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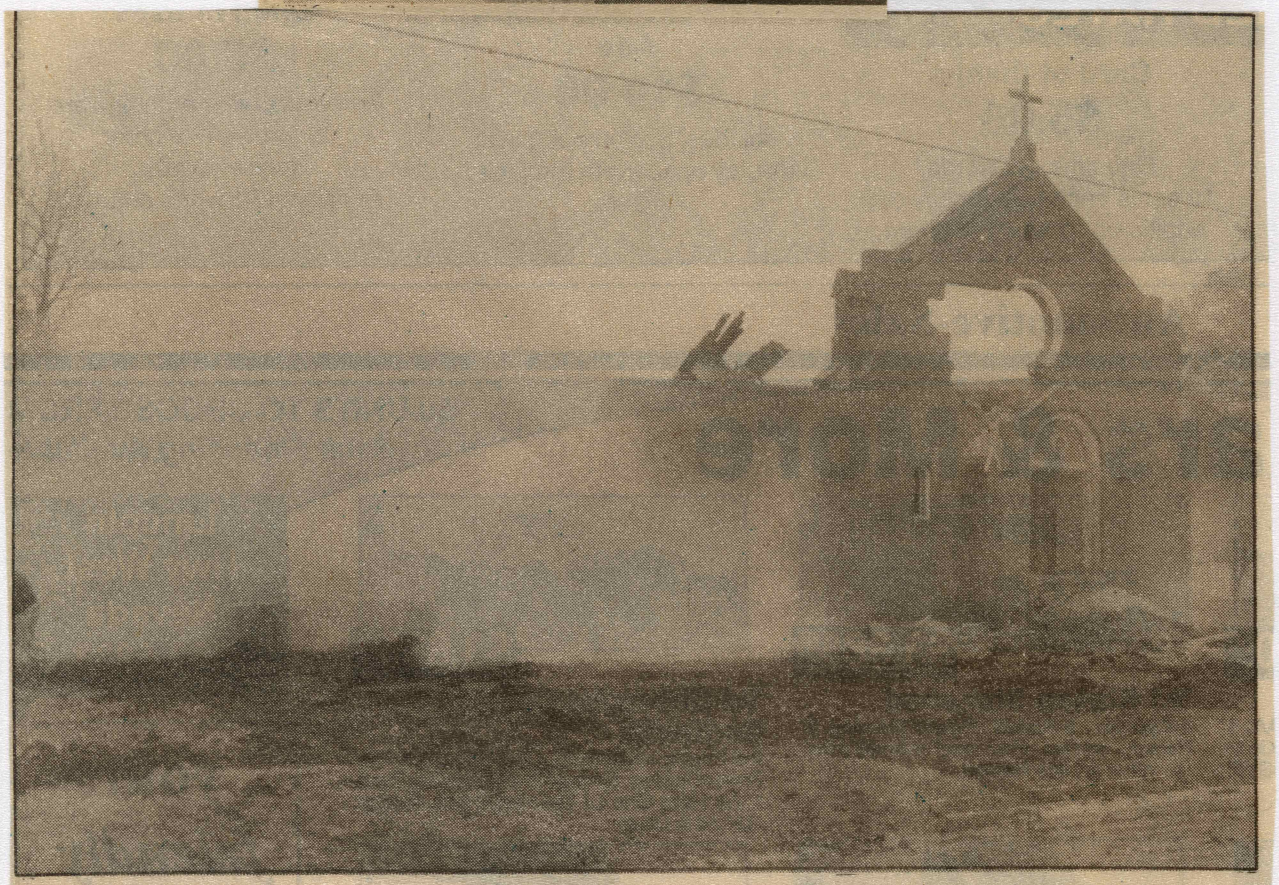

And the walls came tumbling down

St. Joseph's Catholic Church came tumbling to the ground last week as Schoppe Construction of State Center worked to remove the church which was built in 1930. After the site is cleared, work will begin to prepare the area for the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

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Contract let for Catholic Church Edifice
New structure will be of face brick with Bedford stone trim
May 14, 1931 ***State Center Enterprise***

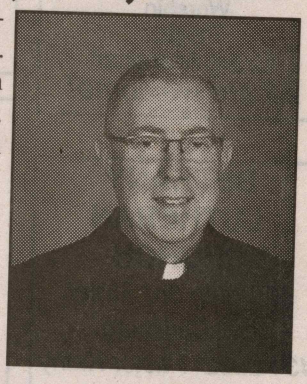
The general contract for the rebuilding of St. Joseph Catholic Church in this city was awarded Tuesday afternoon at a cost of $8800. This includes the building complete above the footings and the foundation.

The new church will be Romanesque in style. The exterior finish will be of face brick, trimmed with Bedford stone, and backed with tile. The cost of rebuilding the church, completely equipped, including wiring, heating, altars and pews will be approximately $13,000.

Rev. Rick Dean Dagit, 69, Colo

Rev. Rick Dean Dagit of Colo, Iowa formerly of Williams, Iowa passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2023 in Colo, Iowa. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Williams with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family received friends following services at the cemetery back at the church. The service was live streamed on the Story Marshall Catholic Church Cluster Facebook page. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Surls Funeral Home in Williams.

Rick was born on May 8, 1954 to Lowell and Colleen (Doyle) Dagit in Iowa Falls, Iowa. He was a graduate of Northeast Hamilton High School of Blairsburg, Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, of which he was the valedictorian of his class, Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. He was ordained into the Priesthood on May 24, 1986 by Archbishop Daniel Kucera in Dubuque. Fr. Dagit celebrated his first Mass on May 26, 1986 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Williams, Iowa. Father Dagit served in the parishes of St. Joseph Parish in Dubuque, Iowa; Holy Ghost Parish in Dubuque, Iowa; St. Mary Parish in Eldora, Iowa; St. Mary Parish in Ackley, Iowa; St. Joseph Parish in Raymond, Iowa; Immaculate Conception Parish, Gilbertville, Iowa; Sacred Heart Parish in St. Anthony, Iowa; St. Mary Parish in Colo, Iowa; Saint Peter and Paul Parish, in Gilbert, Iowa; St. Patrick Parish, in Nevada, Iowa; St. Joseph Parish, in State Center, Iowa and St. Gabriel Parish, in Zearing, Iowa.



Rick is survived by his Mother Colleen Dagit of Williams, Brother Randy Dagit of Williams, and Brother Rodney Dagit of Williams, Aunt Phyllis Olson, Aunt Eileen Dagit, Aunt and Uncle Russell and Elsie Miller, several cousins, and all the members of his parishes he has served throughout the years he considered his family.

Rick was preceded in death by his Father Lowell Dagit, Grandparents Raymond and Alma Dagit, Leslie and Lila Doyle and several Aunts and Uncles.

Tribute to Father Dagit

by Jeff Barry

Sadly, and suddenly, our cherished St. Joseph's priest, Rick Dagit, passed away on September 14. Besides St. Joseph's, Father Dagit was the priest for the central Iowa cluster of Catholic churches, which includes Colo, Nevada, Zearing, and St. Anthony - until that church's tragic fire. He was ordained into Priesthood in 1986 at his hometown church, St. Mary's, in Williams, IA. His funeral was held in that same church on Wednesday, September 27. To show the respect for Father, there were nearly thirty priests present, as well as a packed church.

We were fortunate to have Father Dagit as our priest for nineteen years. He had a tough act to follow when Father Jon Seda left to be a priest at Ames, but it did not take long for us Catholics to grow quite fond of our new priest. Usually, after seven years, a priest is reassigned, but for whatever reason, Father Dagit was able to stay with our cluster for many more years, and we were very thankful. He joked it was because he was old - and no other church wanted him!

As a longtime Catholic, I have obviously attended many Masses with a variety of priests. One of my favorites was Father Shoeman, for whom I served Mass in my teen years as an altar boy. We had an 8:30 Mass at our St. Anne's church in Pisgah, and often my mom would invite Father out for her wonderful fried chicken and mashed potatoes dinner. After we ate, the 6'5" priest would play basketball with my brothers and me out on our driveway. He was just like one of the boys and was a good basketball player, too! We also had an Irish priest, Father John O'Conner, when I was very young who was shared with Magnolia. In those days, the priest faced the altar with his back to the parish and preached the Mass in Latin. As you can imagine, I dreaded going to church! Through the years, I have encountered some priests who preached way too long, sometimes before Mass, during, and after. On the other hand, there was a priest back home who would do a Mass in record time, as in less than thirty minutes. It was hard to get much out of his sermons.

In my opinion, Father Dagit was in a league of his own. When he gave a homily, he told a story. He had a knack for "setting the hook", much like a good writer does, stirring a person's interest before getting to the point of his sermon. Then, he could conclude his sermons relating back to the beginning. He could add his subtle humor here and there, too, and he would never talk too long. If his sermon was for a first communion or wedding or funeral, Father could add a personal touch with grace and dignity. No matter the occasion, Father's sermons were short and succinct.

I felt honored that Father Dagit was a dedicated reader of my articles in the paper. He would often bring up things I wrote while we would be waiting before Mass when I was going to be a lector. One time he even mentioned an article during a sermon about graduations. If he wasn't feeling the best before Mass, I would joke with him that I could cover for him giving the sermon. He would grin and say, "You'd probably do a better job than me!" I knew better than that!

At this point in time, we are not sure who will be our new cluster priest. With the ongoing shortage of priests, we worry if we will even get one. That would be very sad if true. My hope is our new Guardian Angel will put in a good word with God and help take care of us, much like he did for many years as our cherished priest. Rest in Peace, Father Dagit...

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

STATE CENTER, IOWA

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(1870- 2020)

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

STATE CENTER, IOWA

This historical review is dedicated to the men, women, and children who attended and served the St. Joseph Catholic Church in State Center for the last 150 years. It is a memorial to their service.

The information for this production was obtained from the following sources: letters from the Archdiocese; church bulletins, 1993 church directory; pictures from the 1995 Quasquicentennial directory; State Center Enterprise; Rev. Rick Dagit; my husband Harlan who served as Director under four priests and has been in the parish longer than any one else since his baptism; my personal photos and diary; Lisa Hemaseth; Mara Edler; Nancy Figgins; Arnold Klaas; Stacie Schaper and all who were willing to be photographed.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH!

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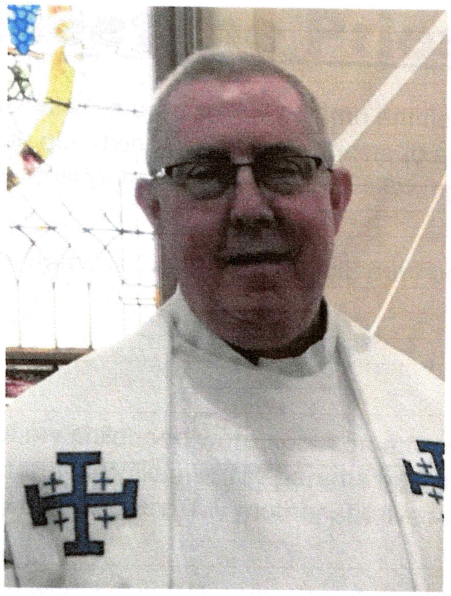
JEANETTE STALZER KLOPPENBORG

2021

A Message from Rev. Rick D. Dagit



When I became pastor of St. Joseph Parish back in July 2004, I could not help but be impressed by Saint Joseph Church. The worship space has a simple beauty about it. The arrangement of altar and pews makes celebrating the Mass a pure joy. The social hall is spacious and very functional. And there are no steps in the church building. I have often thought that if any parish is looking to build a new church, they must first come and see our St. Joseph Church, because it was designed and built so well.

Even though the bricks and mortar provide a beautiful church, I have seen the real beauty of St. Joseph Church, the living stones, who are you the parishioners! You are part of a long line of parishioners who over the course of 150 years have made Jesus known and loved by the way they and you witness to His presence in the world. When I think of all the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish from the beginning of the parish right up until today, I think of St. Paul's words to the Ephesians:

"You form a building which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit." (Ephesians 2: 20-22)

May we continue to be the "living stones" of St. Joseph Church by going forth each day to share the Good News!

Father Rick Dagit

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Meet the Priest

In November, 2020, the bulletin featured a new column entitled "Meet Your Priest." The Archdiocese provided some questions and invited priests to answer in order to enable parishioners to get to know their priest a little better. Following are Fr. Dagit's responses.

What is your name?
Is this a trick question? My name is Father Rick Dagit, but I bet you already knew that.

When were you born?
May 8, 1954

Where did you grow up?
The first nine or so years of my childhood were spent on a farm east of Ellsworth, Iowa. We then moved to a farm north of Williams. My parents built a new home in the town of Williams and we eventually moved there. My mother still lives there.

How many are in your family?
I have two younger brothers who live in Williams. Randy and Rod farm, have a cleaning service, provide lawn care/snow removal, and generally look after the needs of so many in that community. They truly show their love for God by the way they love their neighbor. I have always thought that they would have made great priests.

What was your favorite subject in school?
My favorite subject was English and for a long time I wanted to be an English teacher.

Any interesting experiences you can share about your childhood or youth?
When I was a senior in high school, I was a member of the cast of the all-school play. It was a comedy called "See How They Run." Believe it or not, my part was that of a minister. I borrowed a black clergy shirt and white Roman collar from the parish priest so that I would look the part for the role. The play was a lot of fun and a great success. When it was over, I happily returned the clerical garb to the parish priest thinking that wearing it was fun for the play, but I will never, ever be wearing anything like that again. Well, I found out that God is full of surprises. Dear young people, never rule out the possibility of serving God as a priest, brother, or sister. You might not think it is in your future. I didn't either. But please remain open to the possibility. It is a great life!

How long have you been a priest?
I have been a priest for 34 years. I was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1986

What is your vocation story?
I give much credit and gratitude to my Aunt Eileen. She would often suggest that I think about the priesthood and I know that she prayed for me. But the best thing that she did for me was to get me involved in parish life, which helped me to discern a vocation to the priesthood. Aunt Eileen was the DRE in my home parish, St. Mary in Williams, and when she needed more catechists, she asked me to take a class of third graders. I reluctantly said yes and I ended up loving it. Aunt Eileen put together the weekly bulletin, so she assigned the liturgical ministers for Sunday Masses. She needed more lectors, so she

Meet the Priest continued:

asked me to proclaim the word at Mass. I reluctantly said yes and I ended up loving it. I had no idea at the time that getting more involved with parish life was providing me opportunity to discern a priestly vocation. It was during my college years when I was preparing to become an English teacher that I began to have thoughts of the priesthood. Those thoughts persisted to the point that I knew I needed to take a closer look at the possibility of a priestly vocation. I enrolled at Loras College in Dubuque which had and still has a seminary program. From there I began my journey on the road to the holy priesthood. Like my Aunt Eileen, we must take notice of the great young people in our midst and when we see qualities within them that would make for a good priest, brother, or sister, tell them about those good qualities we see in them, invite them to share their gifts with the parish, and ask them to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

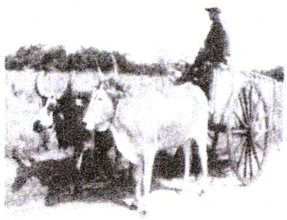
What is the best part about being a priest?
I love celebrating the Holy Mass and preaching the Word of God at Mass. I have heard people say who labor at their jobs all week that they live for the weekends when they can be free of their work and do something different or do nothing at all. As a priest, I also live for the weekends because it is on the weekends that I get to see all of you and celebrate the Mass with you.

What is the most challenging part about being a priest?
Sometimes when a parishioner is very ill or has lost a loved one through death or is going through a hard time, I feel so inadequate. I want to do more to help them and take away their pain or difficulty. But many times there doesn't seem to be much that I can do. And then I realize that the most important thing I can do, and as pastor the one thing I am called especially to do for parishioners, is to pray for them. It is a privilege and a sacred duty to pray for others, especially those going through difficult times. And that is something that all of us can do. Even though we would like to do more, may we never forget to hold others up to the light of the Lord in prayer.

St. Joseph's Table

Celebrating a Year of St. Joseph and 150 years of St. Joseph Church history, Entry #2

A snippet of St. Joseph Church history: In 1864, a French priest from Des Moines came to State Center and began holding services in a private home. This was the only religious service Catholics in the area had for 6 years. Traveling to Marshalltown with a team of oxen was the only other option for celebrating Mass. By the way, a team of oxen travels about 3 miles per hour. At that rate, it would have taken over four hours to get to Marshalltown! That's one way! Today, we can be at St. Francis in about 25 minutes by car.

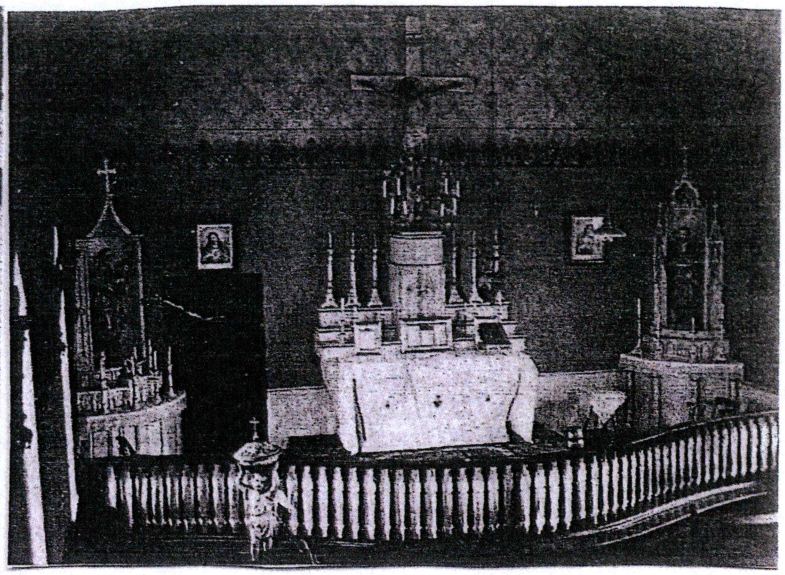


St. Joseph's Table

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph and 150 Years of St. Joseph Church history, Entry #5

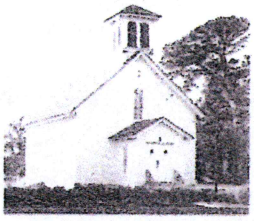
In the spring of 1870, Father William Walsh of Marshalltown came to State Center and solicited enough money to purchase two lots in the SW part of town In July 1870, Father Peter Brommenschenkel came to State Center and took charge of building the church. He also secured a cemetery. The congregation consisted of about 25 families. Mass was celebrated one Sunday a month Today, St. Joseph Church has 125 registered families and enjoys a Mass celebration every Saturday afternoon. Oh, how, we've grown in the past 150 years!

The Past. . .

