring a higher price. Not everyone could afford to follow this action as individual rights were violated.

### How did the Le Roy Farmers Cope with the Drought

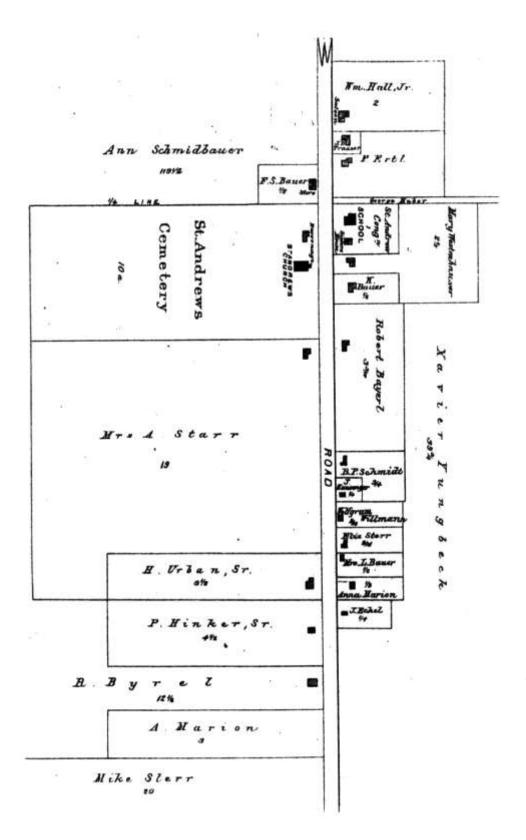
The farmers living near the perimeter of the Horicon marsh and from bordering towns moved their hay equipment to the lowland marsh for harvesting marsh hay. High land grasses for hay were virtually none existent. Marsh hay grew in abundance, however, it was not the best quality hay but it kept the animals alive. Some farmers stacked hay on the marsh harvest site for winter baling, either to be fed or to be sold. At this time the marsh was not controlled by the Federal Government.

In 1928 at the beginning of the drought the marsh grasses fires moved toward the Eddy Lehner farm and consumed the entire farm. The fire also burned down into the marsh peat, burning pot-holes deep enough to bury a horse. Some potholes burned all winter. The marsh fires usually burnt in the fall after the frost when grass was dry and brittle. Year after year during the drought season the marsh burned through the winter.

