

**100th Anniversary
of
St. John Nepomuc
Parish**

**Prairie du Chien,
Wisconsin**

1891 1991

Ground breaking for the new church began on April 16, 1950. The cornerstone was donated by the Vach-Werner Monument Co., of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. It was carved of stone quarried near St. Cloud, Minnesota. Mr. Frank Vach gave us the stone. Mr. Lawrence Novey made and donated the copper box that held the memorabilia which was placed in the cornerstone.

Mayor William Carroll, Father Charles Brady, and Father Paul Monarski, Pastor, addressed the large crowd that assembled for the occasion.

A large stainless steel cross was made and donated by Lawrence Novey. It was put in place, on the tall tower on March 22, 1951.

Men from the parish assembled the benches and cabinets. The women did fundraising, and cleaning. The church has a large dining room and kitchen in the basement, besides two restrooms, a meeting room, and the boiler room. The church cost over \$200,000.00, and had only \$85,000.00 debt, which showed the cooperative spirit of the parish family.

On November 4, 1951, His Excellency, the Most Reverend John P. Treacy, S.T.D., Bishop of LaCrosse, dedicated the new church.



The Ground Breaking

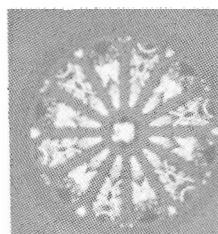


Laying the Cornerstone



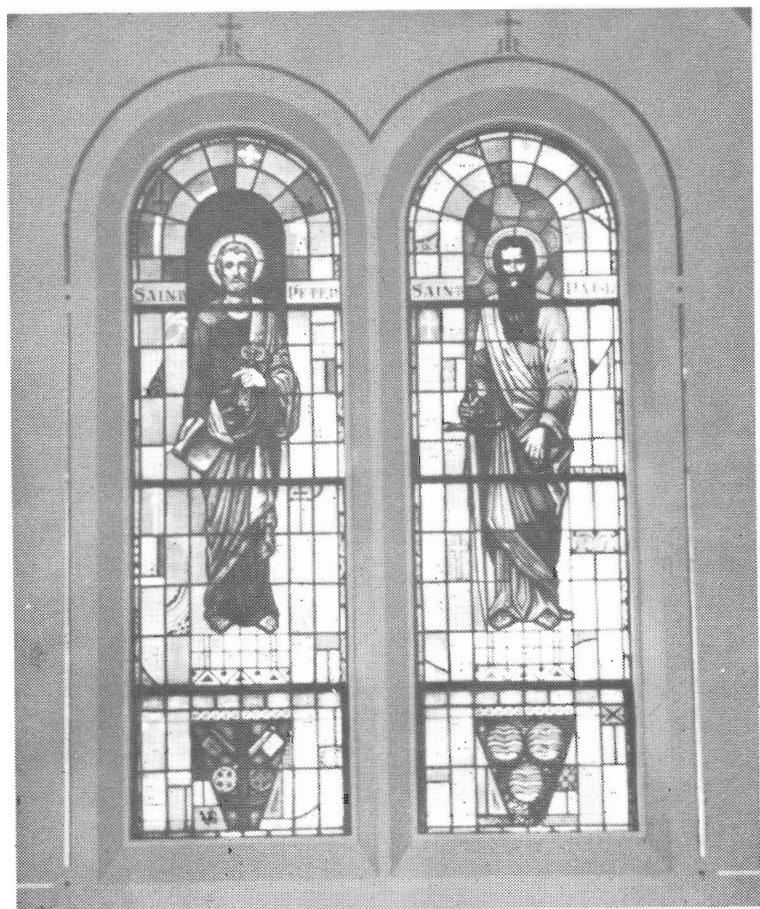
Interior of the new church.

The Rose Window



On the Front of the Church

The Rose window was the first window purchased, and installed. Mrs. Art Roth, Mrs Rose Pohlman, and Mrs. Andrew Novak, Sr. sent out letters to appeal for funds. Enough was donated for the window, the carpeting in the sanctuary, and the statue of St. Joseph.