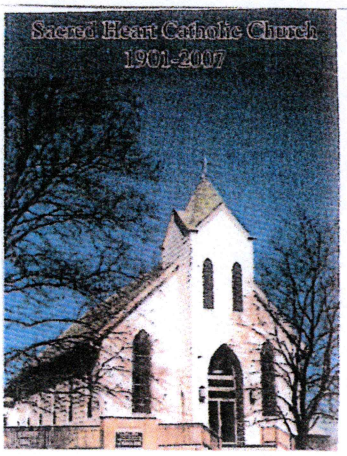


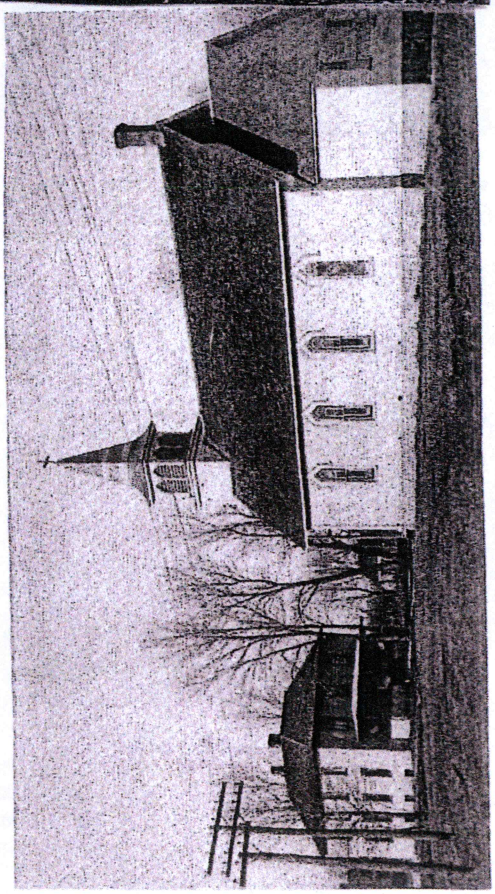
State Center, Iowa

St. Joseph's Church



Rhodes, Iowa





The Priests of St. Joseph

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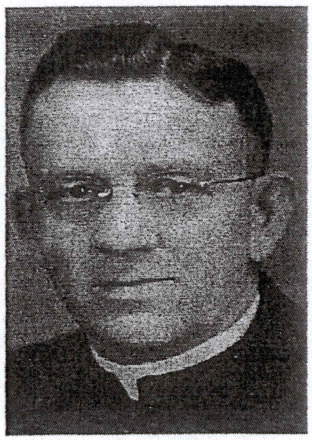
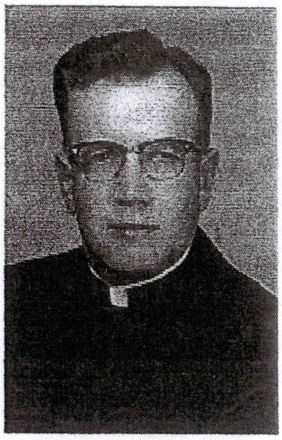
1915-1923



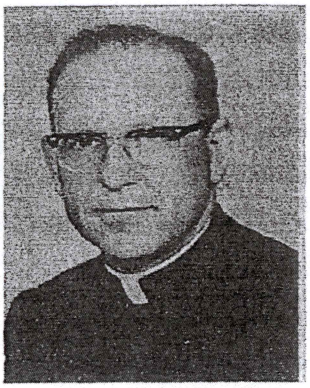
J. J. Buzynski
1928-1934

Louis V. McDonough
1934-1944



Gerald V. Steiert
1945-1950

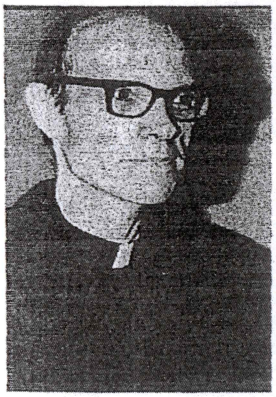
Ronald J. Axen
1950 - 1956



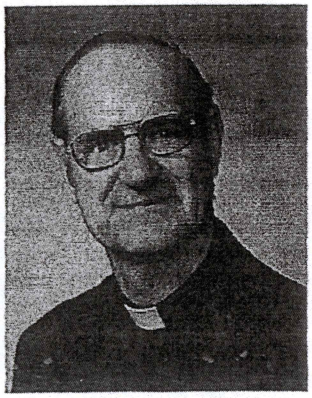
Francis D. Heimerman
1956-1966

Matthew F. Beelner
1966-1969

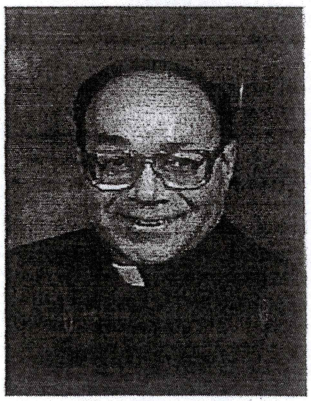
Herbert L. Tegeler
1969-1973



Thomas W. Purtell
1973-1977



Claude B. Norton
1977-1992



Ronald G. Friedell
1992 - 1998

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B.A. Schulte
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James McKeegan
Patrick J. Loughnam
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Patrick J. Flynn
Patrick Connolly
Hugh R. Roney
Mathias Manternach
D.M. O'Leary
Francis L. Wolfe
Arthur J. Tobin

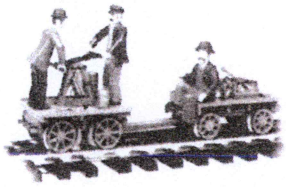
Jon Seda

May, 2008

Father Jon Seda is leading a pretty hectic life. The Catholic Priest has been called to lead five area churches into a cluster. The communities of St. Anthony, Zearing, Nevada, Colo and State Center are involved. He says he enjoys the new challenges of raising the spirituality in each of the churches.

Joseph's Table

Celebrating a Year of St. Joseph and 150 Years of St. Joseph Church history, Entry #9



Father Frederick J. Brune came to State Center in 1884 and lived in the area for a short time. In 1886, he took up residence in Haverhill and served Rhodes, State Center, Colo, and Gilbert. Interesting that inclusion of Gilbert in the "Cluster" of parishes is not a new idea! State Center – or Centre Station as it was known in those days, served as the midpoint of the first railroad across the state of Iowa. The railroad allowed Fr. Brune the "luxury" of making some of his rounds via train or handcar.

St. Joseph's Church, State Center, Established in 1870

First Building Erected in 1870—Destroyed by Fire in 1930.

The new St. Joseph's Catholic church of State Center, of which Rev. J. J. Buzynski is pastor, was dedicated Wednesday, with the consecration by Archbishop Francis Joseph Beckman, of Dubuque, and the dedicatory mass being read by Rev. Bernard White, of Ames.

The first church in State Center was erected in 1870 and after serving the parish for sixty years was destroyed by fire Oct. 27, 1930. The new church which replaced it and which was dedicated Wednesday, was built at a cost of $9,800. The edifice furnished represents an investment of approximately $13,000.

The new church stands on the site of the old, in the southwestern part of State Center. It is not large but it is of sufficient size to amply serve the community. It is simply but beautifully furnished and may be regarded as one of the best suited church homes in a community of the size in central Iowa.

Interesting History.

St. Joseph's church has had an interesting history thru its more than three score years. Prior to the erection of the first church the few Catholic families of State Center and community attended mass in the homes of Maurice Noonan and John Rohrer, which was said by Father T. Brummenschenkel, second pastor at St St. Mary's church, Marshalltown It is interesting now to know that at that particular time conditions were very similar to those of the present day and church funds were low. Patrick White, father of Ed White, of this city, paid the railroad fare for Father Brummenschenkel to reach State Center for the services.

Later Father Ports became pastor of the State Center church and served until 1880, when the late Archbishop Hennessey appointed Father B. A. Schulte as the first resident pastor in State Center, which at that time embraced Colo, the Dunn settlement, Haverhill and Rhodes.

Division of Parish.

Father Schulte remained until 1884, when he was succeeded by Father F. J. Brune, of Alton. Two years later Father Brune went to Haverhill, of which Rhodes was a mission until 1891. After that it became a mission of State Center.

Catholics of Rhodes attended mass at the home of Joseph Goodman until 1885, when a church was built by Father Murphy, who was appointed pastor at State Center.

Later pastors, in their order of service, in St. Joseph's parish, were Father McNamara, D. M. Gorman, the late Bishop of Boise, Idaho. Father McKeegan, Father Loughane, J. H. Friedman, J. Flynn, H. F. Roney, H. J. Lentz, M. J. Manternach and J. J. Buzynski.

Father Buzynski has been pastor at St. Joseph's for the last four years.

Former Sacred Heart, St. Anthony, parishioners have registered in the following cluster parishes. We welcome them and look forward to praying and serving the Lord with them. 4-27-2008

St. Joseph, State Center

Linda Baker	Dick and Mary Bartine
Anna Buffington	Krandall Buffington
Gerald and Graciela Burg	Roger Howe
John and Patricia Ferneau	Ralph Howe
Mark and Annette Dunn Family	
Chad and Valerie Jones Family	
Kathleen Jones	Paul and Ellen Jones
Richard and Deborah Jones	
Roger and Priscilla Kelber	
Patrick and Ruth Milder Family	
John and Linda Phillips Family	
Vernon and Caroline Phillips	
Pamela and Michael Schau	
Sharon and Steve Smith Family	

St. Gabriel, Zearing

Carlton and Theresa Karns	Doris Votruba
Karl and Linda Kurtz	John and Carol Ward
Larry and Teri Schoborg	
William and Hazel Yocum	

St. Patrick, Nevada

Larry and Barbara Howard

SUPPORT FROM NEIGHBORS — Father Rick Dagit, pastor, and Mary Bartine, chair of the parish council, stand in front of their church's smoldering remains, holding a picture of Our Lady of Good Remedy, which was presented to the members of Sacred Heart by a family from a neighboring parish after the prayer service. (Photos by Carl Kurtz)

Story-Marshall Catholic Cluster

Mass Times:

4:00 PM Saturdays at St. Joseph in State Center
8:30 AM Alternating Sundays for St. Mary, Colo and St. Gabriel, Zearing
10:30 A.M. St. Patrick in Nevada
Reconciliation: Each Saturday, 3:15-3:45 at St. Joseph's in State Center or by Appointment

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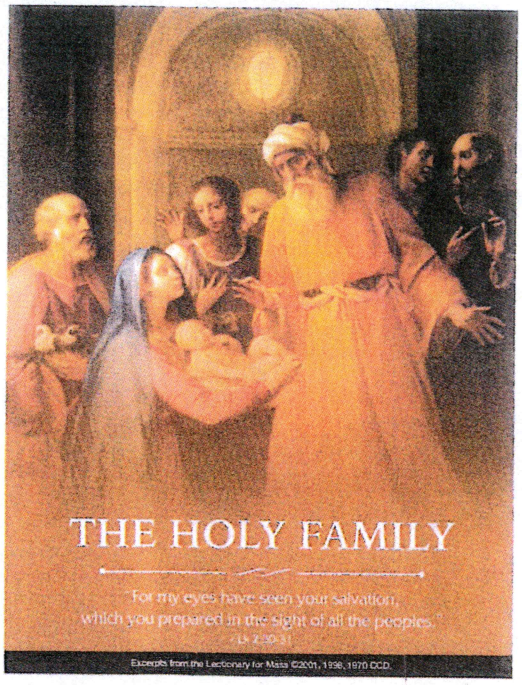

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HISTORY

In 1854 itinerant priests covered the frontier on horseback and mass was read in private homes by Father William Edmonds from Iowa City and Father Clement Lowery from Cedar Rapids and Father William Walsh (first pastor of Marshalltown). State Center was at the end of the run for the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad (now Chicago & Northwestern) in the early 1860's bringing Catholic employees, one of whom was Maurice Noonan whose home was used for mass. In 1863 the railroad purchased 80 acres to build a town (Center Station) as a shipping point and water stop, the roundhouse being located where the football field is today.

In the spring of 1870 Father Walsh purchased two lots in southwest State Center and raised money for a church. In July of 1870 Father Peter Brummenschenkel of Marshalltown began work on building a church which was built in 1871 with no pews and bare floors for Kneelers. The church parish included residents from Rhodes, Colo, and the Dunn Settlement. Bishop John J. Hennessy whose name is recorded on the lots today dedicated the church and confirmed the first confirmation class. In 1872 the parish was free of debt and land was then purchased for the cemetery.

From 1876-1879 Father P.J. Portz of Marshalltown was pastor until fall of 1879 when Father Bernard A. Schulte became the first resident priest who moved into the Kramer residence - property later donated by John Rohrer (grandfather of Mrs. Mary Helin and Mrs. Celine Hinsberger). Father Schulte also served Haverhill until they got a priest. In October, 1884 Father Frederick J. Brune became pastor and remained only a short time and then took up residency at Haverhill where he served State Center, Rhodes, Colo, and Gilbert which required mass to be celebrated only on week days in some parishes. From 1886 - 1893 Father Mathew Murphy and Father John McNanora lived in Nevada and served the parish.

Once again a resident priest was assigned with Father Daniel M. Gorman coming in June, 1893 and stayed until Father James McKeagen replaced him in 1894. At this time catechism class was held in a home and was taught by Mr. J. Mueller. In 1895 Father McKeagen had the first school erected and between 30 - 60 pupils were taught by the Franciscan Sisters of Dubuque. Father Patrick M. Loughname became pastor in 1896. In 1901 the school was closed and in 1904 Rhodes (then called Edenville) became a mission of State Center.

When Father John Friedmann became pastor in 1905 he proceeded to make the cemetery accessible by road. Other pastors succeeded him: Father Patrick J. Flynn; 1908 Father Patrick Connally: 1909 Hugh F. Roney.

Nicholas J. Lentz came in the fall of 1915 as pastor of his first parish. He made the school into a rectory. There were many converts during this time and the membership continued to grow when Father Mathias J. Manteinach became pastor in July of 1923 and during Father John J. Buznski's time as pastor from 1928 - 1934. Father Manteinach and Buznski renovated the church after which the church was destroyed by fire in October, 1930. Services continued to be held at the Methodist Church. On October, 1932 a new church was dedicated by Archbishop Francis J.L. Beckman.

In July, 1934 F. Louis V. McDonough became pastor. The stained glass windows were

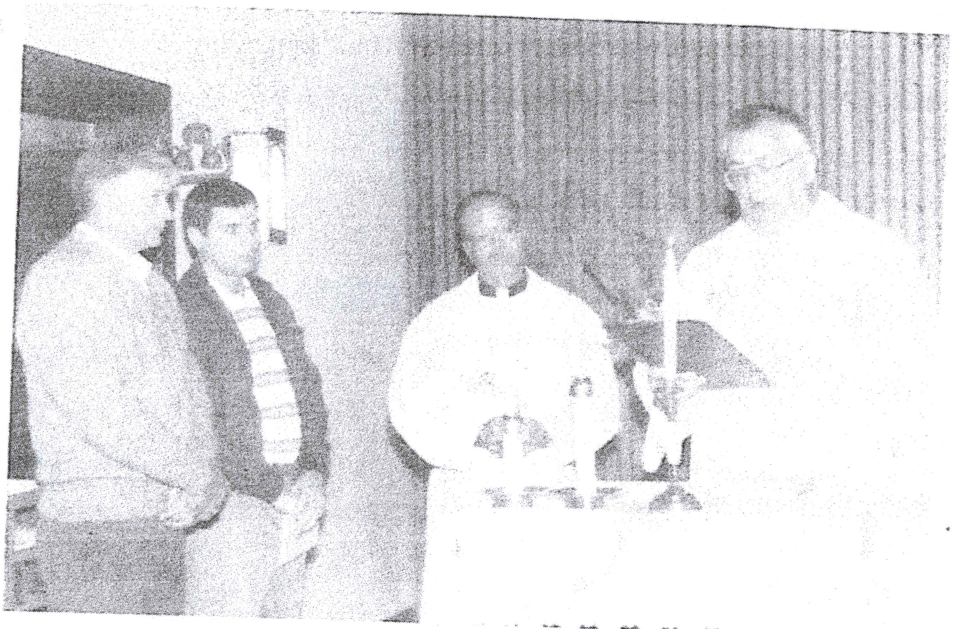
added to the church and spruce trees were planted around the cemeteries in State Center and Rhodes. In 1944 Father McDonough left to become a U.S. Navy Chaplin and temporary pastors had services until February of 1945 when Father Gerald Steiert was assigned to the parish. The parish debt was paid off and a one car garage was built. Father Ronald J. Axen succeeded him followed by Father Francis D. Heimerman in June of 1956. He purchased additional land so a new entrance from new highway 30 to the cemetery could be made and completed. In 1962 when Vatican Council changed the ruling on having the priest face the congregation the main altar was removed and the church redecorated. English replaced Latin in the mass.

Father Matthew F. Beelner became pastor August, 1966. He air-conditioned the church and rectory. He closed the Rhodes church which had been served since 1891. Also during that time the Methodists used the church while they remodeled. Father Herbert Tegler replaced Father Beelner in 1968 followed by Father Thomas Purtell in 1973.

Father Claude Norton was appointed pastor in 1977. A rectory with a religious education center in the basement was in 1977. A rectory with a religious education center in the basement was built debt free starting in June and ready for dedication by Archbishop Byrnes on December 13, 1981. Approximately one hundred students now attend religious education classes held there. On August 10, 1992 Father Norton retired at St. Raphael Villa in Dubuque and Father Ronald Friedell became pastor arriving August 12, 1992.

Acknowledgement: The history was taken from the St. Joseph Catholic Church 1993 Directory; some photos from Past, Present, and Future

FATHER RON FRIEDELL'S INSTALLATION



Directors: Harlan M. Kloppenborg, Ken Michels; Pastor Ron Friedell; Dean: Reverend Simington

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

State Center, Iowa

May 18, 1981 A letter to St. Joseph Church from Archbishop James Byrne and Vicar General Francis Dunn for authorization to spend $74,000.00 to construct a new rectory at St. Joseph's Church, State Center; and authorizing the Vice-President (Father Claude Norton) and the Secretary to sign the necessary documents to complete the transaction.

It may be converted to a C.C.D building if there is no resident pastor. Funds are solicited for construction since the amount available is insufficient. Each family should expected to contribute $400.

This is a long needed improvement and you are to be congratulated for your generous support of the project.

November 9. 1981 A letter was written to Most Reverend Byrne by Harlan M. Kloppenborg (Parish Council President and Building Committee Chairman) as follows: The building of the new rectory and C.C.D. classrooms at St. Joseph Catholic Church in State Center, Iowa will soon be completed. Father Norton is planning to move in by December 1, 1981. We would like to have you come to dedicate it at your earliest convenience. Please respond so that we can plan accordingly.

October 4, 1989 In a letter from the Archdiocesan Building Commission Financial Officer Rev. Robert Hogan reads as follows: Your concern centered on the future of St. Josephs as a parish, and whether that future would best be served by renovation or by new construction. First of all there are no plans to close St. Joseph. In discussions with the Personnel Advisory Board and the Dean of the Deanery, the concensus is that the State Center parish should be preserved, that it is the "hub" of the Haverhill, St. Anthony and Zearing complex of parishes. The possibility of sharing a pastor with another parish or of a merger with another parish is present in the not too distant future. Knowing you will continue to exist as a parish should help you on the local scene to make determinations regarding renovation or construction of a new facility.

January 15, 1991 Father Norton called the special meeting to "Get something down on the building plans" Alan Edler moved to send new church plans to Dubuque for review and fir their recommendations. Harlan Kloppenborg second the motion. The motion carried with three in favor and one against. Father Norton will send in the plans as soon as the two proxy votes are received.

May 21, 1991 Bishop Franklin sent a letter to Harlan Kloppenborg regarding guidelines Liturgical and Financial about church building or modification.

July 1, 1992 Father Claude retired..

August 12, 1992 Rev. Ron Friedell became the new pastor of St. Joseph.

February, 1993 Archdiocean Building Commission gives " O K " to plan for a new church building.

Saint Joseph's Church

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607 Third Street S. W.
STATE CENTER, IOWA 50247

October 1, 1994

Dear Parishioners,

Did you in your wildest dreams ever think you could be involved with building a church? I never gave it a thought until 1992. Saint Joseph Parish has been thinking about it for some time. What an opportunity – to build a House of God – a sign of God's dwelling among His people.

This edifice of Faith will stand as a sign of Faith through the next century. The year 1995 is the 125th birthday of St. Joseph's Parish. Too bad you don't have the project completed for this great event, yet the sesquicentennial gives us something to make our dreams come true. A new center of worship and social hall for the 21st century!