### WEST LE ROY VILLAGE 1910 NORTH

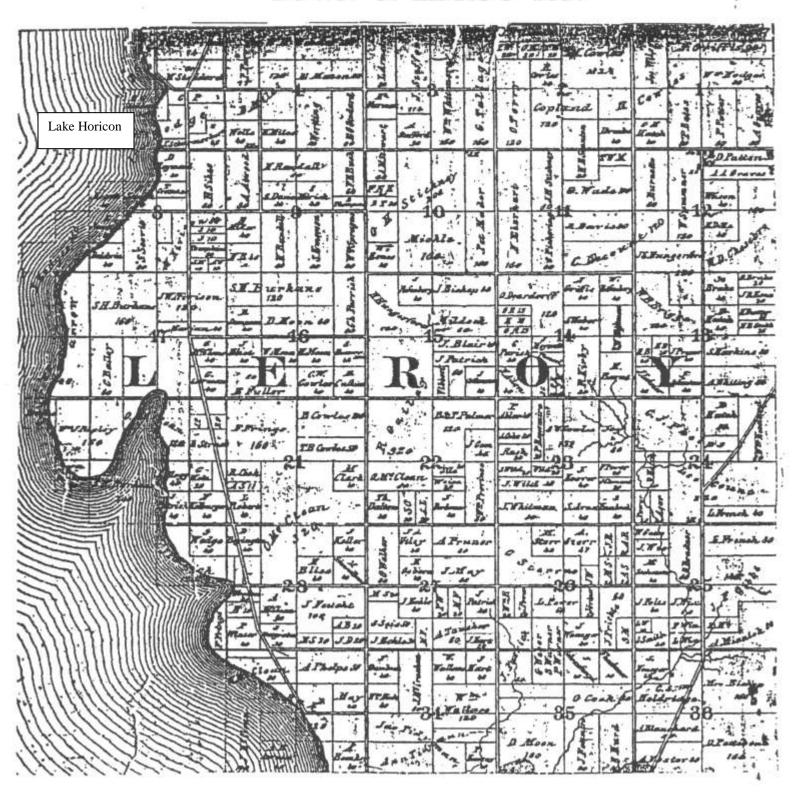


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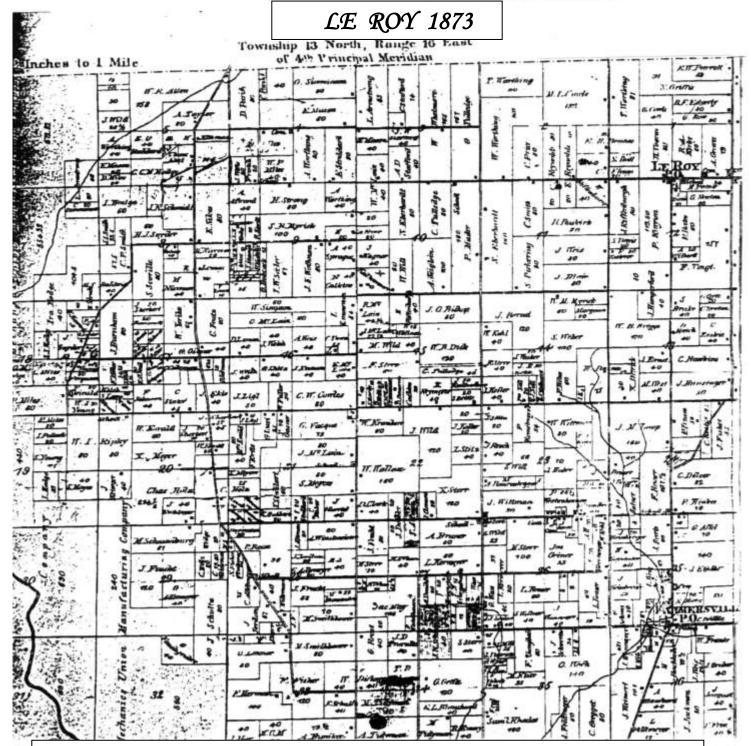
West side of East village TO KNOWLES 3 MILES

# TOWN of LEROY 1857



Above: Township of Le Roy first recorded surveyed Plat Map of 1857. The early agricultural developments were well established boarded on the eastern shores of Lake Horicon. We recall some of the names of former land owners from stories handed down from our parents and grandparents.

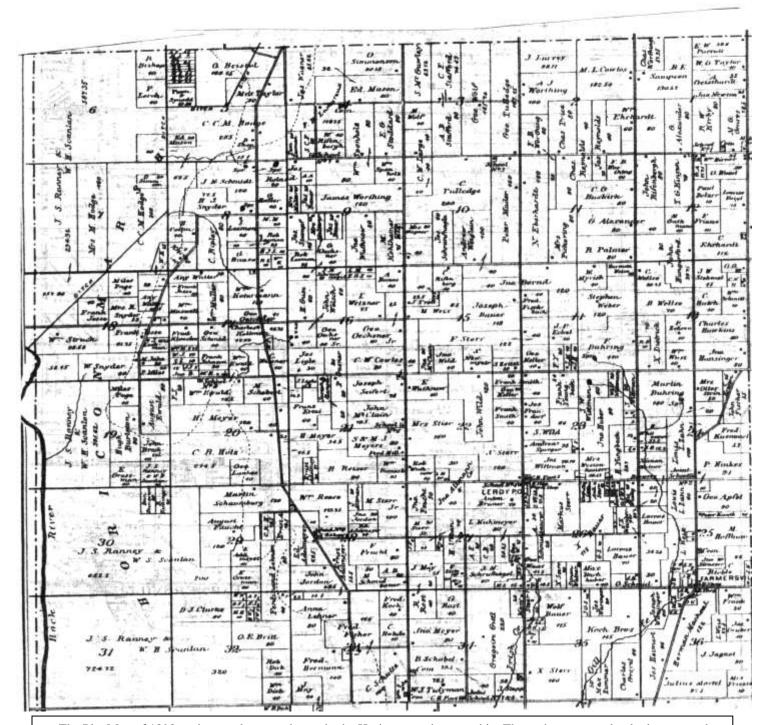
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- L. Lehner, Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, Sec. 26
- S. Starr, Proprietor Starr's Saw-mill, Sec 34.
- C. C. Hodge, Cheese Factory and Dairy, Sec.5



The above Le Roy map of 1873 illustrates the many changes that have taken place since 1857. In the following 16 years the marshland changed from Lake Horicon to industrial ownership. Two Post Office locations were established, the first at hwy. V, Farmersville, and later another 3 miles north at the former Marches corner at Hwy. 49 and V.