Saint Peter

Saint Paul

Art Glass Windows

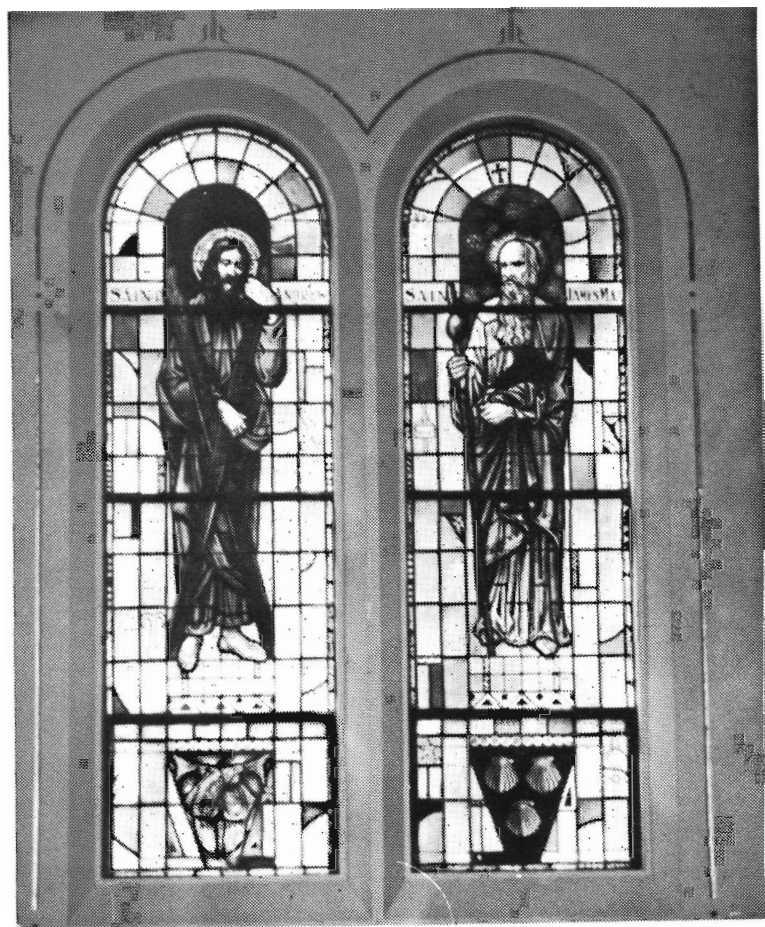
Shortly after the dedication some parishioners wanted to purchase art glass windows. The twelve apostles were chosen to grace the windows. The art work was done by Mr. Franz Dreobl, a Bavarian artist from Chicago, Illinois.

The windows were placed in the order of the gospels, in the canon of the Mass.

St. Peter was the leading apostle of Jesus Christ. His original name Simon was changed by Jesus to Peter. He was the son of Jona, and his home was in Bethsaida. Simon was married and had several children, and he was a successful fisherman. Peter means rock, and the Lord made him the first Pope (head of the Church). King Herod Agrippa I, had him thrown into prison to be executed. Peter escaped by a miracle. He traveled to the Middle East to carry the message of Christ. He was crucified, head downwards at his own request. He is buried beneath the basilica in Rome. His feastday is June 29th.

St. Paul was not one of the original twelve apostles. He was chosen by Father Paul Monarski to take the place of Judas, who betrayed Christ. St. Paul's original name was Saul, and he was born of wealthy Jewish parents. His home was in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia. Paul was a tent maker, and supported himself making tents while he preached the word of Christ. He was a member of the Sanhedrin (high council) at Jerusalem. He was converted to Christianity, on the road to Damascus. Paul went to Arabia and then sailed to Asia Minor. He visited Phrygia and Galatia, and then on to Macedonia.

He started the church at Phillipi, and brought Christianity to Europe. He went to Greece, he was put on trial in front of Gallio, but was released. In A.D. 52, he started on his third mission to Ephesus and stayed for three years. Later he was sent to prison for four years. He was freed, resumed his missionary work, rearrested, and beheaded about A.D. 67.