Our forebearers sacrificed greatly for what we have celebrated our life with God in Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion and Holy Matrimony. The challenge is ours to build for the future. I invite your generous participation as a sign of our faith-life.

Preliminary plans are included with this brochure.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Tom

Community Cupboard Crew says Thank You!

The Community Cupboard at St. Josephs Catholic Church in State Center continues to provide for those in need during these trying times. We have been prividing services since August, 2001.

There have been modifications implemented to assist with prevention of the pandemic virus. We can continue to serve because the West Marshall and surrounding community again is providing monetary donations. There are individuals, churches, the West Marshall school students, sororities, and other organizations with their on going support.

Meals are still provided and we also deliver in the area to those who need assistance.

We come to all again with profound gratitude and appreciation.

August, 1993 – Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg purchased the property with a house east of the church so the social hall of the new church could be built on the property after the demolition of the house which they later donated to the church.

October 1, 1995 – Paul Edler reported that the finance committee met Sunday, September 17. Presently $268,000 in cash is on hand. A group from St. Joseph presented preliminary plans to the Archdiocese Finance Committee. A letter has been received from Runde, Archdiocese Finance Officer. The preliminary plans have been approved. A proxy request is now needed which Father Ron has prepared and presented to the Council. ($268,000 cash is presently at the Archdiocese. The remainder is in State Center.) Marg Moothart made a motion to send the proxy letter as prepared and Paul Edler seconded. The motion was approved and the letter will be sent to the Archdiocese Financial Committee and Liturgical Committee. The nest meeting of the Finance Committee will be November 30. Paul will inquire whether the contractor can have the plans completed by then or if they will be presented in late January, early February planned meeting.

January 11, 1996 – Met with Schottler about pews.

February 29, 1996 – Met about the stained glass windows from the old church.

March 2, 1996 – Met with Ron Hersom building contractor.

May 1, 1996 Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg went to Roger Harrison's office to sign papers and pick up deed transferring house and lot at 603 3rd St. SW in State Center to St. Joseph Catholic Church in State Center, Iowa.

May 10, 1996 – Harlan Kloppenborg and Paul Edler took their backhoes to church to take down and haul away trees on the church property and newly acquired property assisted by Donald Edler, Doug Honeck, Dick Daters, Dennis Kloppenborg, and Rob De Witt (hired man of Paul @ Alan Edler.) Also removed the stone coping from the church used for 2 benches and a base for tombstones.

May 11.1996 – Harlan and Paul used their backhoes to tear out sidewalls of the church. Ken Michels helped load cement.

May 15, 1996 – Keith and Darrell Schoppe demolished St. Joseph Church today. Started at 9:30 A.M. and finished with the church and house at 2:30 P.M..

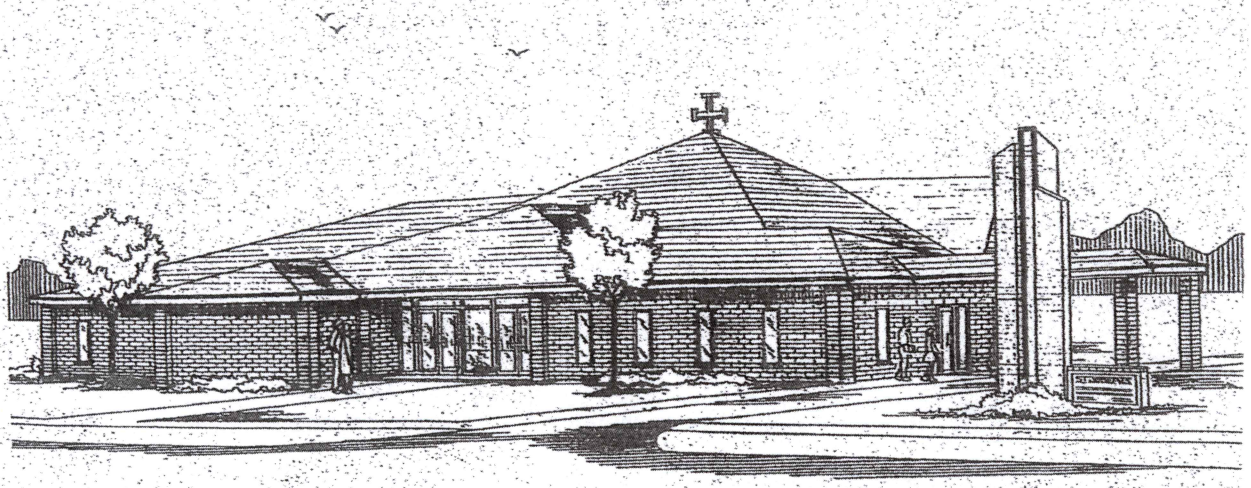
June 6, 1996 – Harlan Kloppenborg helped haul dirt from Jon Edler farm to St. Joseph Church lot where the church and house were. He hired Larry Karns to run his 8400 John Deere on the sheep foot to pack the ground.

June 14,1996 – Harlan Kloppenborg, Paul and Jeff Edler hauled dirt from Jon Edler farm. , Paul and Alan's hired man, Rob De Witt run Edler Bros. backhoe at Jon Edlers. Finished hauling today.

June 18, 1996 – Building meeting to decide what pews to order.

July 15, 1996 – Ron Hersom (building contractor from Laurens, Iowa) came to lay out the new St. Joseph Church.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
State Center, Iowa



C. I. Hersom Construction Company, Inc.
Laurens, Iowa

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Construction Bid per plan dated 8-11-94

Brick exterior, seating capacity of 245, 9,000 sq. ft., brick behind altar, carpet, cabinets. Nave area to receive exposed wood laminated beams with plastered ceiling, Lennox Pulse heating and air conditioning units.

Base Bid	$453,780
Brick in lieu of plaster on Nave side walls	18,000
Demolition and removal of existing building	15,000
Parking area pavement – economy concrete	12,000
Sidewalks beyond landings	5,700
Carport	9,200
Rework stained glass	1,000
Sound system	10,000
Church furnishings – pews, sanctuary furniture	30,000
Seeding, sodding, landscaping	2,500
Building permit	150
Parish receipt taxation	49,500
Estimated Cost	$606,830

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C. I. Hersom
Construction Co., Inc.
Laurens, Iowa 50554 / 712-845-4584

September 14, 1994

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
State Center, Iowa

As per plan dated 8-11-94.

Exterior to be brick, with Indiana limestone trim stone, and pre-finished metal fascia and soffit panels.
Interior walls to be 2x6 frame with gypsum board and plaster. Brick on wall behind altar.
340# asphalt shingles on all roof area. All gutter and downspouts included.
Windows to be Pella clad wood casement with screens for operating sections. All glazing to be with thermopane units.
Floors to receive commercial carpet. Entry way area, kitchen, rest rooms to receive vinyl tile.
All interior millwork, and cabinets to be constructed of oak, including 1 3/4 solid core doors.
Exterior doors and entrances to be bronze aluminum and/or steel with closures and panic devices.
Nave area to receive exposed wood laminated beams with plastered ceilings. Balance of building to have fire rated acoustical ceiling set in 24 x 24 grid system.
Sidewalls to receive 1" insulation board with 6" fiberglass insulation R-23. Ceilings to receive fiberglass insulation R-30.
Includes all cabinets in kitchens, vanities, sacristy cabinets, and work room cabinets. Includes all folding partitions.
Restrooms to receive 48" ceramic tile wainscoat on walls.
Includes all heating and air conditioning using Lennox forced air pulse units.
Plumbing and electrical included with fixtures.

BASE BID $453,780.00

Items excluded:
1. Removal of existing buildings
2. Parking area pavements
3. Sidewalks beyond landings
4. Bell tower
5. Carport
6. Cabinets other than those shown

1936 50th 1986
Anniversary

Items excluded (continued)

7. Reworking of stained glass
8. Stained glass window
9. Sound system beyond conduit
10. Builder's Risk Insurance
11. Dining room furnishings - tables, chairs
12. Kitchen utensils and appliances
13. Church furniture - pews, sanctuary furniture, baptistry
14. Seeding, sodding, landscaping
15. Building permit

Alternate #1

Wood decking in Nave in lieu of plaster ceiling

ADD $12,780.00

Alternate #2

Brick in lieu of plaster on Nave side walls

ADD $18,000.00

Alternate #3

New sidewalks ADD $ 5,700.00

Alternate #4

Carport as shown on elevation including necessary paving ADD $ 9,200.00

Alternate #5

Delete fold door between Narthex and fellowship hall DEDUCT $ 4,500.00

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Ronald D. Hersom, President

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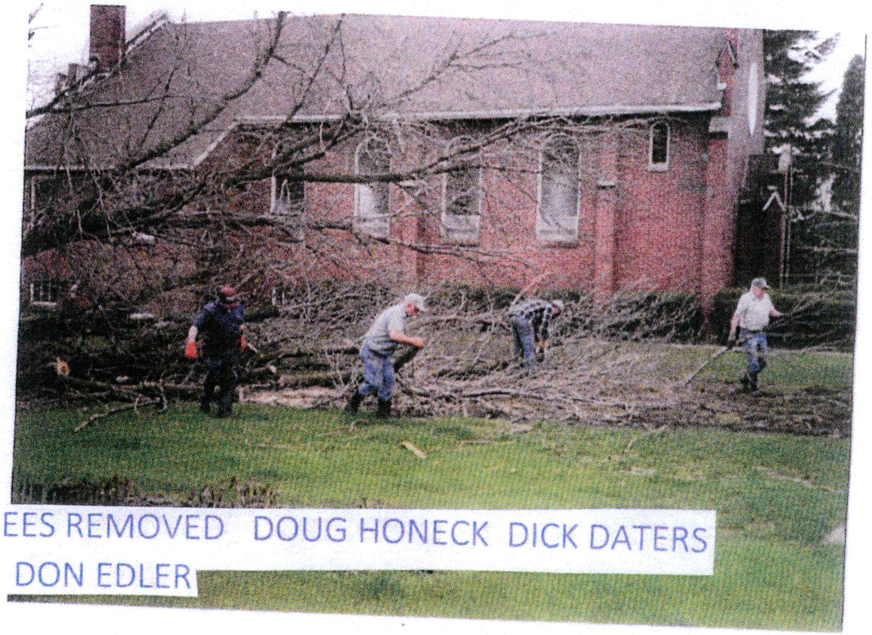

CLEANING UP FROM TREES REMOVED DOUG HONECK DICK DATERS
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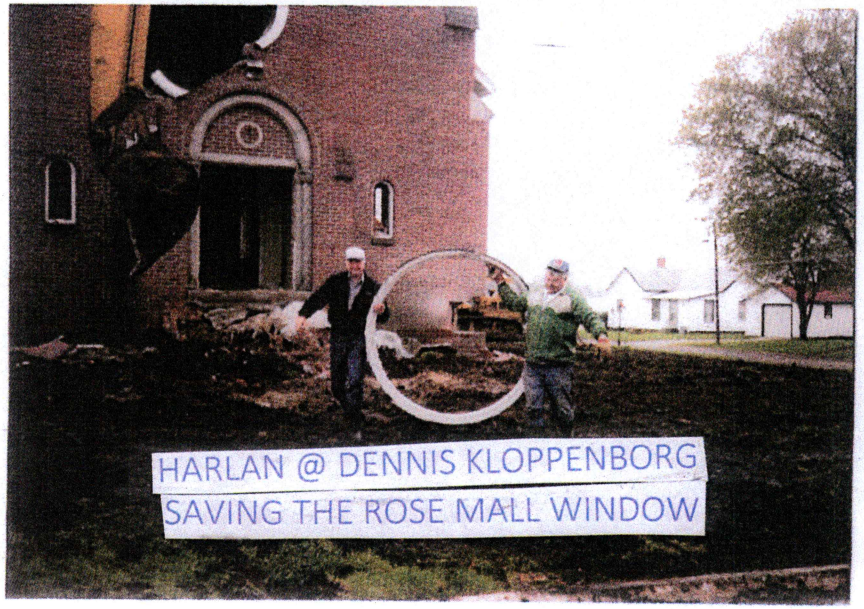
MOVING THE CHURCH SIGN

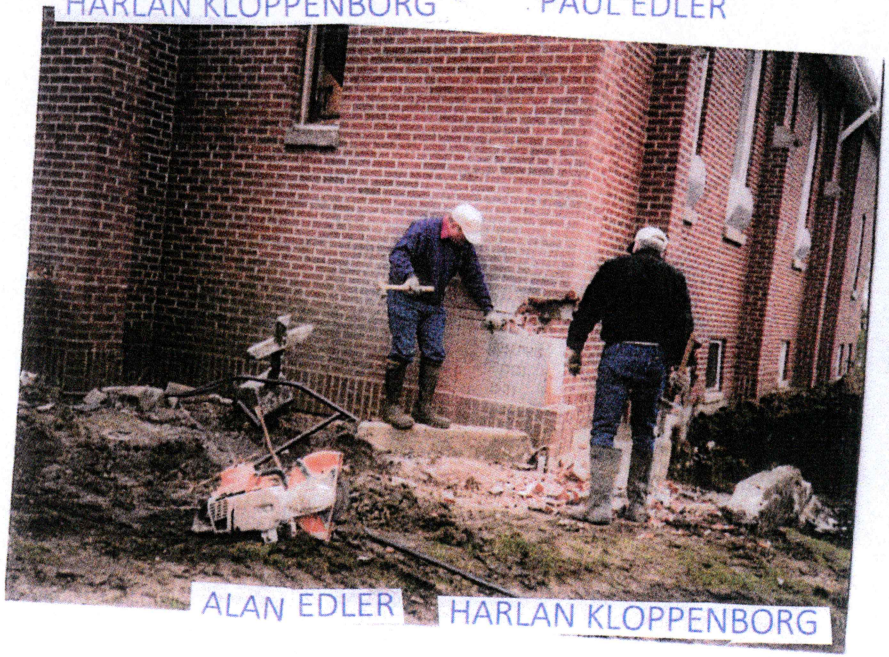


HARLAN @ DENNIS KLOPPENBORG
SAVING THE ROSE MALL WINDOW

TAKING OUT THE CORNER STONE

HARLAN KLOPPENBORG PAUL EDLER

PAUL EDLER HARLAN KLOPPENBORG ALAN EDLER



ALAN EDLER HARLAN KLOPPENBORG

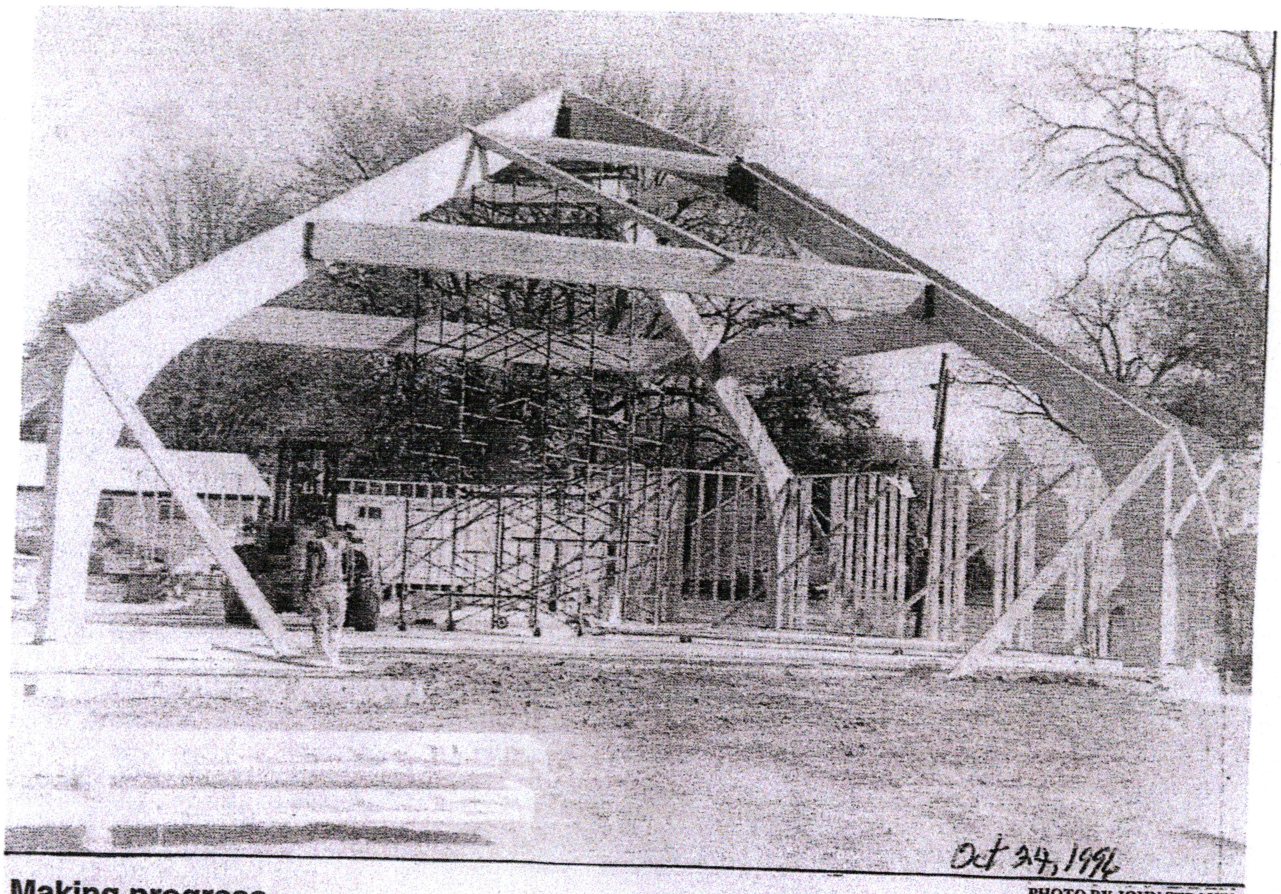
PAUL EDLER

ALAN EDLER FATHER FRIEDELL, HARLAN KLOPPENBORG

TEARING DOWN THE HOUSE

HARLAN @ JEANETTE KLOPPENBORG STANDING IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE AND LOT DONATED TO BUILD THE SOCIAL HALL ON IT.