St Andrew's property may be identified as 'Cath Ch.' displays a ¼ inch square of map size in the north center area of section 26. On the upper right, a listing of business and service establishments that provider the needed materials and services for the expanding farming industry.

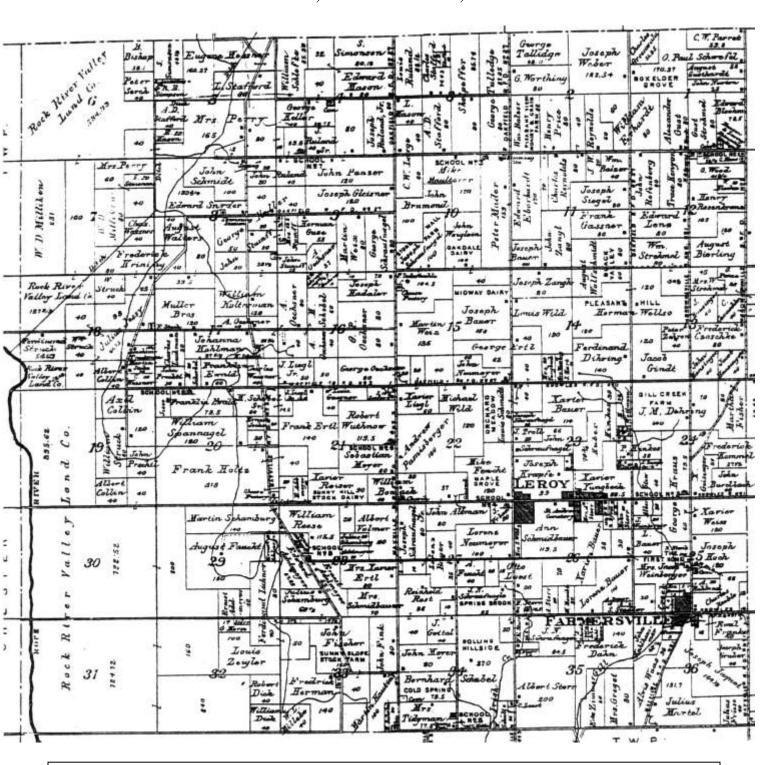
### TOWNSHIP OF LE ROY, 1890



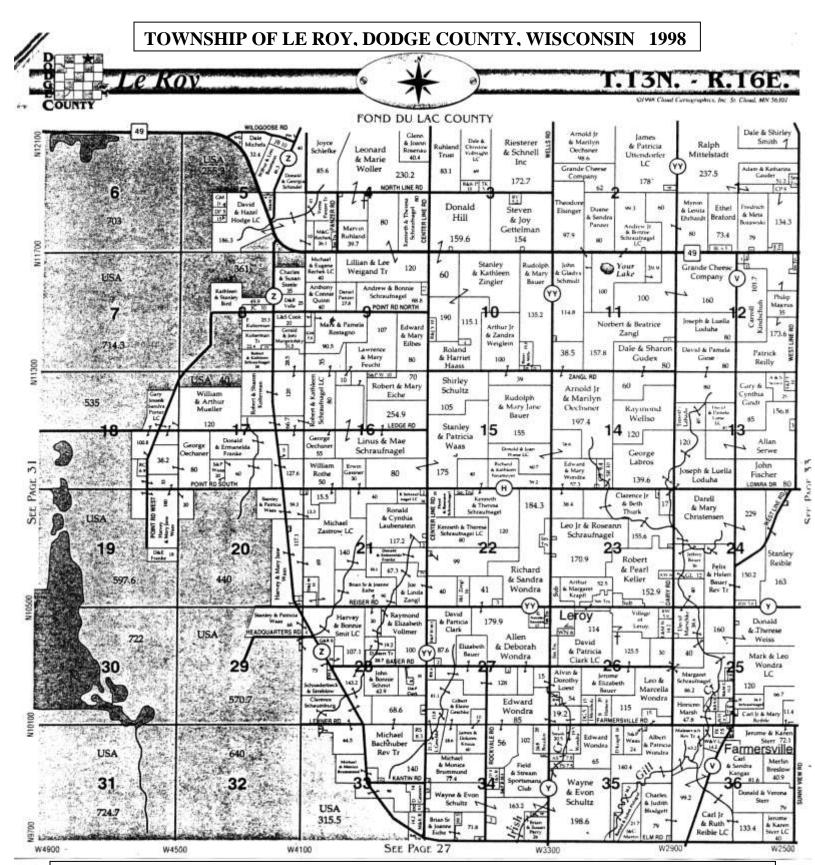
The Plat Map of 1890 again reveals some change in the Horicon marsh ownership. These changes are clearly documented in the Horicon Marsh Book written by Robert E. Gard and photograph by Edgar Mueller, published in 1972.