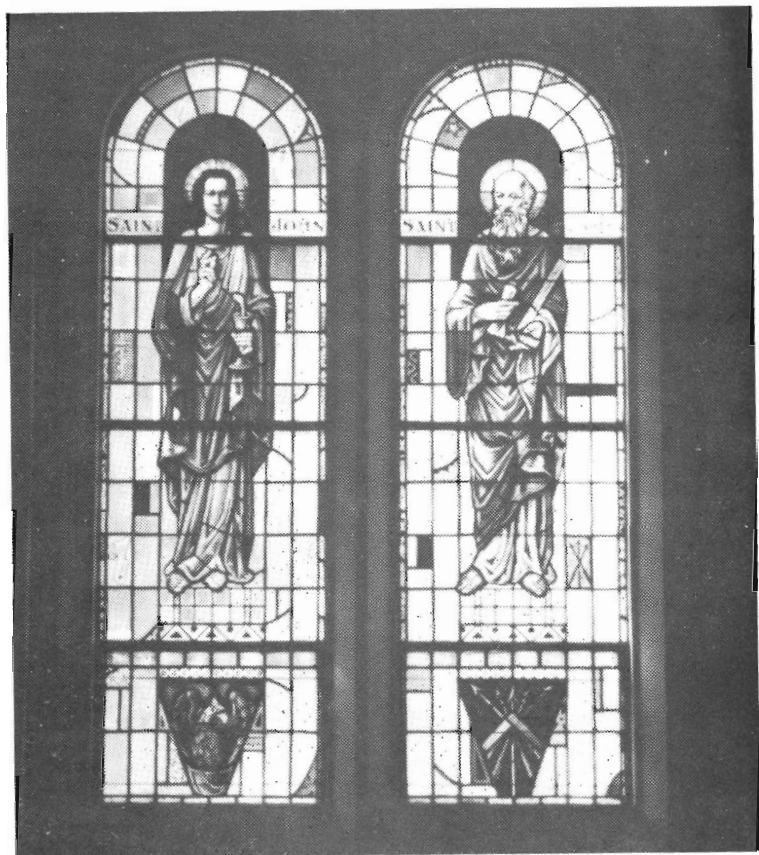


Saint Andrew

Saint James

Saint Andrew was an original follower of John the Baptist. He was one of the first disciples of Jesus. He brought his brother Simon to Jesus. Both brothers were fishermen of Bethsaida. He was crucified on a X-shaped cross called the crux decussata. Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Greece, Russia, and Scotland. His feast day is November 30.

Saint James was the head of the Christian Church in Jerusalem during the first years after it was founded. It is believed James was a cousin of Jesus. History tells us that he was a martyr, killed by a mob in Jerusalem in A.D. 62.



Saint John

Saint Thomas

Saint John the Evangelist was the son of Zebedee, a fisherman. He was thought to be the most loyal to Jesus. He accepted the responsibility of caring for Mary, Jesus' mother at the Crucifixion. He was the only apostle who died a natural death. His feast day is December 26, for Roman Catholics. Saint James the Greater was his brother.

Saint Thomas, also called in Greek Kidymus (a twin). He was called doubting Thomas because he wouldn't believe the Lord had risen until he put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand in his side. He said, "My Lord and My God". He went to India as a missionary and died there a martyr about A.D. 68. His bones were taken to Europe, then to Ortona, Italy. His feast day is December 21st.



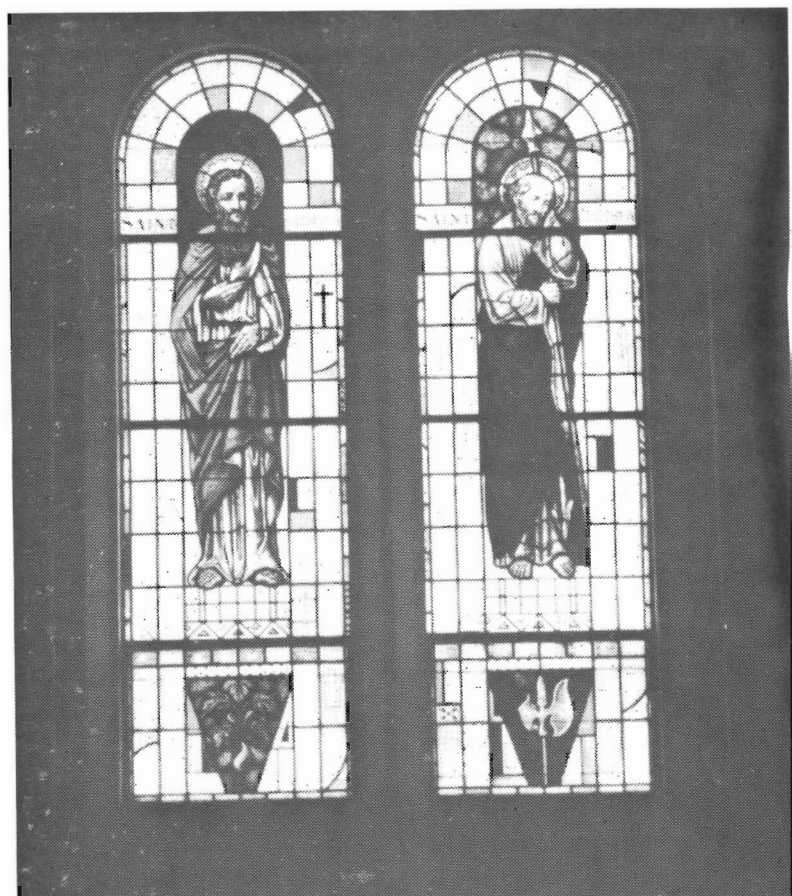
Saint Simon



Saint Thaddeus

Saint Simon the Canaanite, is called this not because he was from Canon, but Canaanite is Hebrew for the Greek Zelotes or Zealot. He was very earnest in his work for Christ. His feast day is on October 28.