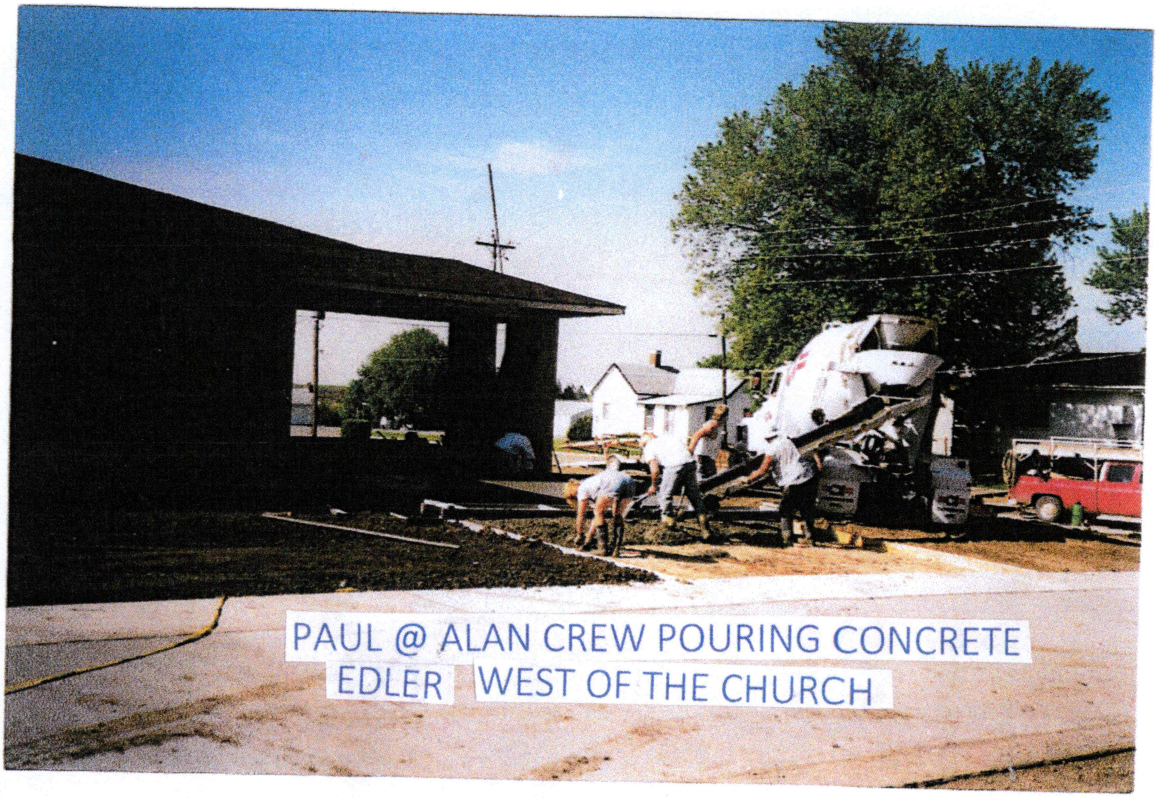
PREPARING THE LOT FOR THE NEW CHURCH



Making progress

PHOTO BY JOHN STRAWN

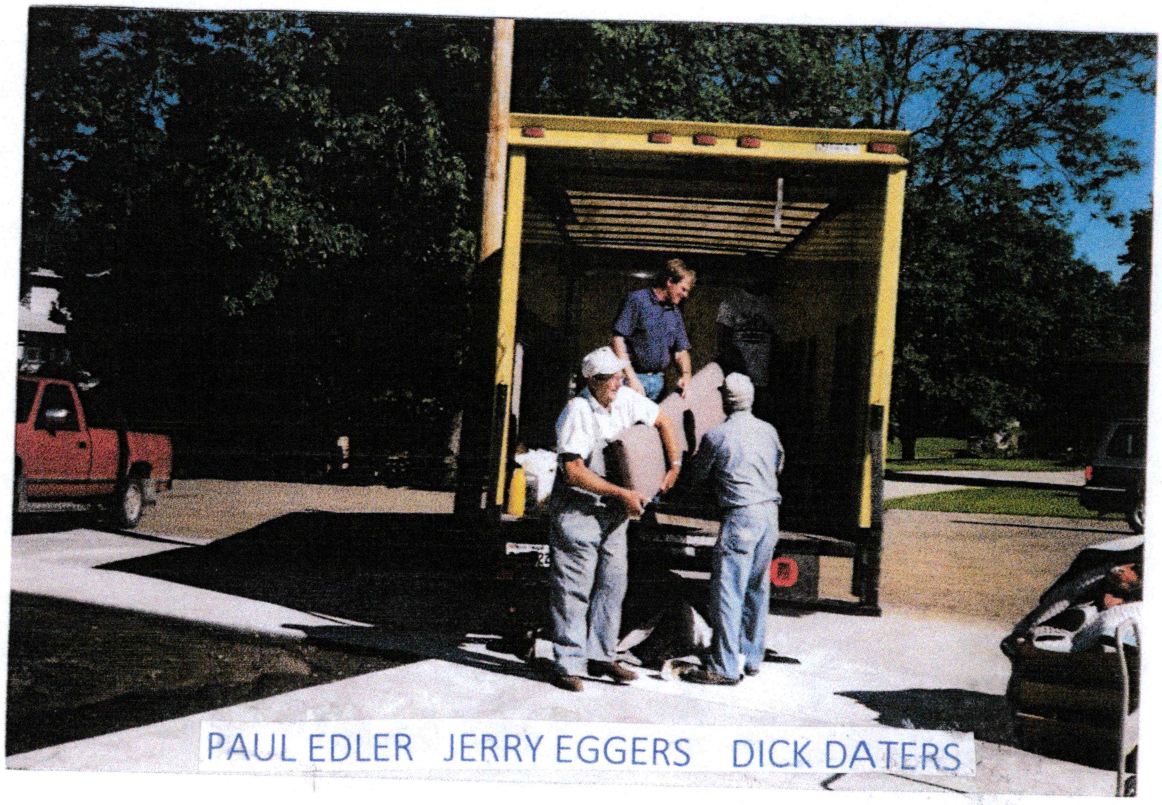
The new St. Joseph's Catholic Church is beginning to take shape as work crews begin putting the new church together. Crews were delayed by another job and started late on the State Center church. The large arches for the interior of the church was erected first and the workers are busy on the sanctuary area of the facility.



PAUL @ ALAN CREW POURING CONCRETE
EDLER WEST OF THE CHURCH

DICK DATER LANDSCAPING AROUND THE CHURCH

BUD JENSEN DENNIS KLOPPENBORG



PAUL EDLER JERRY EGGERS DICK DATERS

INSTALLING PEWS

,DICK DATERS DOUG HONECK DARRELL GOODMAN
JERRY EGGERS, DAVE EGGERS, MATT GOODMAN ERIC ROLOFF

July 20, 1996 – Jeanette Kloppenborg and Doris Edler bought the commercial dishwasher for the kitchen.

September 3, 1996 – St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women installed officers: President: Jeanette Kloppenborg; Vice President: Jan Edler; Treasurer: Joan Postel; Treasurer: Viola Lang.

October 9. 1996 – Building meeting with Hersom.

December 11, 1996 – The building committee went to La Motte to meet with the Liturgy and Worship committee with Father Maternach and discussed altar furnishings. Paul Edler drove and Virgil Wilkening and Jeanette Kloppenborg went along.

January 27, 1997 – Meeting with Hersom.

February 10, 1997 – Met with Ron Hersom and Swede Conklin about interior brick.

February 11, 1997 – Jeanette Kloppenborg, Doris Edler, Doug Honeck, Virgil and Mary Wilkening went to Fiberglass fabrication factory in Montezuma, Iowa to look at possibility of having them prefab a baptistry.

February 27, 1997 – Met with Ron Hersom about church progress.

March 14, 1997 – Building meeting.

March 24, 1997 - Jeanette Kloppenborg, and Doris Edler went with Virgil an Mary Wilkening to Muscatine, Iowa to purchase the baptismal font from Weidemann Industries. Jeanette took a check along from Mildred Kurtz (Doris @ *Jeanette's* sister) for $2,789.92. We ordered them and paid for them.

April 6, 1997 – Building Meeting

April 7, 1997 – Catholic Council of Women meeting, Harlan Kloppenborg purchased a quilt put together by Jeanette and quilted by the church ladies for $2,000 to be used in the kitchen.

April 16, 1997 – Jeanette Kloppenborg and Jan Edler went to Hockenborg in West Des Moines to look at used drain tables. They didn't meet our needs.

April 17, 1997 – Jeanette Kloppenborg and Jan Edler went to Becker Equipment in Des Moines to look at drain tables for the dishwasher.
April 23, 1997 – Virgil and Mary Wilkening went to Weidemann Industries in Muscatine to pick up baptismal font for the new church.

April 24, 1997 - Meeting with Rev. Maternach (Archdiocese Building Committee) in the Methodist Church where we have Sunday Mass to plan the Dedication.

April 25 and 26 Jeanette worked on cleaning stained glass windows which were now out of the frame. They will go into the round oak frame made by Larry Keck and paid for by Donald Stalzer in memory of his wife Jeanette Nachazel Stalzer. The Rose Mall window is to be installed in the interior wall of the Narthex to let light on the tabernacle.

May 2, 1997 – Doris and Jan Edler helped Jeanette Kloppenborg clean Rose Mall stained glass.

May,4,1997 – Building meeting to discuss the height of the baptismal font and paint.

May 5, 1997 – Met with Rick Crawford about drain tables for the dishwasher.

May 6, 1997 – Ordered two drain tables from Hockenborg in Des Moines for $1,760.20.

Also ordered 36"x 6' steel table for the kitchen for $776.30 for a total bill of $2,537.00.

May, 1997 – Vicky Kloppenborg soldered the lead on the stain glass windows for the Rose Mall window from the old church put in the Narthex of the new church.

May 27, 1997 – Jeanette Kloppenborg went to Bolton and Hay Inc, in Des Moines and bought five dish rack trucks for the kitchen. Cost $1,021.75. Harlan paid for them.

May 29, 1997 – Jeanette drove to Cedar Rapids to order Church kitchen equipment from Rapids Restaurant Equipment. I ordered 5 Aspen Traex dishwasher racks and 3 combo dish carts and two silverware racks. Cost $2,241,79 paid for by Harlan. Ordered two carts for the ends of the steel table from Restaurant Supplies paid for by Mildred Kurtz.

June 1, 1997 – Guidelines for the church hall approved.

June 2, 1997 - CCW meeting. Jeanette Kloppenborg elected President for 1997-1998.

June 3, 1997 – The carpet was laid in the church.

June 12, 1997 – Delivery of 6 trucks for cups and glasses came from Lakeside.

June 13, 1997 – Denny's Hometown delivered two electric stoves with self-cleaning ovens and fans to the church donated by Mildred Kurtz.

June 14, 1997- The parish moved the kitchen equipment from La Verne Daters farm to the new St. Joseph Church. The women unpacked them into the new kitchen cabinets which the CCW paid for with $12.000 they had made on selling baked goods, a church cookbook, quilts, etc. Picked up the stations at Ann Nolta's house. She repaired and painted them and Larry Meyers built frames around them and they hung them. Statues of St. Joseph and Mary were also placed on shelves in the Narthex from the old church.

June 15, 1997- After Mass at 8;15 AM Ron Hersom came to lay the cornerstone of the new church. Father Ron asked Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg to smear the mortar to hold the stone in place.

June 16, 1997- Dish caddies were delivered. Stain glass windows were installed.

June 17, 1997 – Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg and Paul Edler moved dirt on the north side of the street west of the rectory.

June 18, 1997 – Pews arrived from Schottier in Nebraskal Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg, Paul Edler, Dick Daters, Doug Honeck, Jerry Eggers, Matt Goodman, Eric Roloff, Bud Jensen, and Dave Eggers helped unload. Jeanette Kloppenborg went to Rapids supply in Cedar Rapid and bought nine dozen tall white cups.. 7:00 P.M. Cleaned the church for dedication.

June 19, 1997 – Tried out the dishwasher at church and washed all the dishes.

June 24, 1997 – Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg cut and installed carpet strips for the book racks on the back of the pews.

June 26, 1997 – Rev. Maternack came from Dubuque to practice for Dedication.

June 27, 1997-Cleaned Church again for Dedication. Carpenters and Electricians worked again and made a mess.

June 28, 1997 – First Mass in the new church at 5:00PM celebrating Donald and Doris Edler 50th Anniversary.

June 29, 1997 CCW made sandwiches for Dedication; 2:00 – 4:00P.M. Dedication Mass
4:00-6:00 Reception (Served sandwiches, veggies, fruit, bars, lemonade, coffee)

July 14, 1979 – Jeanette Kloppenborg drove to Creston to buy a Bunn Coffee Maker. They make them there but do not sell them there. They sell them at Bolton and Hayes so I bought one there.

July 21. 1997 – Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg set up tables at church to get ready for parishioners to bring in items for a garage sale from 5:30 – 8:30PM. Moved boxes from the father's garage from Lois Robinson estate to church to sell.

July 25, 1997 – Garage sale 8-4 ($1.00 sloppy Joes; Ice cream cup $.50; 2 bars $.50)

August 22, 1997 – CCW Officers met at Mary Wathan to plan the year. President: Jeanette Kloppenborg; Vice President: Jan Edler; Secretary: Mary Wathan; Treasurer: Staci Schaper.

August 28, 1979 – Jeanette took the garage sale clothes left to Act II. $9.25 Total sale $667.87

October 17, 1979 – Jeanette ordered 13 new tables for the church to match the old ones.

October 18, 1979 – CCW Bake Sale at Marshalltown Center made $424.05.

October 20, 1997 – Ten new tables were delivered to St, Joseph Church.

October 25, 1997 – Appreciation Dinner for the Methodist who let us use their church while the church was being built. Served ham, baked potato, green beans, lemon jello salad, carrots, and pie. CCD students helped serve and clean up.

Nov. 7, 1997 – One hundred blue padded upholstered chairs arrived at church. Harlan Kloppenborg paid for 75 and Jon Edler 25. The parish bought the second hundred several years later before the company quit selling them.

November 16., 1997 – 9:30 Children's Mass followed by donuts and coffee.
December 14, 1997 – Christmas International Fair displays by CCD student
5:39 p.m. Adult Christmas Party. Meal catered by Char Hornacek. White elephant exchange..

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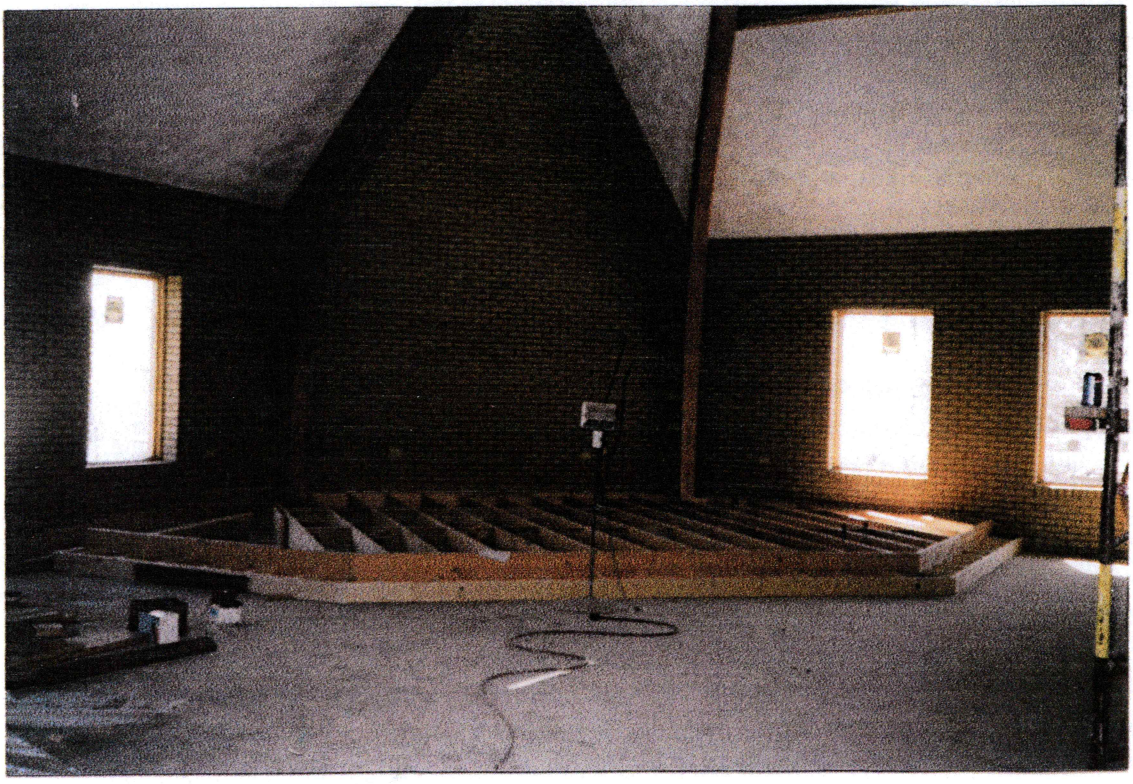


ALTAR FURNITURE BUILT BY LARRY KECK,

BAPTISMAL FONT

Sunday January 12, 2002

Saint Joseph's crucifix is officially dedicated today to place a fitting emphasis on a project that Sister Mary Grace Thul O.P., Patrick Ellis, Father Seda and many others labored tirelessly to bring to completion. Our crucifix is hand carved from Obeechi. This is wood that is hard like oak but lighter weight, and is used for both the corpus and the cross. After carving and assembly it was painted with colors to compliment the bricks and wood stain of our sanctuary. This story centers on the work of the artist Sister Mary Grace Thul O.P. and can be told best by the copy of her pamphlet that follows:

Sister Mary Grace Thul, OP graduated from St. Ursula High School and the University of Cincinnati Public Schools and established a custom art business with two colleagues before deciding to enter the Monastery of the Cloistered Dominican Nuns in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1962. In 1989 she moved to St. Dominic's Monastery in Washington, DC, where she resides today while continuing her art in the Dominican tradition.

The fine arts have always been greatly esteemed and utilized by the Order of Preachers for its ministry. Sister Mary Grace has attempted to blend the contemplative and artistic into one in living our her Dominican monastic vocation. Her forty years as a Dominican Nun have provided opportunities to broaden her use of Various art media including sculpture, painting, woodcarving and printmaking in giving expression to religious and scriptural themes.

Sister Mary Grace is an award winning artist who has exhibited locally and nationally and has received commissions for many liturgical events and places of worship.

This crucifix is the culmination of her hard work based on the inspiration of a picture of the following crucifix selected by a committee of interested parishioners representing our parish. The following pictured crucifix is also very close and dear to Father Seda as he wears it faithfully everyday around his neck and close to his heart.

The story is not complete without also thanking the Burns-Donovan foundation. They awarded $4000.00 to our project after we submitted our grant application. The quote they borrow from Frederick Buechner and their mission statement summarizes what a wonderful foundation they run.
We are privileged to have in our presence today Bernice Burns-Donavan as a distinguished guest for our dedication.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide support either by financial assistance or use of space, for educational or religious programs and events, designed to promote creative endeavors.

The most basic lesson that all art teaches us is to stop, look, listen to the life on this planet, including our own lives... In a world that for the most part steers clear of the-whole idea of holiness, art is one of the few places left where we can speak to each other of holy things.

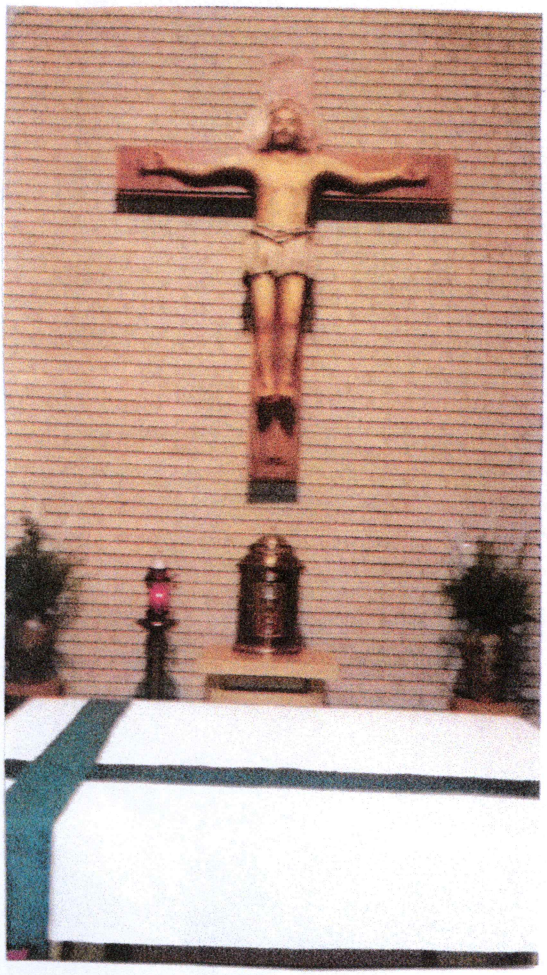
Frederick Buechner

Finally thanks goes to all the parishioners that worked so many hours to bring this project to completion. As is customary at St Joseph's when several people volunteer their service for the benefit of all parishioners, they do it not for the glory of having their names mentioned in this brochure or personal accolades but for rewards that are sure to be theirs in the life to follow. May God bless you all. Please take time to send your personal thanks to Sister Mary Grace and Bernice Burns-Donavan c/o The Burns Donovan Foundation at the following address respectively:

Sr. Mary Grace Thul, OP
St. Dominic's Monastery
4901 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

The Burns Donovan Foundation
2210 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50014

The crucifix was designed, carved, and painted by a Nun on the east coast as a replica of a crucifix worn by Father Seda around his neck. The original cost was $10,000 minus a Grant of $4,000.
La Verne and Barb Freese drove to the East Coast to deliver it to St. Joseph Church in State Center, IA.