( **LEROY PO**) is now located in George Kehrmeyer residence in the west village of Le Roy where he served as Postmaster, Town Clerk, Notary Public, Realtor, Justice of the Peace and auctioneer. **Le Roy P.O**. was later located at the Louis Lehner General Store.

### TOWNSHIP OF LE ROY, DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN 1910



The early  $20^{th}$  century town Le Roy map illustrates the high number of family farms that were operational and expanding at this time in Le Roy history. The Rock River Valley Land Co. were the last to control the marshland before government buyout in the late 1930s.



Above: In the past 88 years, since 1910, the geographical map of Town Le Roy has changed dramatically. By the end of the 20th century, The National Fish and Wildlife Service controls 6,313 acres within the boundaries of town Le Roy.

Through the farmland preservation program, many new homes were then being built on nonproductive farm land. The once noticeable one room public schools and several rural cheese factories have vanished. The one remaining cheese factory operating in Le Roy 1999, the Grande Cheese processing plant which purchases the highest volume of milk from Le Roy farmers.

### Town of Le Roy Veterans Honor Roll 1999

Civil War

Hiram Voorus Jacob Altman Charles Gruber Xavier Hoeizl Leonard Kehrmeyer Michael Schmidt Andrew Sterr Wolfgang Wittman Michael Schraufnagel Charles Dreger Frank Jungbeck Ignaz Berglener Nicholas Weidig Gabriel Loy

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Manley Cowles

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#### **WAR OF 1812** J.H. Le Count

#### WORLD WAR I

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### ST. ANDREW'S PARISH HISTORY CONTINUED FROM 1999

The following pages were not included in the 150 year history book published in 1999. This is information and activities that took place after the book was published. They were written and provided by Leonard Schraufnagel

On July 1, 1998 Father Charles Wester was assigned to St. Andrew's parish, Le Roy as the 25th pastor since the founding of St. Andrew's (April 23,1849)

Like his predecessors, Father Charlie carried on the mission of our faith through Christian education and celebrating the liturgy. However, pastoral responsibilities and time constraints out weight those of the earlier church since two parishes are now shepherded with one pastor. These responsibilities were accomplished to the fullest degree.

Other major concerns focus on the ever demanding structural upkeep of parish property. These challenges were met with prayerful study shared with council members.

The first major project was scheduled soon after the turn of the twenty first century called for black



Right" Year 2000 .Grading and black-topping by Poboky Construction. .Estimated cost Approximately, \$60.000

twenty first century, called for blacktopping the parking lot and cemetery road.

### Stained Glass Windows

Maintenance with Stained Glass Windows were of highest concern from year to year. The stained glass windows in St. Andrew's church are very special in terms of beauty, craftsmanship, architectural design, and the ever changing combination of color in tune with daylight hours. The decorative windows commemorate the religious, historical, cultural, and the generosity of those who made economic sacrifices in donating the cost of the windows in the early years after the completion of the church building.

In 1997 the fore- man working with the Conrad Schmitt Co. ask members of the building and grounds committee to inspect the windows while the scaffolding was still in place as the higher stained glass pieces had shown advanced departure from the lead came and buckling in the lower part of the windows have become more evident, Not only were the stained glass panels pulling apart, but the 90 year old wood tracery showed excessive deterioration from the elements. In light of compounded problems, the committee was faced with complete restoration of stained glass releading and in addition, the building of new tracery.

The concern of the building and grounds committee was the preserve the irreplaceable windows on a No. 1 priority bases, and a restoration program was formulated.

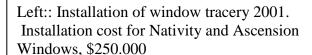
Vendors consulted were Thomas Blochwitz of VerHalen Company and the Pella Window firm of Madison and Dean Stewart of Green Bay. Gilbert Decker of Decker Studios of Winona, Minn, Merle Glasser of Wausau, WI. and Robert Kirshling Studios of Green Bay, WI.