Saint Thaddeus was also called Jude. He was the brother of James the Less, and the son of Alpheus (Cleophas) and Mary, and a close relative of Jesus. He is also known as Saint Jude, and is patron of those suffering from desperate illnesses as cancer.

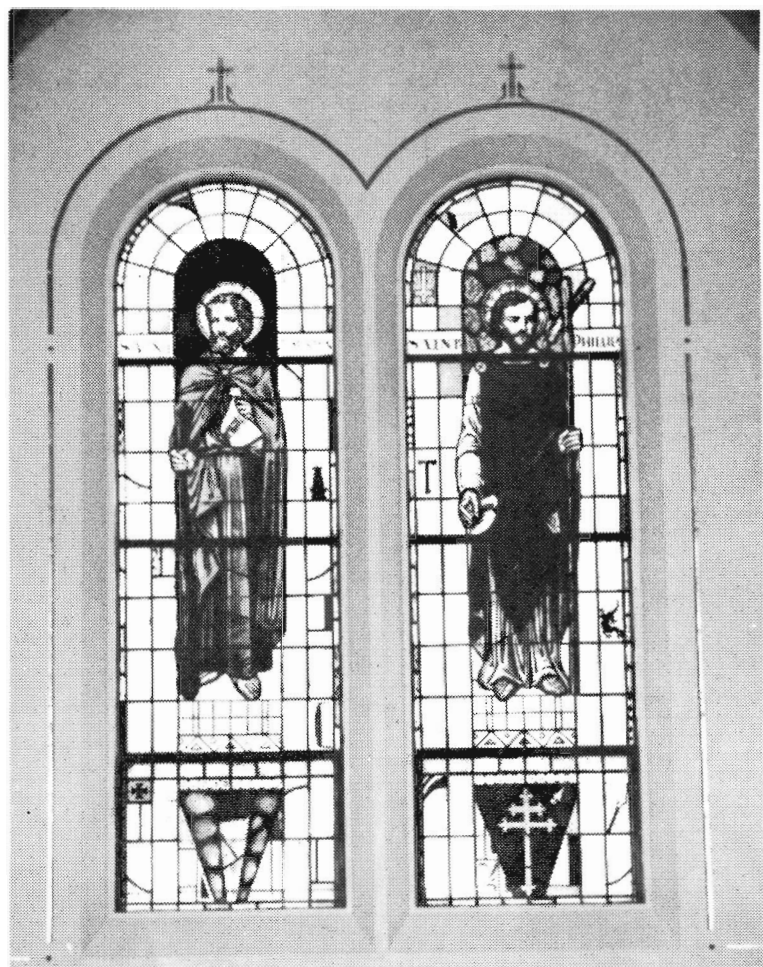


Saint Bartholomew

Saint Matthew

Saint Bartholomew's home was Cana of Galilee, where Jesus preformed His first miracle. He carried the gospel to India and died there, a martyr. His feast day is celebrated on August 24. Bartholomew was the son of Tolmai, and he was among the first disciples.

Saint Matthew was called Levi, the son of Alphaeus in the Gospel of Mark. He was publican (professional tax collector). After Penecost and the church's early years in Jerusalem, he preached in Syria. At first it was thought he died of natural causes, but, according to later stories he died a martyr. His feast day is celebrated on September 21.



Saint James Minor

Saint Philip

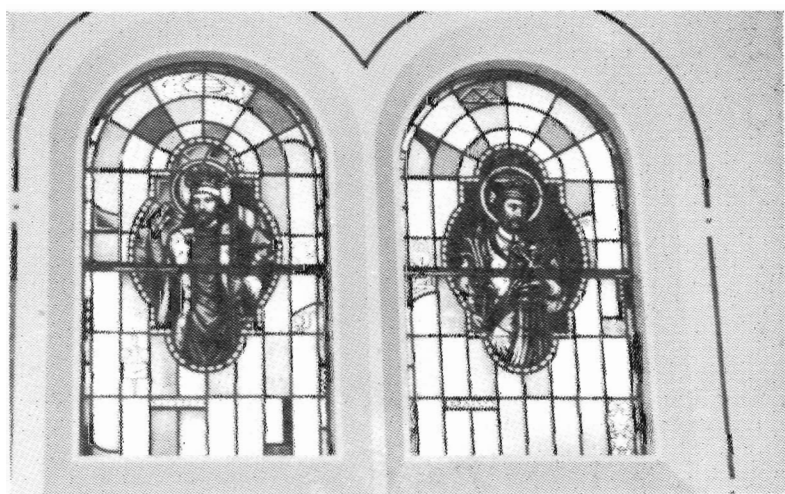
James the Less was the son of Alphaeus, and he was a cousin of Jesus. Jews called him "The Just" because of his strict observance of the law. He died a martyr, killed by a mob in Jerusalem in A.D. 62. His feast day is May 1 the same as Saint Phillip.