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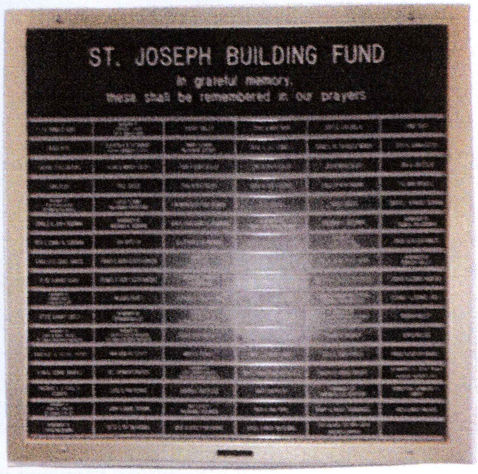

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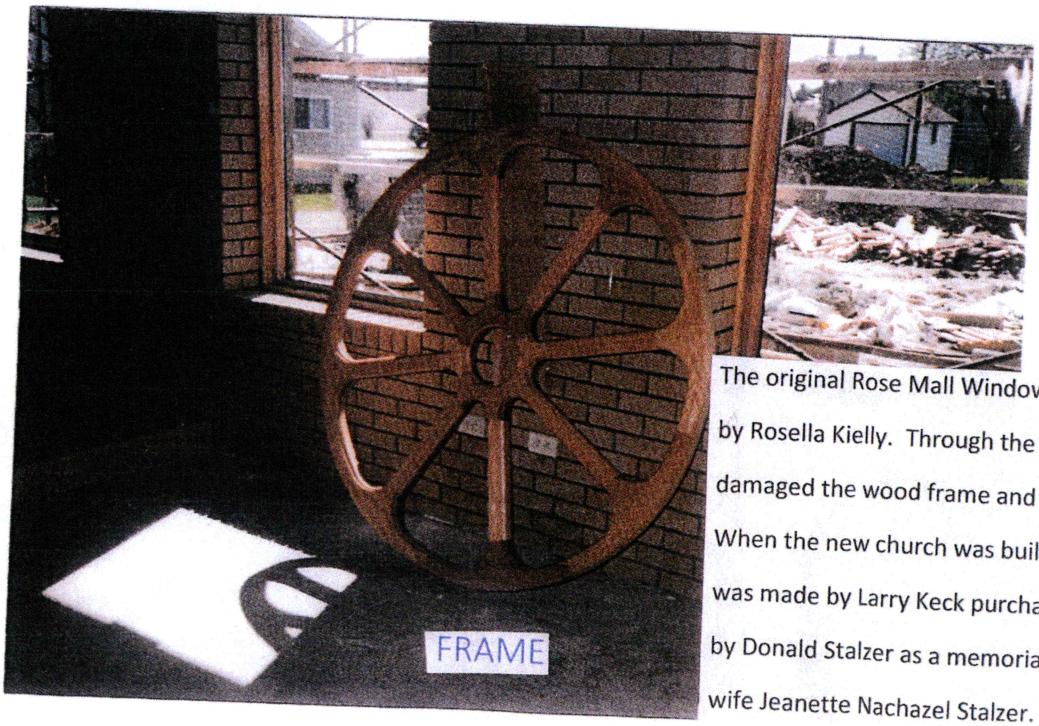
FRAME

The original Rose Mall Window was donated by Rosella Kielly. Through the years moisture damaged the wood frame and destroyed it. When the new church was built a new frame was made by Larry Keck purchased for $500 by Donald Stalzer as a memorial to his deceased wife Jeanette Nachazel Stalzer. The stained glass was cleaned by Jeanette Kloppenborg, Doris Edler, Jan Edler, and Vicky Kloppenborg repaired the leaded glass before it was installed in the wall.

MAKING CHEESE BALLS – CCW FUND RAISER

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AMANDA @ MARY KALINAY

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Sister Mary Ann Aman, Religious Education Director

NANCY FIGGINS

JAN EDLER

MYRNA MUENCH

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JEANETTE KLOPPENBORG

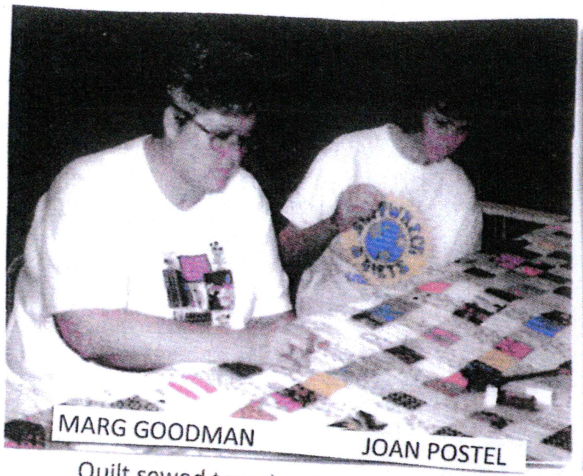
Doris Edler Jeanette Kloppenborg Viola Lang Fonda R. Ida Griffith Joan Daters

Quilt made by Ida Griffith for victims of 911 and quilted by CCW

PRESSURE PILLOWS AND LAP ROBES

MADE BY

NANCY FIGGINS



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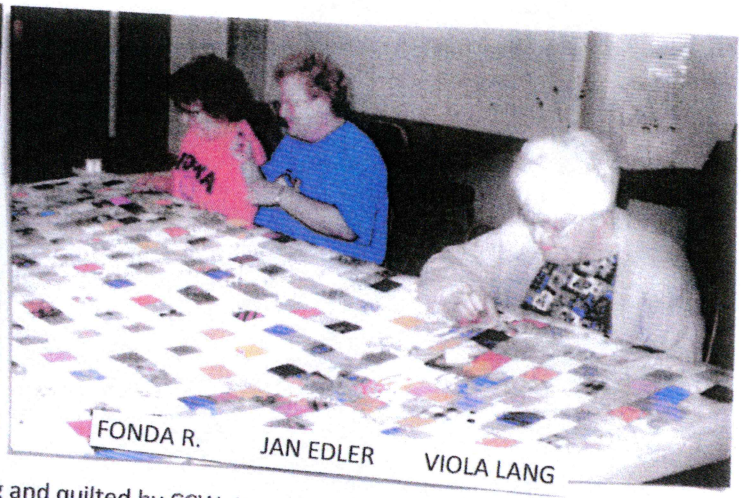


FONDA R. JAN EDLER VIOLA LANG

Quilt sewed together by Jeanette Kloppenborg and quilted by CCW. It was raffled off as a fund raiser for the new church and was won by Dale Figgins.

JUDY GOODMAN FONDA R. DORIS EDLER IDA GRIFFITH

St. Joseph's Table

St. Joseph's Table

Celebrating a Year of St. Joseph and 150 Years of St. Joseph Church history, Entry #3

This week's entry is a meat-free recipe from the St. Joseph Parish Quasquicentennial Cookbook submitted by Jo Ann Daters. Jo Ann is a very humble and gracious parishioner who volunteered many hours of service to our church. A small sampling of her service includes holding leadership positions in the Altar and Rosary Society (including Treasurer 1994-96), volunteering on the funeral dinner committee, helping with the cheeseball fundraiser & chairing the adult advent party in 2001. Jo Ann and her husband of 62 years, Dick, farmed near Melbourne until Dick passed in 2017. She then moved to Marshalltown, but travels back to State Center for Mass when weather permits.

Golden Cream Soup

3 C chopped potatoes
1 C water
¼ C chopped onion
1 chicken bouillon cube
Dash of pepper
½ lb Velveeta
½ t. salt
½ C celery slices
½ C carrot slices
1 t parsley flakes
1-1/2 C milk
2 T flour

In a large saucepan, combine potatoes, water, celery, carrots, onion, parsley flakes, bouillon &Seasonings. Cover and simmer 15-20 minutes until vegetables are tender. Gradually adc milk toflour, mixing until well blended. Add milk mixture to vegetables; cook until thickened. Add Velveeta, stirring until melted.

St. Joseph's Table

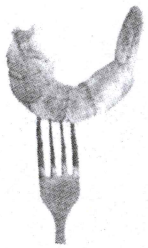
Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph and 150 Years of St. Joseph Church history, Entry #6

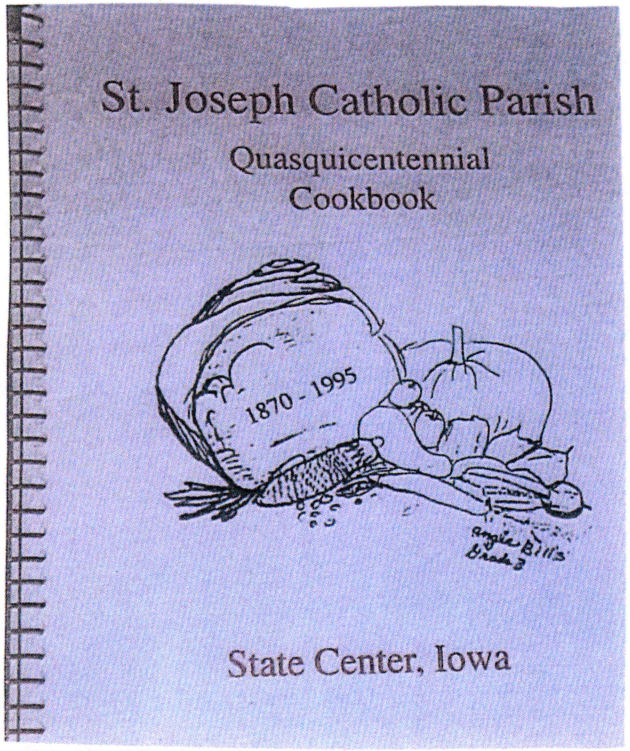
Pat Wilkening has been a member of St. Joseph Church since 1958. Over the past 63 years of her membership, Pat has been involved CCW (helping with funeral dinners & the cheeseball fundraiser) and led Rosary before Mass. She still assists with counting & depositing th weekly offering. Pat taught CCD in the old rectory for a year and hosted CCD classes in her home after the rectory was torn down. Thar you, Pat, for sharing your time & talent with St. Joseph Church! Looking for a great meat-less dish for Fridays during Lent? Try P; Wilkening's Shrimp Scampi recipe!

Shrimp Scampi

2 lbs. large shelled raw shrimp
½ C. Butter
½ C. olive oil
¼ C. chopped parsley
6 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tsp salt
dash of ground red pepper
¼ C. lemon juice

Rinse shrimp; remove shells, leaving tails on. Devein; wash under cold water. Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Melt butter in shallow broiler pan without rack or 9x13" baking pan. Add all other ingredients to butter, mixing well. Toss shrimp lightly in butter mixture until well coated. Arrange shrimp in a single layer in pan. Broil 4-5 inches from heat for 5 minutes. Turn shrimp; broil for 5-10 minutes longer or until lightly browned. Place shrimp on serving platter, pour butter mixture over all. Sprinkle with any remaining parsley and garnish with lemon slices if desired. NOTE: Shrimp may be baked at 400 for 8-10 minutes, or until tender, instead of broiled.





GRILLING TO WELCOME FATHER SEDA

DICK POSTEL RICK WILKENING MIKE PFANTZ BRAD PRANTZ

CCD International Fair

LYMAN @ MARG MOOTHART BILL RIEMENSCHNEIDER DICK DATERS

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Garage sale for the new church.

BAKE SALE AT THE MALL FOR THE NEW CHURCH

RITA JUBECK DORIS EDLER

JOAN POSTEL JUDY @ OLIVIA EGGERS FONDA RIEMENSCHNEIDER

MOVING CREW

DEDICATION

HARLAN KLOPPENBORG VERLE MUENCH

DEDICATION JEANETTE KLOPPENBORG

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JAN EDLER JUDY EGGERS

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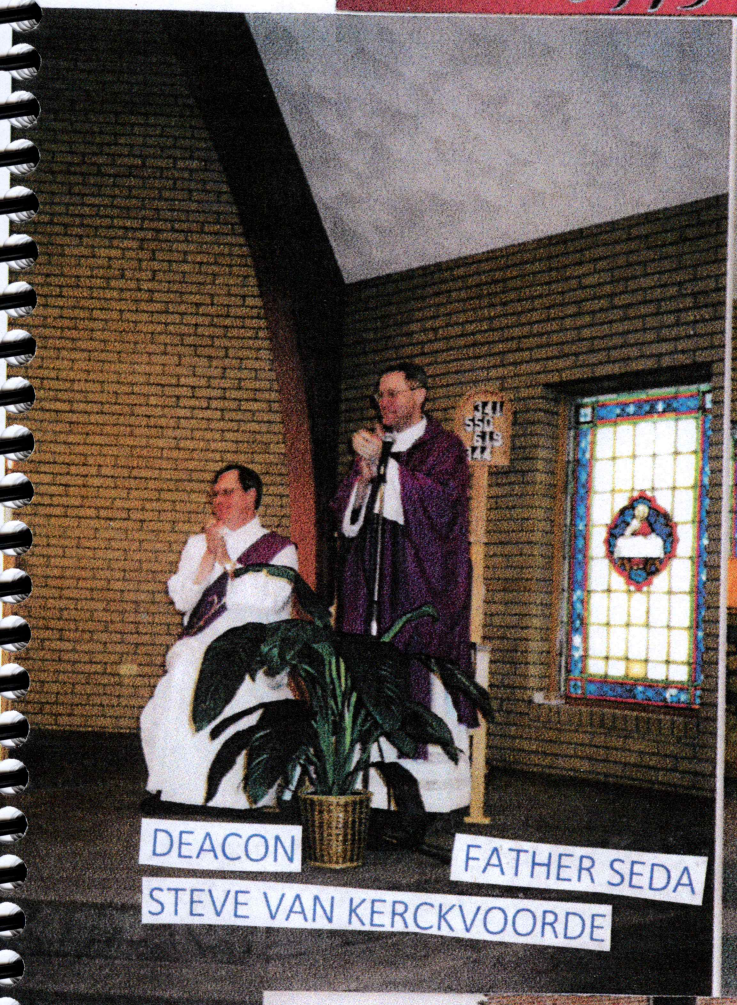
Mortgage Burning Celebration
June 1997 - March 2000
Happy St. Joseph's Day!



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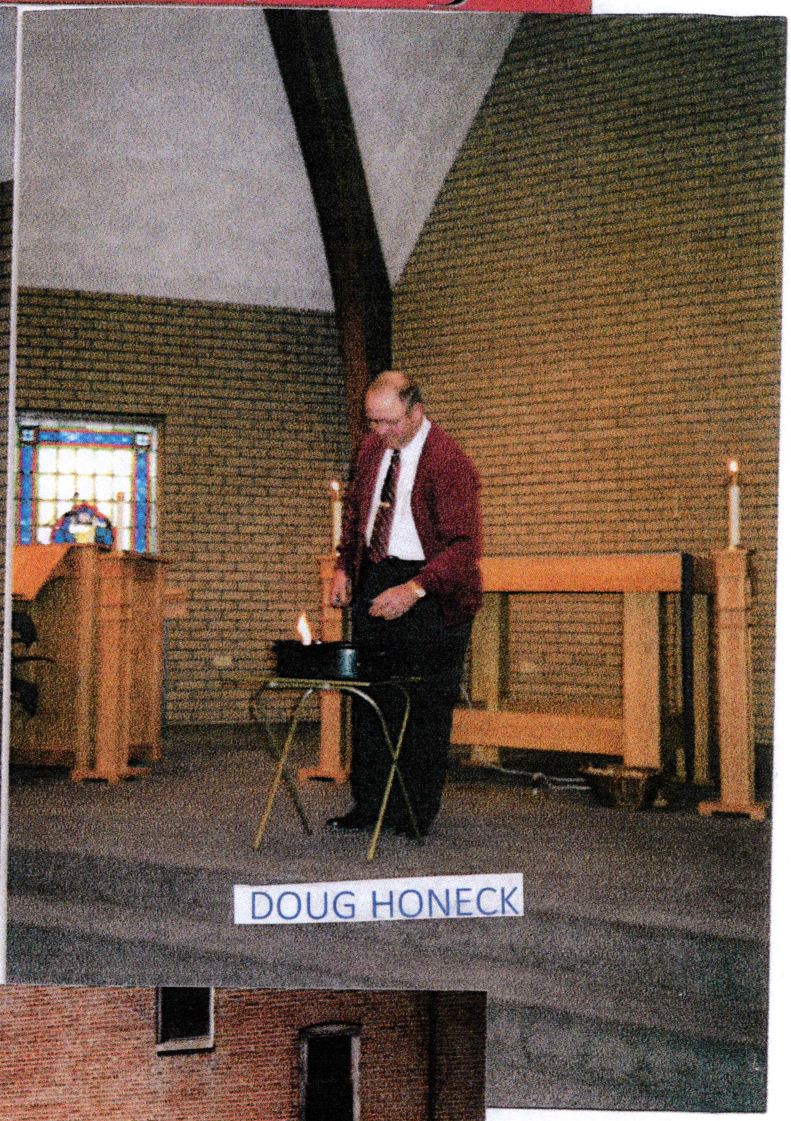
FATHER SEDA



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State Center promises to pay to the order of The Dubuque Archdiocese the sum of

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF $500 OR MORE

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In Memory of Donna Goodman
In Memory of Thomas Jon Goodman

In Memory of Joseph & Tefreba McGovern
Elder & Marie Friedell

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH COUNCIL 2021

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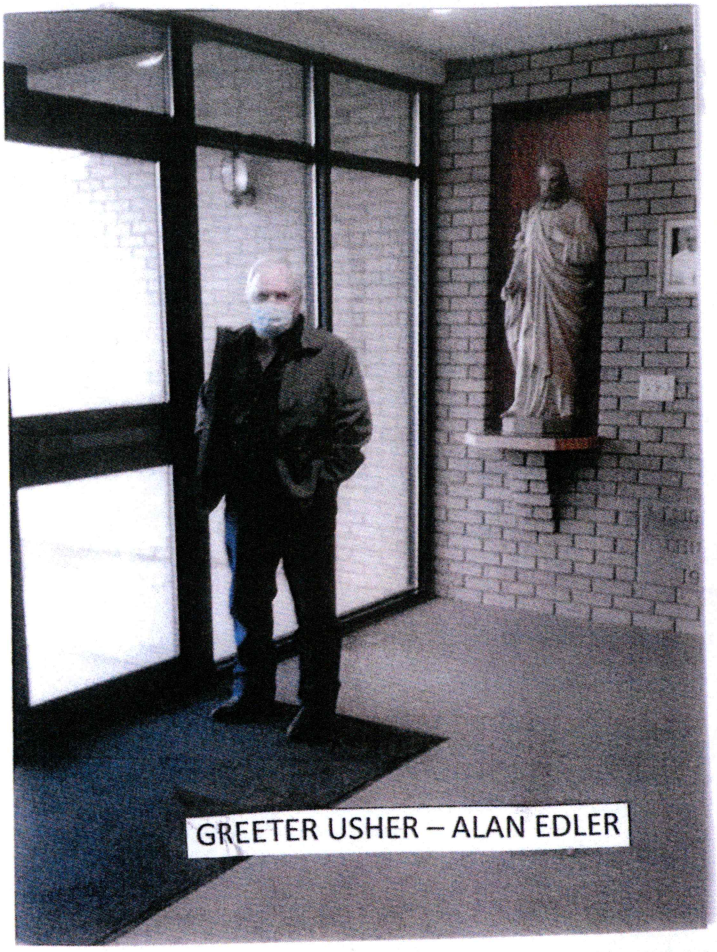