Once again, The Conrad Studios Inc. of New Berlin were the only vendors that offered to restore the stained glass windows and also build new traceries for St. Andrew's church. The other vendors were only interested in stained glass restoration.

The option of wood as opposed to aluminum tracery was discussed. The committee called on Wausau Aluminum Windows and met Les Raboin. It was pointed out that if St. Andrew's was interested in aluminum fabrication of tracery, some precious stained glass would have to be compromised resulting in a loss of its original beauty and integrity.

Further more, the cost to fabricate dies to produce extruded aluminum tracery was beyond St. Andrew's budget.







Right: Workmen installing Rose Window tracery

in 2003. In addition, the one-half round windows above the center entrance and bell tower entrance were also replaced with new tracery. However, the St. Andrew's window was releaded and the out side storm glass was replaced with tinted glass to enhance the color of the window for interior viewing .St. Andrew's window original tracery was retained. Extensive brick work needed in the lower part of window frame. The Rose window and St. Andrew were repaired in 2004 for a cost of \$90.00

Retirement was soon to come for Father Charlie in June 2005, however before Father's retirement a New Rodgers Trillium Organ was installed in St. Andrew's church. The Victorian Gothic church is now graced with an instrument of sound and beauty to enhance the worship experience. The \$50.000 instrument with multiple key board delivers music pleasing to human ears and especially when the organist has firm control of the volume control.

As we bid Father Charlie Wester a great retirement, the parish welcomed Father Tom Biersack July 2005 to shepherded St. Mary's and St. Andrew's parish

St. Andrew's continued the weekly Mass schedule offered by retired Father Robert Berhammer. The school children attended Mass every Friday on a regular schedule. The children's Friday attendance of was always special for the seniors, as a reminder of our youth in parochial school, and at that time, when we attended Mass daily.

In 2007 the window trim on the exterior of the church was painted including the bell

tower lovers.

In addition, Tuck pointing, Seal Coating, Shingles replaced, and Capping completed.

### Parish Maintenance

Since St. Andrew's parish depended on volunteer maintenance in terms minimal repair work such as bulb replacement or clock timer adjustments, etc. however, a heavier job description called for some agreement between the provider of service and parish council,

Starting in the year 2000 Leonard Schraufnagel retired from all volunteer maintenance; Michael Vollmer carried on for several years assisted by Kenneth Bauer. In time, Gerry Weinberger undertook church and school maintenance for several years followed by new parish member Kenneth Kunstmann. Kenneth also entered into the service as a member of The Buildings and Grounds Committee.



In the Spring of 2009 several issues of special maintenance had to be addressed. St. Andrew's church was painted in 1997 by The Conrad Schmitt Studios of New Berlin. However, during the past12 years a noticeable amount of soot had accumulated above the radiators showing shades of black and gray. Once again, volunteer Joan Collien, Joan Nitchke, Ruth and Gerry Gassner, Lavern Hinkes and Stella Bauer cleaned the church walls and provided the church with a new refreshed appearance.

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New parking lot

Former School Playground

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St. Andrew's Congregation and the Le Roy Athletic Club."

### **Exterior Wall Restoration**

The annoying leakage of rainwater showing discolored shades of paint below the two large interior windows called for professional analyses in the Spring of 2009.

On April 16, 2009 the Conrad Schmitt personnel performed a series of water tests on the installed window assemblies on the east, north, and west elevation of St. Andrew's church. The purpose of the water testing was to determine the sources of recurring leakage to the building interior. In general, the observation that were made called for immediate repairs in an effort to stop the recurring water entry to the building interior.

The multiple detailed page study with recommended steps and photos called for bids of reputable Building Restoration Contractors. Holton Brothers Inc. was awarded the contract to perform this specialized restoration project.



Repair in progress. November 2009



Volunteer service brought about the replacement of the handicap ramp early in the Summer of 2009. Men and friends of the parish removed and replaced the attractive and sturdy ramp including a new entranced door.

As we look back a few years, perhaps 2004-2005, a strong straight wind took down some of the largest trees in the school playground area. This too was corrected in short order as down trees were soon cut up and new trees planted.

As the school year closed, in the Spring of 2009 it was decided that all children attending St. Andrew's would enter St. Mary's school beginning the Fall session. In light this change, playground equipment at the St. Andrew's was deemed a liability as supervision was no longer available.

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St .Andrew's The Apostle Catholic Church, Le Roy, Wisconsin was awarded a place on the State Register of Historic Places during a meeting of the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Board held at Eau Claire on October 23, 2009