Saint Philip was one of the original disciples of Christ. His name in Greek means lover of horses. He wanted to see God the Father, Christ told him, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father". Philip went to Phrygia as a missionary and a martyr. His feast day is on May 1st.



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Immaculate Heart of Mary



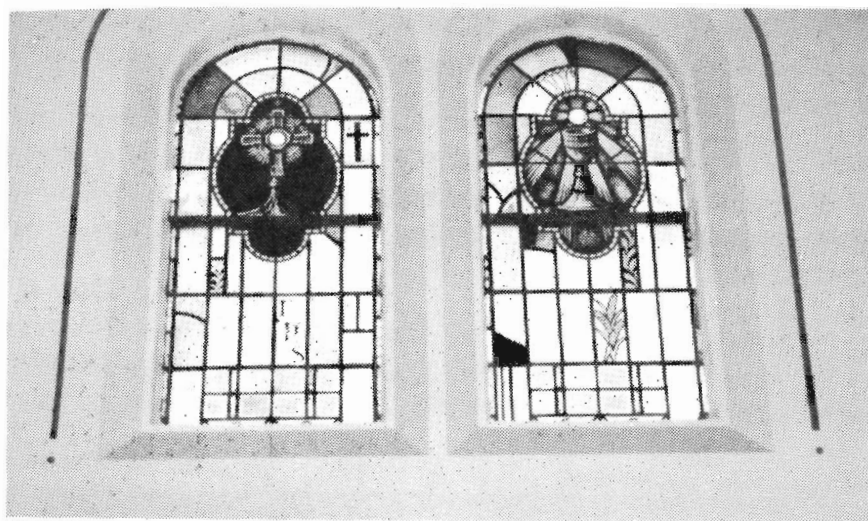
Saint Wenceslaus

Saint John Nepomuc

These are two Cech (Bohemian) Saints, that are special to the Cech (Bohemian) people in this country and Czechoslovakia.

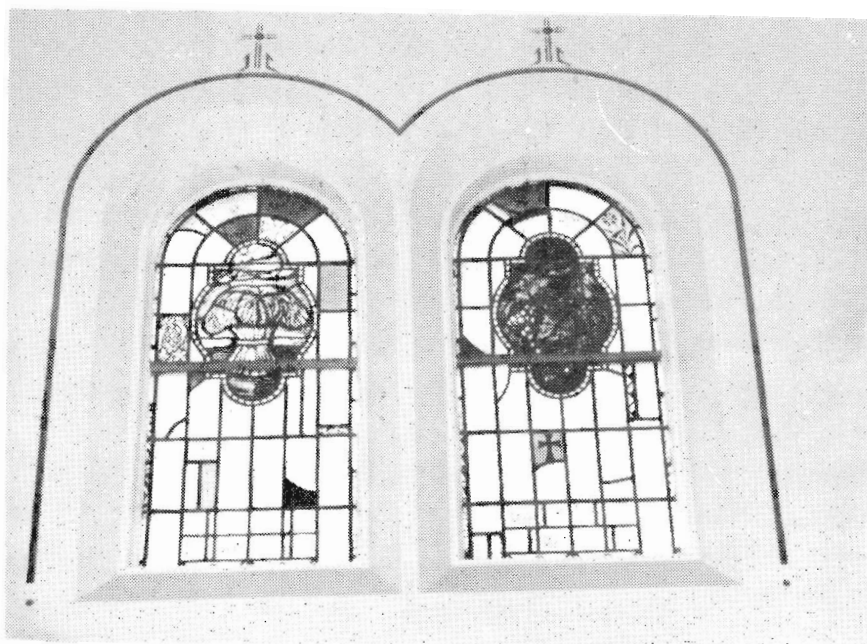
Saint Wenceslaus was a Duke in Bohemia, who was appointed King by Otto I.