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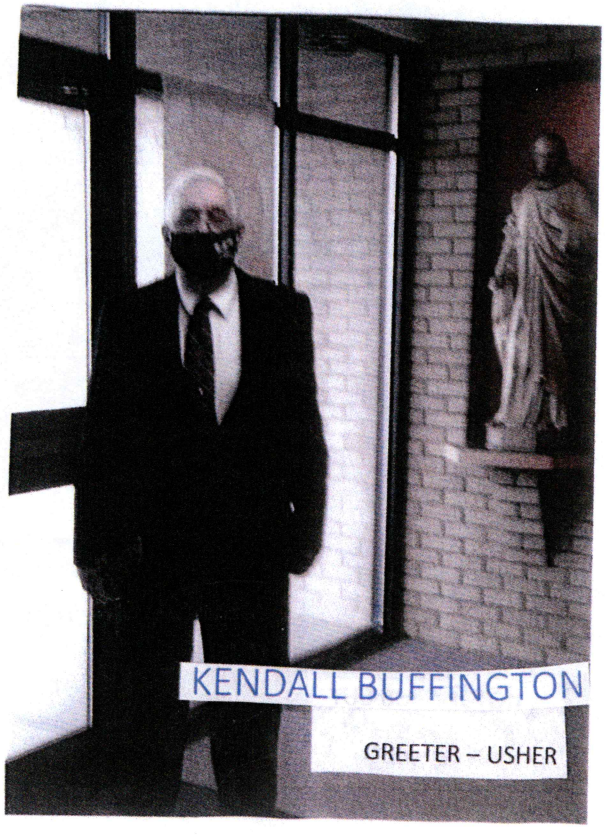

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JON EDLER

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CHOIR

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Sharon Smith	Eileen Honeck	Mary Pfantz
Mary Bartine	Arnold Klaas	Mara Edler

JED EDLER BRAD PFANTZ CARTER PFANTZ

CCD STUDENTS CLEANED FATHER DAGIT'S YARD AFTER THE WIND STORM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS PROJECT

MONEY COUNTERS

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Nicki Christianson

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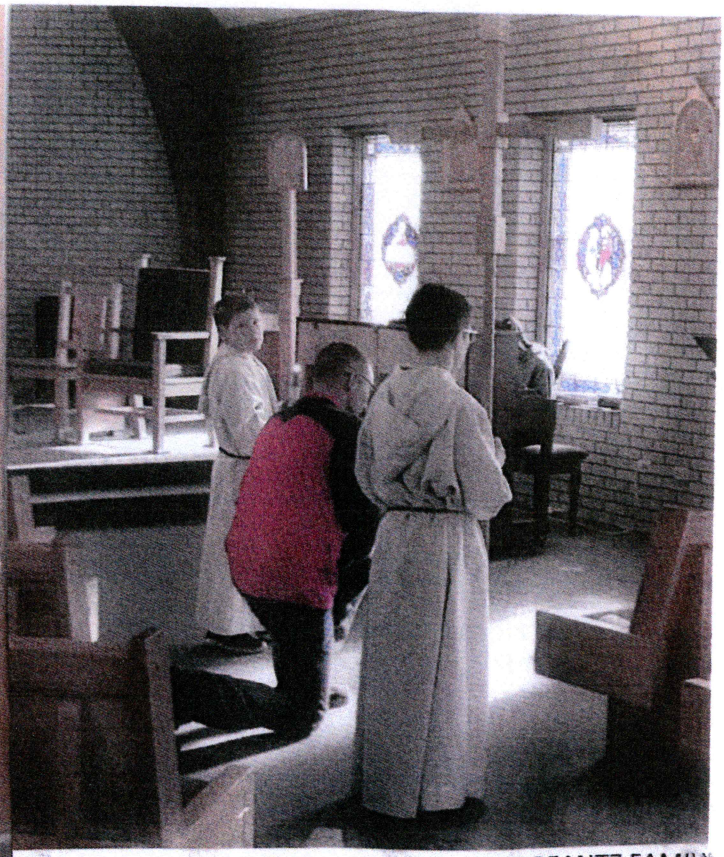


STATIONS OF THE CROSS BRAD @ JANIE PFANTZ FAMILY

ALLISON PFANTZ

We would like to say thank you to all the Catechists and Helpers this year. Through these dedicated people, our Faith has been taught and is growing within our young people of the Story-Marshall Cluster. Their dedication and knowledge is invaluable!

St. Joseph Catechists

Annie Kemmerer
Nicki Christianson
Mara Edler
Luke Kalinay
Michelle Smith
Tara Ethington
Tom Hemesath
Jaine Pfantz

St. Mary Catechists

Chris Rasumusson
Emma Stalzer
Andrea Grover
Ray Grover
Tracy Birchmier

St. Patrick Catechists and Helpers

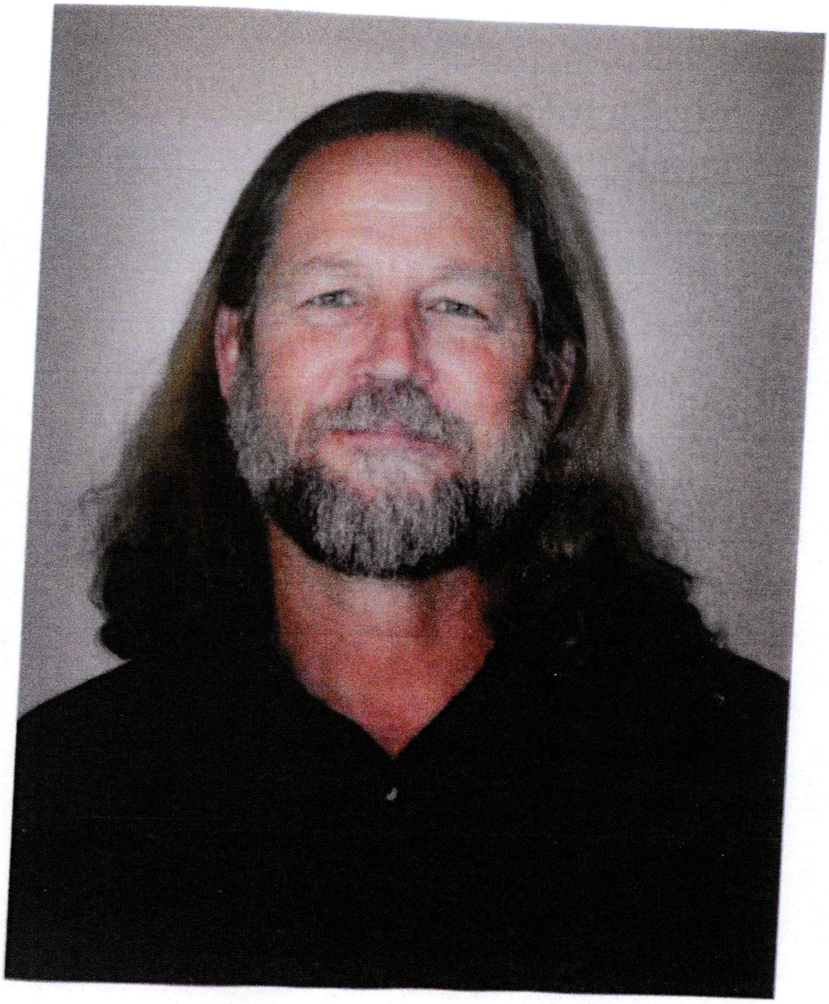
Wendy Stanley
Mackenzie Hopkins
Andrea Sutherland
Taylyn Angus
Lisa Hovar
Lucy Hovar
Sarah Thomas
Ella Higgins
Kylee Beving
Kim Kellen
Bruce Dittmer
Melissa Gruhn
Bridget Briggs
Jason Schneider
Mark Frideres
Brent Black
Jim Kurtenbach

Thank you to the CCW committee who provided the treats and gifts for Confirmand recognition on April 17th. *Mary Bartine, Ruth Milder, Lisa Hemesath and Mary Jane Waite* baked, frosted, sprinkled dozens of cookies and tied & decorated bags for the event. Thank you to all who attended and made this a special day for the newest members of St. Joseph Church!

ALSO:

CCW extends our appreciation to *Lindsay Adams, Judy Eggers and Molly Whitaker* for their work in honoring the St. Joseph first communicants. They wrapped gifts and prepared treat bags for all of the kids. Thank you for helping make this a special event for our second grade faith formation students!

On May 1st, the Rosary prior to Mass will be led by our St. Joseph first communicants. They will begin promptly at 3:30 pm. All are invited to support these young people by praying the entire Rosary with them. For those not attending Mass that evening the Rosary will be livestreamed.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR
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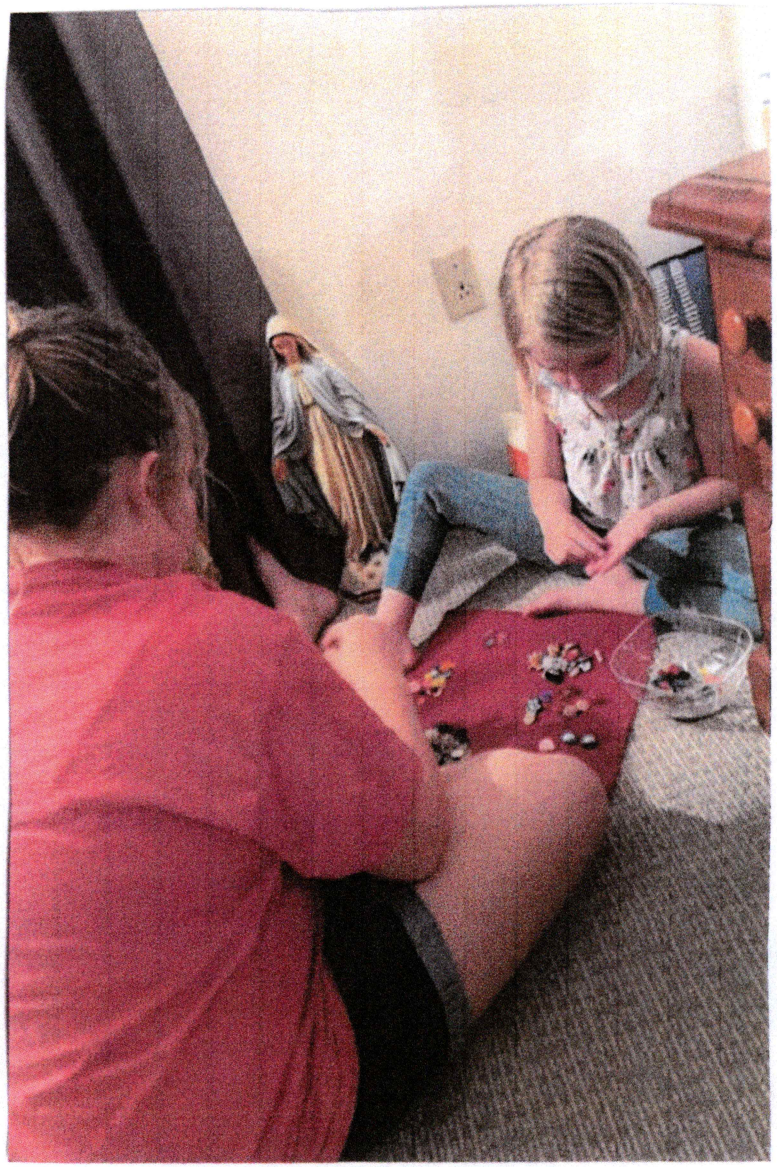

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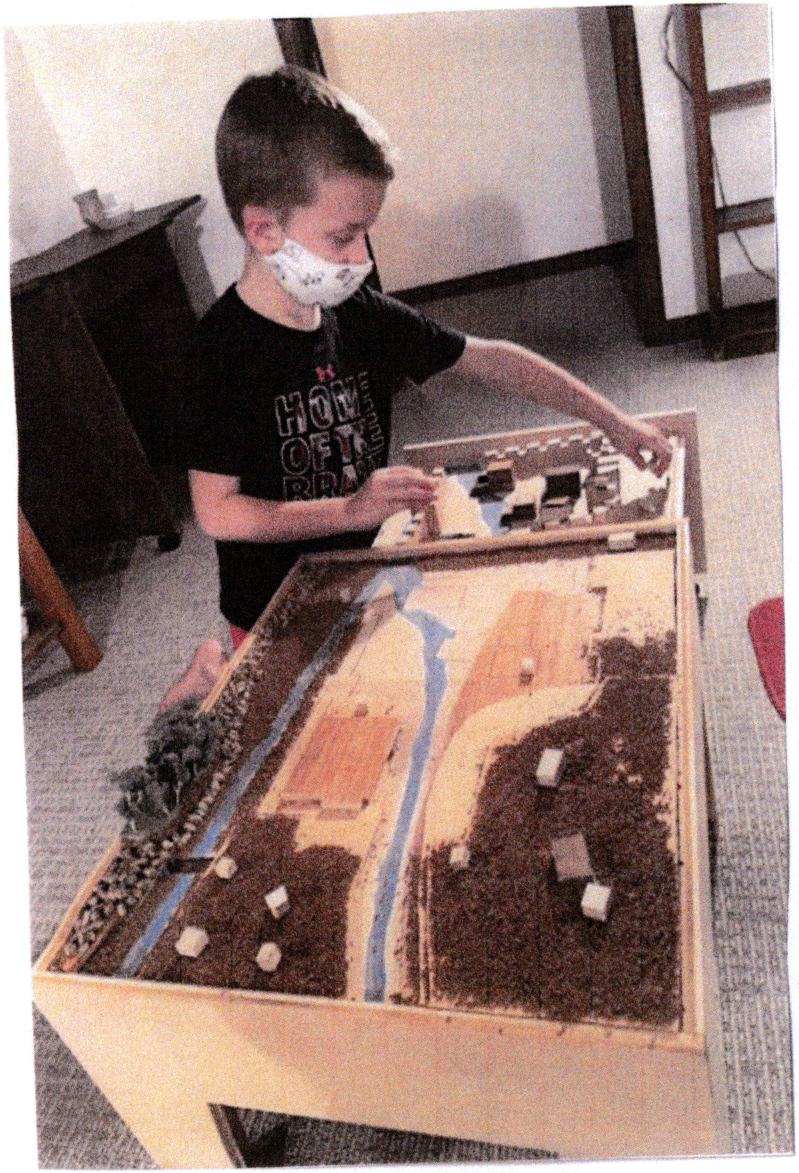
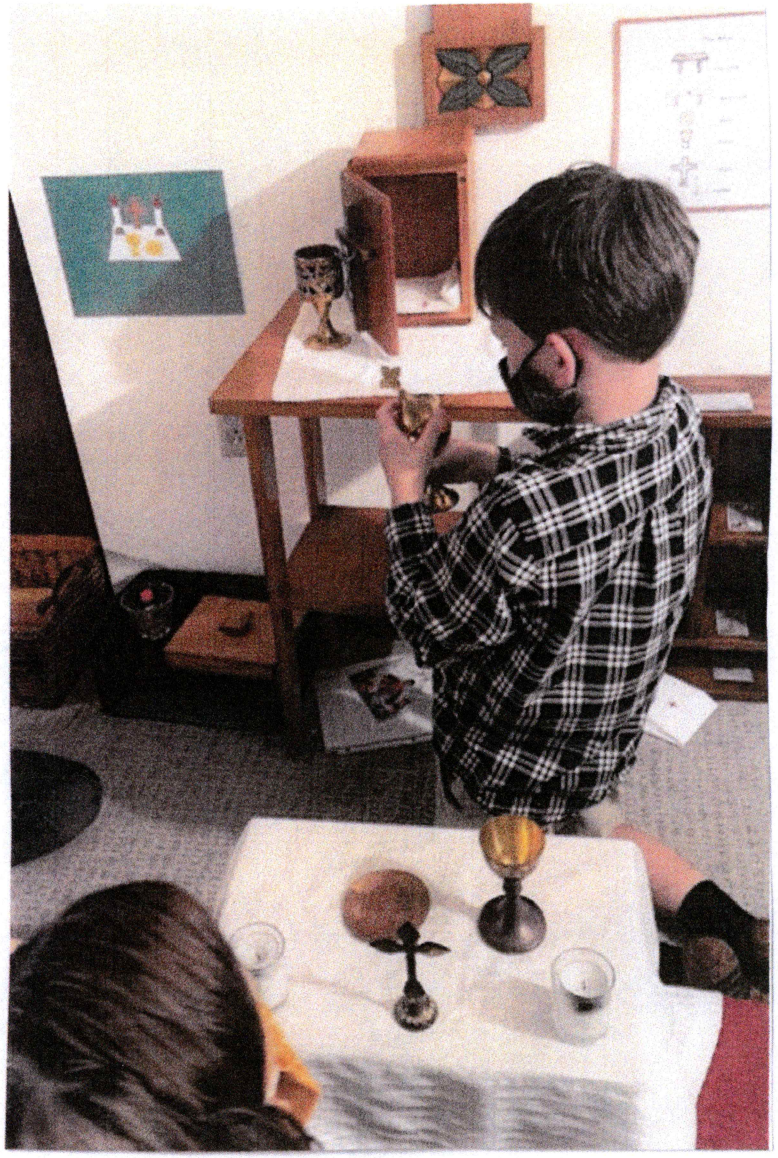
CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS





CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE STUDENTS

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS

ALTAR SERVERS

CONFIRMATION 2021

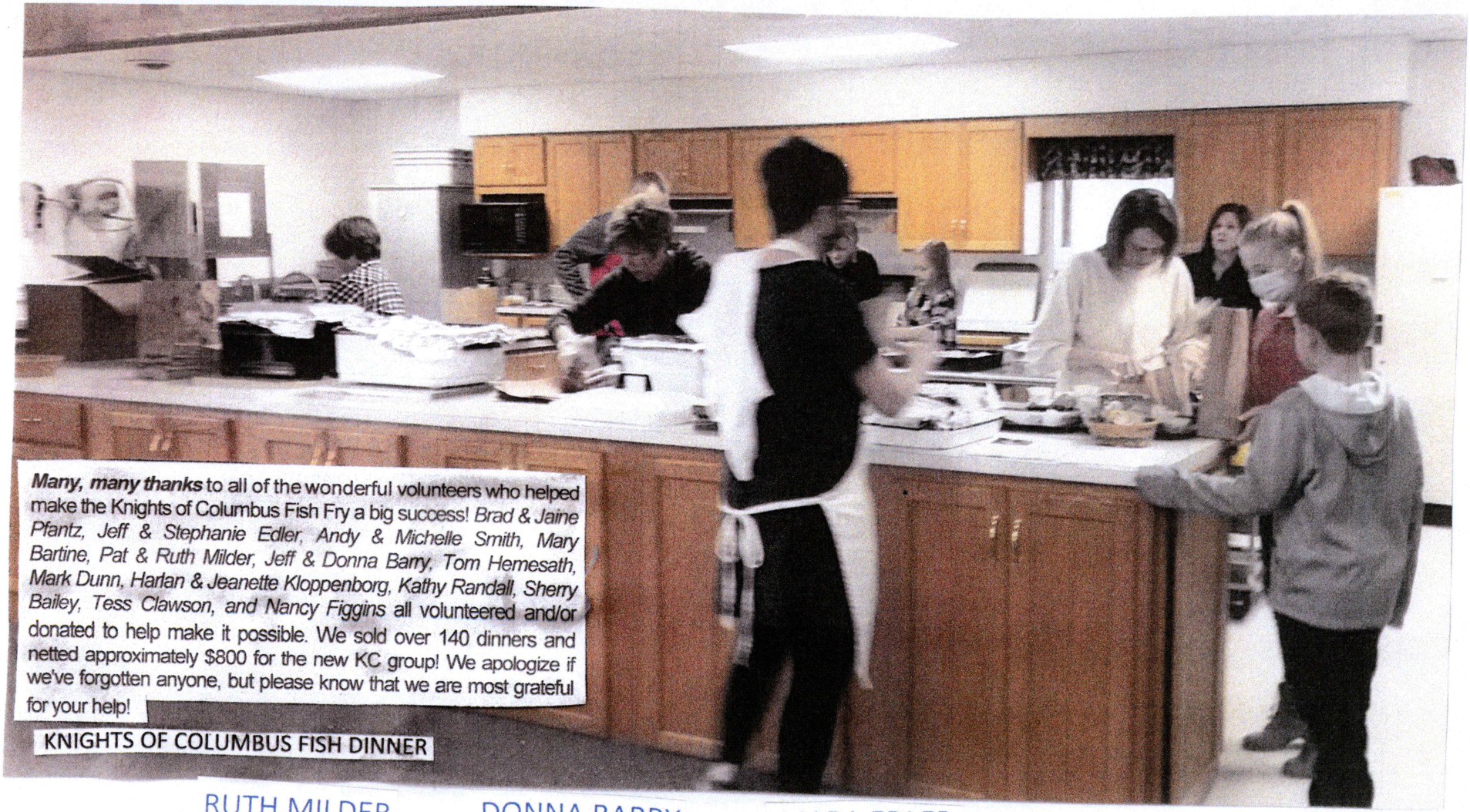
FATHER DAGIT

ARCHBISHOP JACKEL

Congratulations to all the young people who were confirmed on April 11, at St. Patrick church. They are:

Mary Kalinay ***Kaitlyn Morrison***
Keaton Pfantz ***Sam Schaper***
Lauren Selberg ***Evan Watson***

Their catechist are Jaine Pfantz and Tess Clawson.
May God bless each of them!
A recognition event for the confirmands will be held April 17th, at St Joseph Church.