Saint John Nepomuc was called that because the word means silent, quiet, torture. This he suffered because he would not reveal the queen's confession to her husband King Wencei.



North Side Monstrance

Communion Cup & Host



Wheat Window South

Grapes Window

LIFE OF SAINT WENCESLAUS

Saint Wenceslaus, duke and martyr, was born about 903 A.D. He was the elder twin son of Vratislav, a good Christian, and Drahomira, allegedly baptized but secretly retaining pagan belief. The younger twin was Boleslas I, the Cruel.

Wenceslaus' paternal grandparents were Boriwoi, first Christian duke of Bohemia, and Saint Ludmilla. After their conversion (attributed to Saint Methodius), pagan fanatics forced them from their throne for a short time. But they returned to reign seven years before resigning in favor of their son, Spitignev. He died after two years, and his brother, Vratislav (Wenceslaus' father) received the crown.

Before Vratislav died in 916, Wenceslaus was placed in the care of his grandmother, Ludmilla, to receive a Christian education at Budweis. Boleslas remained at home where their mother's pagan influence strongly colored his life.

When her husband died, Drahomira became regent. But because of her opposition to Christianity and at the urging of the people, Wenceslaus took control of the government. Drahomira was infuriated. She ordered her mother-in-law, Saint Ludmilla, to be murdered because she had had such great influence over Wenceslaus. It is said that Saint Ludmilla was strangled with her own veil as she knelt at prayer in her private chapel. Wenceslaus did not know that his own mother had any part in this. But realizing the need for Christian allies, he placed Bohemia under the protection of Germany. In recognition of Wenceslaus' virtuous leadership (he had taken the vow of virginity), Otto I, gave him the title of King.

When Wenceslaus emerged victorious from the inevitable battle with pagan forces, Drahomira requested a Conference with him at Alt-Bunzlau. Still the obedient son, though mindful now of her evil, Wenceslaus went to his mother. He stopped at the church on his way. At the door of this church Wenceslaus was killed by his brother, Boleslas--his body hacked to pieces and buried at the place of the murder.

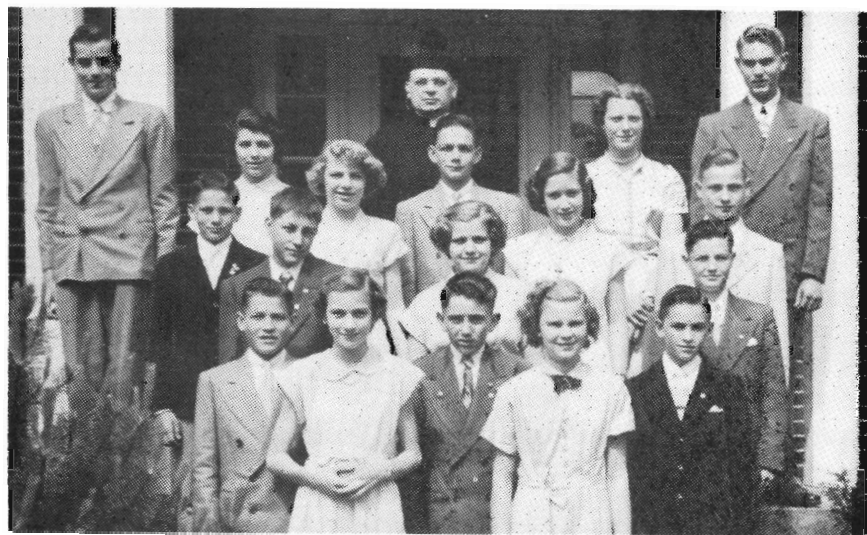
Three years later, Boleslas, who succeeded his twin as ruler, repented of his atrocious deed, and ordered Wenceslaus' bodily remains moved to the Church of Saint Vitus in Prague. Ironically, this cathedral had been built by Wenceslaus at the peak of the pagan opposition to the Christian government. Evidence of Boleslas' repentance is obvious in the exemplary Christian lives of his children. At least one of his children entered the religious life and as a Christian of Skala (a monk of Brevnov, near Prague), he is recognized as chief authority on the life of Wenceslaus.

Saint Wenceslaus' charity, love of the poor, and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament are remembered today not only in legend and song, but in the many churches placed under his patronage. We celebrate his feast day on the anniversary of his murder, September 28, 935.



Saint Wenceslaus Society Banner

The medallion in the center of this banner, has the same design, as the stained glass window, above the altar, of the Saint Wenceslaus Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This church is the National Czech Church in the United States.



Class of 1951

Bottom row, left to right:

Donald Hopkins, Charlotte Kolter, Wayne Feally, Delores Cipra,
Richard Vopelak

Row 2

Raymond Konichek, Carol Lanke, Roger Scheibel

Row 3

David Polodna, Mary Ann Mercer, James Schneider, Diane
Patterson, Roger Forst

Row 4

Harvey Lechnir, Lora Mae Steiner, Father Paul Monarski, Freda
Schloegl, Wenceslaus Mezera

First Communion was held on May 27, 1951. Freda Schloegl was
chosen to crown the Blessed Mother for May Crowning.

<u>School Sisters</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade Taught</u>
Clement Bresina	1952-1958	7 & 8
Rene Gryski	1958-1959	7 & 8
Gregory Smith	1959-1960	5 & 6, Organ
Thomas Marie Lang	1960-1963	1 & 2
Ellen Garity	1963-1964	1 & 2
Calixta Steines	1959-1965	7 & 8

Confirmation was held on Sunday, April 27, 1952, with the Very Reverend Bishop John P. Treacy officiating.



Class of 1952

Bottom row, left to right:

Jack Mercer, Joan White, Mary Glynn, Patrick O'Brien

Row 2

Maxine Maxwell, Clarence Mezera, William Patterson, Shirley Stevens

Row 3

Paul Polodna, Mary Ellen Schaumberg, John Fischer, Marie Jelinek, Sylvester Mezera

Row 4

Gerald Stevens, Jeanette Benish, Irene Konichek, Ivan Heisz

Row 5

Terry Kaber, Janice Paulus, Robert Panka, Jerold Stumpner, Father Paul Monarski, Jerome First, Charles Steinberg, Barbara Panka, Richard Ambrose

First Communion was held on May 25, 1952. Later in the day Barbara Panka had the honor of doing the May Crowning.



Class of 1953

Bottom row, left to right:

Thomas Schaumburg, Mary MacHolda, Michael Kramer, Joanne Duffy, Frank Tesar, Mary Jo Pettera, William Nugent

Row 2

Jeanette Benish, Pamella Steiner, Margaret Fagan, Charlotte Stluka, Father Paul Monarski, Marilyn Steinberg, Susan Bouska, Donna Schloegl, Ruth McKillip

Row 3

James O'Kane, Kay Homuth, John Rink, Thomas Panka, Richard Kozelka, Barbara Schneider, Michael O'Brien

First Communion was held on May 24, 1953. The next day Confirmation was held at St. John's with the Most Reverend Bishop John P. Treacy officiating.

Ruth McKillip had the honor of crowning the Blessed Mother for May Crowning.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower served from 1953 to 1961.

First Communion was held on May 23, 1954 and Confirmation was held on May 24. The Most Reverend Bishop John P. Treacy presided over the Confirmation ceremonies.

Mary Fischer was selected to do the May Crowning, of the Blessed Mother.



Class of 1954

Bottom row, left to right:

Donald Draka, Jeanette Cipra, Father Paul Monarski, Rita Nugent, Joseph Prochaska

Row 2

Dorothy Ambrose, Janet Gremore, Mary Fischer, Janet Mercer
Mary Heisz, Margaret Cosgriff, Margaret Jeffers

Row 3

Joyce White, Catherine Mezera, Steve Welter, Monica Schaumburg, Norita Forst



Class of 1955

Bottom row, left to right:

Gary White, Jeanette Felder, Philip Dagnon, Carolyn Konichek, Father Paul Monarski, Mary McKillip, Richard Panka, Sharon Benish, Ronald Novey

Row 2

Judy Schneider, James Rink, Damaris Graap, Michael Schloegl, Nancy Arms, Mary Lou Kavon, James Kopet, Patricia Lechnir, Frank Maxwell, Margaret Schaumberg

Row 3

Todd Sandleback, Jill Kaber, Donald Korback, Florence Mezera, Richard First, Jane O'Kane, Samuel Tesar, Elaine Stluka, Harold Konichek

First Communion was held on May 29th. Carolyn Konichek crowned the Blessed Mother's statue.



During the dismantling of the old church, the real cornerstone was found on the north corner of the church. A document written in both Cech and English by Father George Kiefner, three old newspapers, and some old coins were also found.

The three newspapers were The Courier, of June 30, 1891, the Prairie du Chien Union, of August 27, 1891, and a Bohemian paper, Hlas, printed in St. Louis and dated August 26, 1891.

Workmen took special interest in examining the coins which included, besides a dime and a nickel of the period, an 1886 three-cent piece, an 1864 two-cent piece, and an 1891 penny.