Many, many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry a big success! *Brad & Jaine Pfantz, Jeff & Stephanie Edler, Andy & Michelle Smith, Mary Bartine, Pat & Ruth Milder, Jeff & Donna Barry, Tom Hemesath, Mark Dunn, Harlan & Jeanette Kloppenborg, Kathy Randall, Sherry Bailey, Tess Clawson, and Nancy Figgins* all volunteered and/or donated to help make it possible. We sold over 140 dinners and netted approximately $800 for the new KC group! We apologize if we've forgotten anyone, but please know that we are most grateful for your help!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER

RUTH MILDER DONNA BARRY MARA EDLER

PARKING LOT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH DINNER

St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENDED COMMUNITY

St. Joseph Catholic Church is located at 306 Third Street SW in State Center, Iowa. It is a vital part of the extended community. It is one of five churches in town.

The Community Cupboard is located there. It was started by Mara Edler. The churches and organizations collect food for St. Joseph to distribute once a month or as needed. A committee from each church prepares and serves a meal to the needy once a month.

Sacks with goodies are taken to the local nursing home, the State Center Manor. For many years the CCW sewed lap robes and took them around to nursing homes in Marshalltown and the hospital. Nancy Figgins made many pressure pillows for the hospital and hospice. For many years Donald and Judy Goodman went to the Manor on Sunday and conducted a Catholic Bible Service.

St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women have been members of the Marshalltown Deanery of Catholic Women for many years hosting them for their regular meetings which involves serving a meal. As a member of St. Joseph, Jeanette Kloppenborg served as President of the Marshalltown Deanery twice and also served as a Commission Chair Person for the Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women. At the present time Lisa Hemaseth is an officer of the Deanery. St. Joseph participates in their many projects.

Years ago the only Knights of Columbus post was in Marshalltown, Iowa. So St. Joseph members were invited to join them. Charles Jansen, Dale Figgins, Herb Drees, Gene Baker, John Rohrer, and Harlan Kloppenborg joined them. Harlan served as Faithful Navigator for two years and was a member of the Honor Guard which was present for the church dedication. He also helped with the Special Olympics in Ames and many funerals. St. Joseph hosted the Knights for their installation of officers in the fall followed by a meal. When Father Seda came to State Center and created the Cluster a KC group was formed for the Cluster. In 2020 St Joseph started its own group of Knights.

At Christmas time the CCW Officers set up an Angel Money Tree. It is used for gift certificates from Hometown Foods and the State Center Locker for families in the community who need assistance.

St. Joseph takes its turn with the other churches in town for World Day of Prayer Service and rolls afterward. Rose Festival Prayer Service in the Rose Garden followed by rolls is also shared, Pictured is Harlan Kloppenborg, Ron @ Fonda Riemenschneider, Kim Smith,@ Cecelia Christiansen.

St. Joseph's News

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated socks or money to our cozy sock drive for the nursing home residents. We had such an overwhelming response and were able to give each resident two pairs of socks! The 3rd-6th grade Faith Formation classes made Valentines and we included those and a treat in our Valentine's Day gift bags to the residents. Thank you for your generosity and support!

The 9th and 10th grade Faith Formation Classes

January 11, 2002 – Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg purchased the 35 acres east of St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery to make room for concrete roads to be used at funerals.

January 25, 2002 – Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg, Doris Edler Directors Dick Daters and Pete Wilkening met at St. Joseph Cemetery to discuss future expansion of the cemetery. Directors Dick Daters and Pete Wilkening agreed to accept a gift of two additional acres from Harlan and Jeanette. The St. joseph Council agreed to use $50,000 of the Inez Mueller trust money willed to the church for making and paving roads.

April, 2002 – Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg met Stewart Surveyors to get a legal description for the two acres east of St. Joseph Cemetery to be donated to the cemetery.

July 28, 2002 – Farewell to our Seminarian Dustin Vu.

August 1, 2002 – Jeanette and Harlan Kloppenborg took the offer to purchase Ann and Merle Nolta two lots and a house southeast of St. Joseph Church to George Henshaw office,

September 23, 2002 – Harlan and Jeanette's appointment at Henshaw office with Jim Moore, Marie Condon, to finalize the purchase of Ann and Merle Nolta two lots with a house on it in State Center southeast of St. Joseph Catholic Church to be used for a parking lot.

October 7, 2002 – Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg, and Justin Edler cut trees on the Kloppenborg lots by the church. Bob and Matt Stalzer came with a tractor that had a winch and helped direct the trees when they fall. It was cold, windy, and wet.

October 25, 2002- Keith Schoppe moved trees and brush on the Kloppenborg lots. Harlan and friend Greg Nessa helped remove gas pipes, etc.

October 26, 2002 – State Center Fire Department with the help of Keith Schoppe burned the house on the Kloppenborg property.SE of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Keith pushed in trees. Jeanette Kloppenborg served lunch.

November 30, 2002 – Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg hauled the basement foundation from the Nolta house on the Kloppenborg property.

March 31, 2003 – Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg hauled dirt from the Nolta lots now owned by the Kloppenborgs to the Brown farm, Doug Lively helped haul. Justin Edler took guys to Marshalltown to get a valve for the end loader.

June 3@4 2003 – Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg hauled dirt to the Brown Farm.

June 9, 2003 – Keith Schoppe dug out the alley east and south of St. Joseph Church. Harlan and Dennis helped all day.

lune 11, 2003 Harlan Kloppenborg and Eric Edler started at 5:00AM. Poured concrete from the north edge of church to the street east of the church: Harlan @ Dennis Kloppenborg, Eric @ Jacob Edler, Bob, Brian Dick, Ross. Justin Edler, Ted Schaper, and Tom Hemeseth for a while. Doug Lively hauled sand, Jeanette Kloppenborg grilled and took hamburgers to church.

June 12. 2003 Harlan Kloppenborg, Eric @ Jacob Edler, Ted Schaper, Bob, Brian, Ross, Dale, Brett Stalzer, Jason and Justin Weave, Tom Hemeseth, Doc Dennis Davis, Justin Edler built forms in the AM. Poured concrete in the alley south of St. Joseph Church in the PM. Finished at 4:00PM. Jeanette Kloppenborg made sloppy Joes for lunch. The guys built forms on the east end of the alley. Sara, Jill, and Kelli Stalzer took the plastic off the plants around the church.

June 13, 2003 – Harlan, Dennis, Bob, Dick, Brian, Ross, Brett, Ted, Eric, Jacob, and Tom worked on forms.

June 16,2003 – Harlan, Dennis, Bob, Dick, Brian, Ross, Brett. Paul @ Alan Edler set up forms on the Kloppenborg lot Bay 1@ 3. Sheryl Stalzer brought lunch. At 5:00 Ted Schaper cut the concrete..

June 17, 2003 – Poured Bays 1 @ 3. Ann Stalzer brought lunch. Took forms off in the afternoon and put on Bay 2 @ 4. Got base ready on 2. 4:00 Doris Edler brought sandwiches. Ted cut the concrete.

June 18. 2003 – Poured Bays 2@5. Peggy Stalzer brought lunch. Took off forms and set up forms for .

June 19.2003 - Poured Bays 4@7. Set forms for Bay 6 @ driveways.

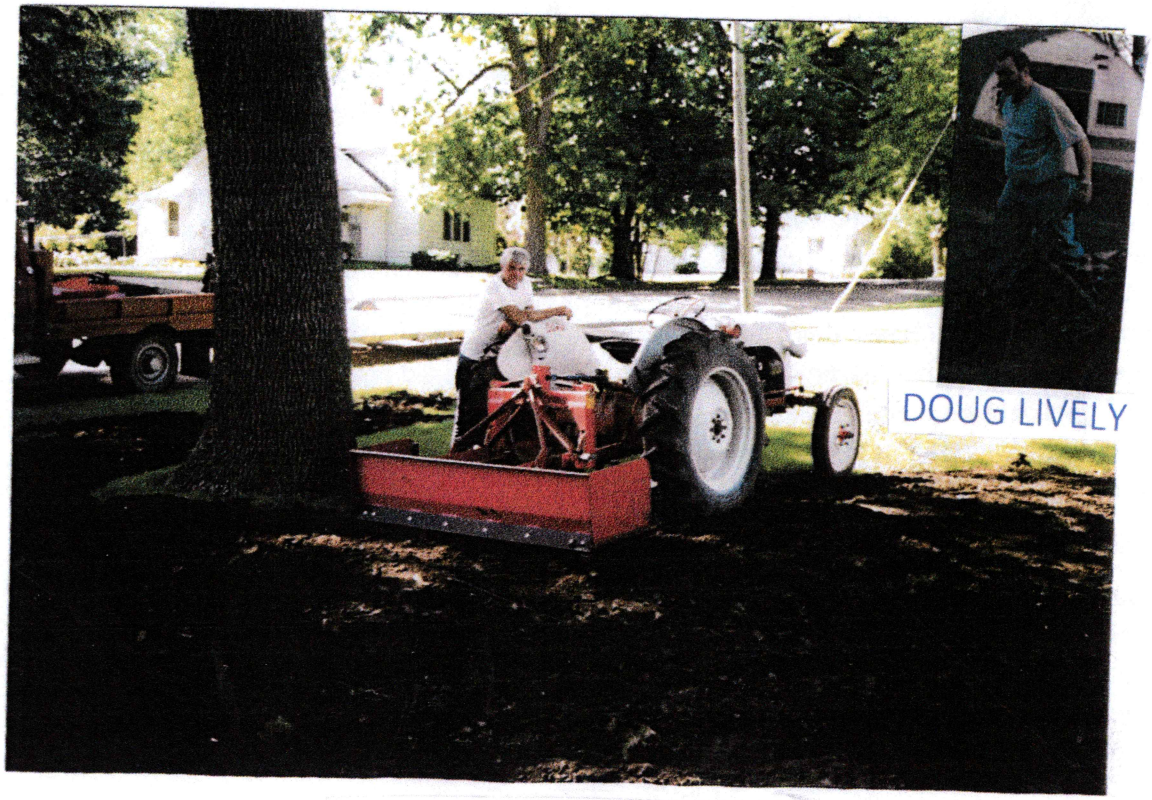
June 20,2003 -Poured Bays 6 @ driveways. 3:00PM Took off forms and Ted Cut the cement. PARKING LOT FOR ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH FINISHED WITH VOLUNTEER HELP. Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg donated the finished parking lot to the church , no cost for lots, concrete,, machine hire, or labor.

Donations: Dick @ Joan Daters -piano in church; Ken @ Linda Michels – Baby Grand piano for the social hall; Virgil @ Mary Wilkening – office furnishings; Donald @ Doris Edler – Main Altar; Edward Kurtz Memorial – Priest's chair; Jeanette Nachazel Stalzer Memorial – Tabernacle stand, Rose Mall window frame; Mildred Kurtz Memorial – Baptismal Font and two kitchen stoves, Jon @ Jan Edler refrigerator and freezer, Mootharts – book cabinet.
June 28. 1998 – Farewell Open House for Father Friedell at the church.
July,1998 Rev, Jon Seda became pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church. At that time St. Joseph became part of a cluster of churches: Colo, Saint Anthony, Zearing, and Nevada, Iowa and also served the Veterans Home. Sacred Heart Church in Saint Anthony was struck by lightning and burned. Many of the parishioners became members of St. Joseph so a celebration at St. Joseph Church on September 23, 2007 by Archbishop Hanus for the closing mass and dinner of Sacred Heart parish after its loss due to fire on June 22, 2007. Father Seda ordered a crucifix hand carved and painted by a Nun $10,000.

July 1, 2006 – Rev. Rick Dagit became pastor of St. Joseph which is now clustered with Colo, Zearing, and Nevada. Father also served the Veterans Home. He is assisted by Deacon Mark Wyant. St. Joseph Cemetery was enlarged with roads made and paved as well as new Siberian Spruce trees planted. The trees at the Rhodes cemetery were removed to be replaced soon. Saint Anthony used their insurance money to build a bell tower on the west side of St. Joseph Catholic church.

PARKING LOT

HARLAN KLOPPENBORG JUSTIN EDLER



DOUG LIVELY

HARLAN KLOPPENBORG

LAYING THE FORMS IN THE ALLEY FOR CONCRETE

HARLAN KLOPPENBORG DENNIS KLOPPENBORG

TED SCHAPER BOB STALZER
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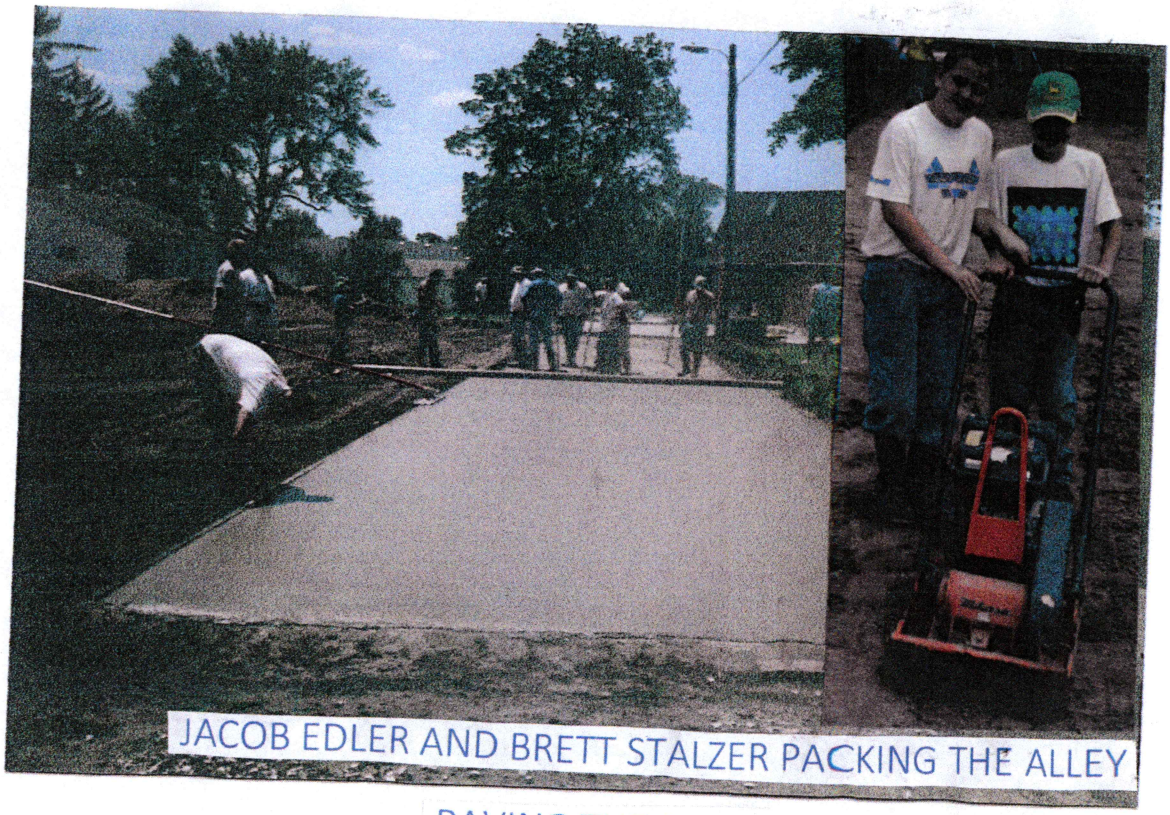


JACOB EDLER AND BRETT STALZER PACKING THE ALLEY

PAVING THE ALLEY

ROSS AND BRIAN STALZER LOADING SAND IN THE SKID LOADER.

WAITING FOR CONCRETE SOUTHEAST OF CHURCH IN THE ALLEY
ERIC EDLER, HARLAN KLOPPENBORG, BOB STALZER, ROSS STALZER,
DANI DAVIS TED SCHAPER, DICK STALZER

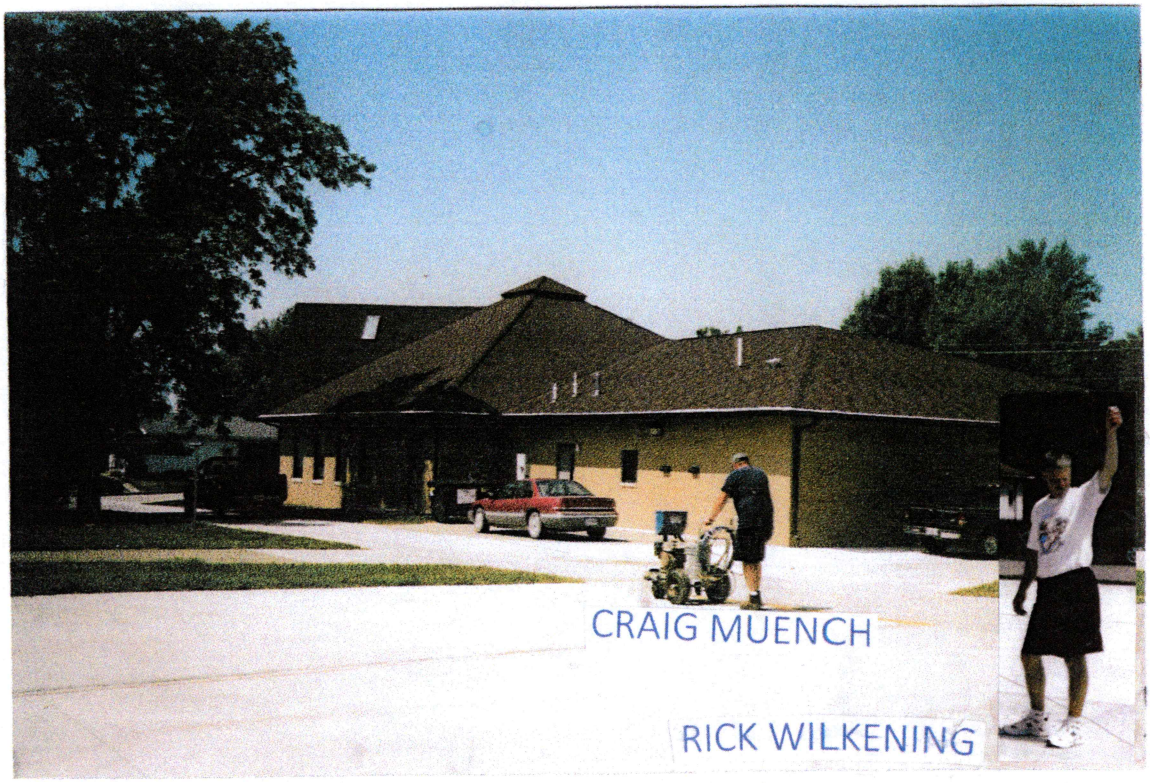
BUILDING FORMS EAST OF CHURCH
TED SCHAPER, BOB STALZER, JACOB @ ERIC EDLER, JUSTIN EDLER,
DICK STALZER

HARLAN KLOPPENBORG DENNIS KLOPPENBORG

PAUL EDLER

PAVING THE ALLEY

DICK STALZER DENNIS @ HARLAN KLOPPENBORG DAVIS



PAINTING THE PARKING LOT LINES

March, 2006 – Council meeting to decide what to do with Inez Mueller estate money. A motion was made by Jeanette Kloppenborg to spend $50,000 to make and pave roads in St. Joseph cemetery at State Center. She had a design and price quote. Motion carried.

Harlan Kloppenborg took his backhoe to the cemetery and Dennis Kloppenborg helped him cut trees around the crucifix. Dick and Logan Daters helped with Dick's skid loader. The same day the nursery from Grinnell came to plant new Siberian Spruce trees (28) around the North and East sides of the two acres donated by Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg.

May 4, 2004 – Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg, Bob, Matt, Dick, Brian, and Ross Stalzer tiled into the cemetery, used their tile plow 9500 John Deere backhoe, Bob and Dick's tile machine pulled by a Farmall. It was so wet they used the 9300 John Deere to pull the Farmall and tile plow up to and into the cemetery.

April 9,2007 – Harlan and Dennis Kloppenborg cut the east row of trees at St. Joseph Cemetery . They were where the road is now. Verle Muench cut the stumps. Dennis Kloppenborg, Pete Wilkening and Jeanette Kloppenborg picked up branches and twigs.

Summer, 2007 – A shed 20'x32'x10' was built by Bennie Borntager on the NW corner of the cemetery. It was built by the Edler family in memory of their parents Donald and Doris Edler.

July 16, 2007 – Shaping roads at St. Joseph Cemetery.

July 18, 2007 – Chad Legg's crew pouring concrete for the new road in the cemetery. It took 106 cubic yards of concrete. $5,305.30; trucking:$2,438.00; tax: $371.38 . Total: $7,743.30.

August, 2007 – Harlan Kloppenborg used his new International Semi and low boy to haul his caterpillar to the cemetery

August, 2007 – Harlan Kloppenborg used his Farmall and rake preparing ground for seeding by raking it first.

August 19, 2007 – Daryl and Dana Schoppe seeded oats and Kentucky Blue Grass on the new two acres added to the cemetery.

August 30, 2007 – Chad Legg and crew laid forms for the storage shed.

August 31, 2007 – Poured the floor of the shed.

September 4, 2007 – Poured the approach to the shed.

September 13, 2013 – Harlan and Jeanette had Tanay Serrati paint the crucifix at St. Joseph Cemetery at State Center, He was killed in a car accident later.

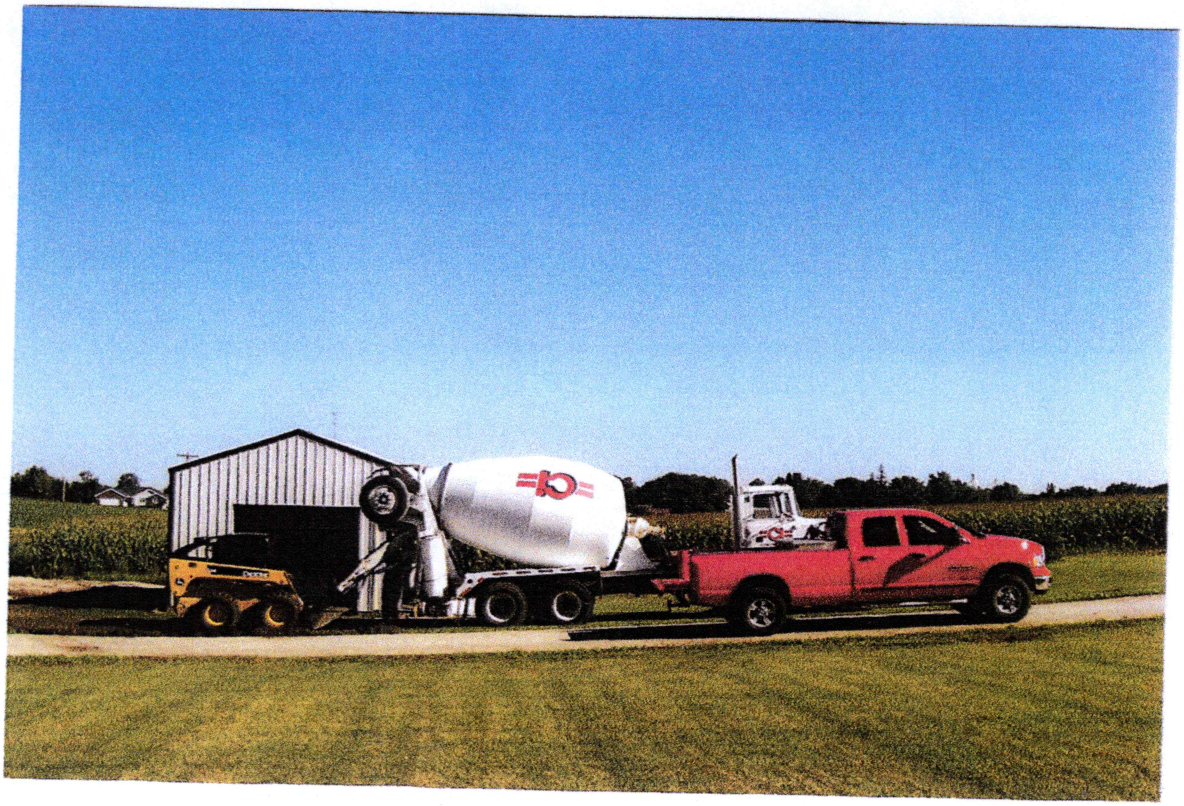
2020 – Covid 19 global pandemic. Wear masks, no shaking hands, singing, collection, wine, 6 feet apart.

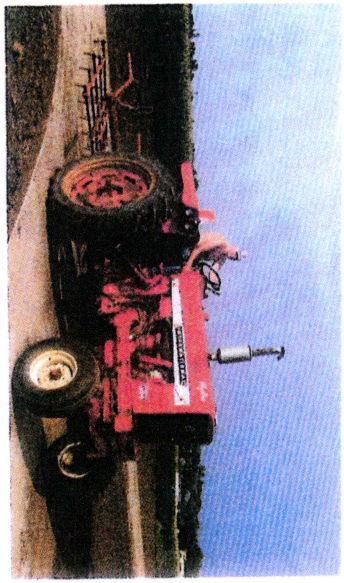
Anyone with health issues excused from attending. No socials.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY, STATE CENTER, IOWA

DICK DATER HARLAN KLOPPENBORG IN HIS BACKHOE

LOGAN DATERS DENNIS KLOPPENBORG

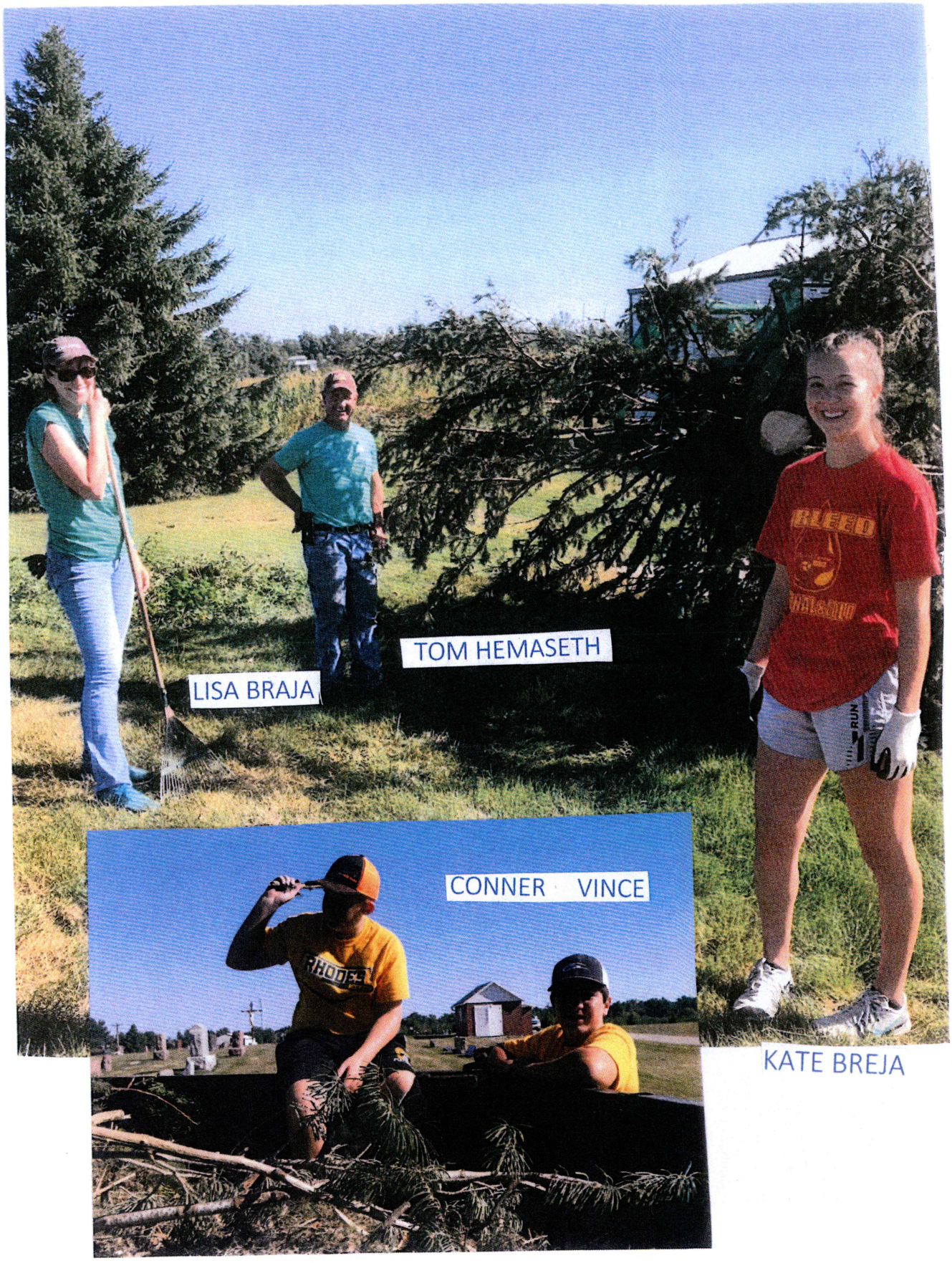




BUILDING ROADS IN THE CEMETERY

HARLAN KLOPPENBORG

Helping clean up St. Joseph Cemetery after Derecho.


LISA BRAJA
TOM HEMASETH
CONNER
VINCE
KATE BREJA

PARISH CLEAN UP OF ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY AT STATE CENTER AFTER THE DERECHO.

DAN WAITE KEITH CHRISTIANSEN

August 10, 2020 – Derecho 100 mile an hour winds destroyed many trees in the St. Joseph Cemeteries at State Center, Iowa and Rhodes, Iowa. Volunteers showed up with equipment and ambition to clean up the cemeteries. It was decided to remove all the trees at St. Joseph in Rhodes after having trees down three times Since last report at Rhodes Larry Ginter and Jeremy Guckert removed the three trees left standing free of charge. The stumps have been removed. Plans are being made to prepare the ground where the fence was, perhaps extending the east and west sides for one more row of graves when planting the new trees and putting in a new fence and sign. A community at work!!

The Catholic cemetery at Rhodes had damage to trees twice recently knocking over many tombstones. The decision has been made to remove and replace the remaining trees before more damage is done. It will cost about $15,000 to remove the trees and $4,000 to replace them depending on size. Work would begin when the crop is harvested.

Anyone who has relation, friends, or acquaintances buried there or would like to make a donation can send a check made out to St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery (Rhodes) and mailed to: **Director: Tom Malloy**
1304 B 295th Street
Rhodes, Iowa 50234

Or, place your donation in an envelope marked "Rhodes" and leave it in the offering basket at Mass. It will be forwarded to Tom. Thanks for your contribution!

St. Joseph's News 2020

Progress is being made at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery near Rhodes on tree removal and clean up after the derecho. Thank you for all donations of equipment, help, time, or money.

Those who provided equipment, time and labor are:

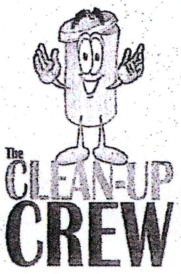
Daryl @ Matt Goodman and boys who provided a tractor and a week of labor piling brush.
Harlan and Jeanette Kloppenborg who provided an excavator and bulldozer used to remove 22 trees as well as four days of clean up and raking.
Lee Jackson who furnished a backhoe to help pile up brush for one afternoon.
Skeeter Tuttle provided a saw to cut, even up stumps, and clean up assisted by Mick Malloy.
Tom Malloy furnished the ground to pile the brush as well as equipment to burn the pile and dispose of it.
All of this was accomplished with no charge!

Many donated cash which will be used for the removal of the last three trees and stumps, fence around three sides, and new trees. Donations can still be made. Send them to Tom Malloy, Rhodes, Iowa or leave in the collection box at church.

Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

St. Joseph's News Aug. 2020

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped clean up the church, rectory, and cemetery grounds this past Saturday. The help was greatly appreciated; we are so very fortunate to have such an outstanding church community at St. Joseph's!



Jeff & Lisa Breja and Kate,
Doug Honeck,
Keith & Nikki Christianson and family,
Vincent Clawson,
Blake Edler, Roy Edler, Doug Edler,
Jed Edler,
Jon Edler, Kathy Randall, Dan Waite,
Paul & Alan Edler's crew,
Joel Ethington,
Jim & Nancy Figgins,
Hunter Wilkening,
Mike Needham,
Rick & Kristy Wilkening,
Tom & Lisa Hemesath, Harlan & Jeanette Kloppenborg,
Scott & Annie Kemmerer and family,
Stacie Schaper and Renae,
Andy & Michelle Smith and family,
Mary Bartine & CCW for the sack lunches!

Prayer to St. Joseph

Gracious St. Joseph,
protect me and my family from all evil,
as you did the Holy Family.
Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ,
ever fervent in imitation of the virtues
of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse,
and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.

Feast Day: March 19

Prayer to St. Joseph

O Holy St. Joseph, loving guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace, which He granted to you, to watch over and protect us, our families and our homes each day, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find us united in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

The Holy Family

Mary held her infant son
And kissed Him, tenderly.
Memories of the angel's words
Came rushing, vividly!

"Be not afraid," the angel said.
"Be filled with no dismay.
You are to be the Mother of God!"
Now it was Christmas day.

She kissed Him softly, yet again,
And brushed His hair in place.
He yawned and then the dearest smile
Appeared upon His face!

Then Joseph took Him in his arms...
God's little newborn Son.
Jesus slipped into his heart.
A family had begun.

Margaret Petersen

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty Father, you are lavish in bestowing all your gifts, and we give you thanks for the favors you have given to us. In your goodness you have favored us and kept us safe in the past. We ask that you continue to protect us and to shelter us in the shadow of your wings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parents have authority from God to bless their children. To do this, simply make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead while saying, "May God bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." This can be done anytime such as when they are going to sleep, leaving the house, before taking a test, etc.

This practice reminds both parent and child of our total reliance on God and helps to strengthen the bond between them.

ST JOSEPH++
+ PROTECTOR

The Litany of St. Joseph

An indulgence of 5 years. A plenary indulgence once a month under the usual conditions, if this Litany with its versicle and prayer is recited daily for a month. (No. 451

LORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,
Holy Mary,**
St. Joseph,
Renowned offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most strong,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of artisans,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the wretched,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,
Lamb of God, You [illegible] take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, You [illegible] take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord!*
Lamb of God, You [illegible] take away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*
℣. He made him the lord of His household.
℟. And prince over all His possessions.

**Have mercy on us.*
***Pray for us.*

Let us pray. O God, in Your ineffable providence You were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your most holy Mother; grant, we beseech You, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector. Who live and reign, world without end. ℟. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
(for employment)

God our Father and our Creator, You bestow on us gifts and talents to develop and use in accord with Your will.

Grant to *me**, through the intercession of St. Joseph the worker, as model and guide, employment and work, that *I* may, with dignity, provide for those who depend on *me* for care and support.

Grant *me* the opportunities to use *my* energy and *my* talents and abilities for the good of all, and the glory of Your name. Amen.

**One may pray for another individual by inserting his or her name, and then changing the subsequent pronouns. These are indicated by italics.*

Prayer to St. Joseph for a Happy Death

O Blessed St. Joseph, who gave up your last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me, I beseech you, the grace of a happy death.
Defend me from all evil, especially in my final hour. Assist me by your presence, protect me by your power, and obtain for me this grace, O holy St. Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let me breathe forth my spirit in peace with you. Amen

The Holy Family

SAINT JOSEPH
Novena Prayers

Joseph, close to Christ and Mary,
Lived with them in poverty,
Shared with them their home and labor,
Worked with noble dignity.
May we seek God's will as you did,
Leader of His family!

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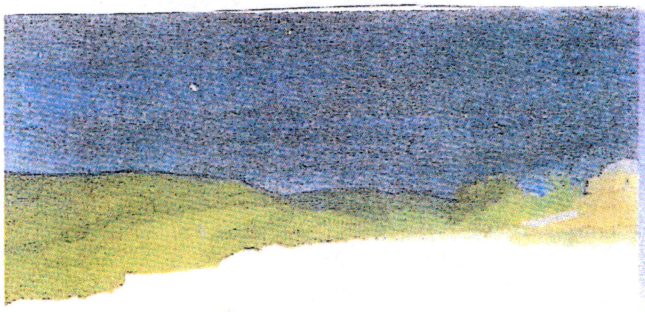
Father,
You entrusted Jesus to
the care of St. Joseph.
By the help of his prayers
may Your Church continue to
serve its Lord, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Night Flight

And lo, there came to Joseph
An angel's prophesy,
That because of Herod,
They must take the Child and flee.

From Bethlehem to Egypt,
The little trio fled,
Strangely finding solace
In the donkey Joseph led.

His steps were safely guarded,
At times he sought to guide,
While, for reassurance,
Joseph walked at Mary's side.

The blessed little donkey
In some way must have known
How precious the cargo
He carried all alone.

Laura Baker Haynes

When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you...." Joseph rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt.
Matthew 2:13-14