The document in both English and Bohemian, evidently written by George Kiefner, reads as follows: "In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, Amen.

"In the year of Our Lord 1891, the 30th day of August, the Feast of St. Rose of Lima, Pope Leo XIII gloriously reigning over God's Church on earth; Ben. Harrison, President of the United States; George Peck, Governor of the State of Wisconsin; the Rev. George Kiefner, missionary rector of this church now being built and dedicated to St. John Nepomuc by the Bishop; the Rt. Rev. K.C. Flasch, who died the third of August, 1891, the Very Rev. J. Schwebach, being administrator of the Diocese of LaCrosse; the Rev. Philip Kremer laid the cornerstone assisted by Dr. Carroll of McGregor, Ia., and by the Rev. George Kiefner.

"The Board of trustees; John Fuka, Vaclav Reiseman, Jacob Cabela, Frank Kasperek, Joe Polda, Frank Uher, Voyta Vondrak, and Mat Mezera."



Class of 1956

Bottom row, left to right:

Theodore Withey, Marion Bouzek, Donald Mercer, Joanne Novey, Father Paul Monarski, Judy Sincere, Clement Ryan, Elaine Stankus, Jack O'Kane

Row 2

Nancy Gremore, Fred Grelle, Rosemary Little, Tim Glynn, Irene Heisz, Nancy Lechnir, John Ryan, Mary Stark, Richard Pintz, Clara Mezera

Row 3

Marilyn Stevens, Terry Glynn, Cathryn Bouska, Dennis Vorwald, Neal Smethurst, Virginia Jeffers, Tom Glynn, Betty Stevens

Marion Bouzek and Elaine Stankus were scholarship winners. Judith Sincere was chosen to crown the Blessed Mother.

Confirmation was May 26, 1956 at St. John's, with Bishop John P. Treacy officiating.

First Holy Communion was held on May 27th.

Father Paul Monarski received word of his elevation to Right Reverend Monsignor on September 25, 1956. This honor was bestowed upon him by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. A Solemn High Mass was held on November 4, 1956.

In 1957 Deanna McGill had the honor of doing the May Crowning.

First Communion was held on May 26, 1957.



Class of 1957

Bottom row, left to right:

Paul Peterson, Sharon Smith, Dennis Voth, Monsignor Paul Monarski, Richard deRantz, Deanna McGill, Timothy Garrity
Row 2

Patricia Siegenthaler, Charlotte Scheckel, John Novey, Kathryn Hackett, Floyd Konichek, Judith Mayer, Darlene Konichek
Row 3

William Duffy, Joanne Ludvik, Richard Strauman, Marilyn Forst, Eldon Arms



Class of 1958

Bottom row, left to right:

John Grelle, Diane Voth, John Polodna, Monsignor Paul Monarski, Jerry Ingham, Theresa Shedivy, Richard Vorwald

Row 2

Laurita Graap, Lawrence Stark, Sharon Gremore, Catherine Cosgriff, Kay Welter, Karen Polodna, Karen Gremore, Steve Miller, Kathleen Sandleback

Row 3

Jack Maxwell, Margaret Jelinek, Kenneth Kavon, Rita Stevens, Ronald Marx, Judith Bouska, Richard Novey, Teresa White, Francis Mezera

First Communion was held on May 23, 1958. the May Crowning was done by Theresa Shedivy and Kim Ritchie, a first grader, was with her.

Two hundred and twenty-eight students were enrolled in the school.

The Most Reverend Bishop John P. Treacy presided over Confirmation ceremonies on May 10, 1959.

First Communion was held on May 24th. Michael Rod, a member of the First Communion class, crowned the May Queen.

The new church was decorated for the first time in 1959.



Class of 1959

Bottom row, left to right:

Carol Cipra, Ronald Withey, Terrance Thomas, Monsignor Paul Monarski, James Coffin, Gerald Pellock, Mary Patricia Ryan

Row 2

Dianne Forst, Mary Panka, Margaret Charvat, Diane Novey, Jane McGill, Jennifer Lochner, Barbara Hackett, Nancy Benish, Elaine Mezera

Row 3

James Jelinek, Gerald Strnad, William Homuth, Jerome Jenkins, Melvin Novey, William Grelle, David Felder



Class of 1960

Bottom row, left to right:

Larry Rod, Charlotte Sawa, Mark Miller, Sharon Sue Ertel, Monsignor Paul Monarski, Sharon Koresh, Mark Lochner, Joyce Bedward, James Gallagher, Raymond Novey

row 2

Michael Strnad, Mary Beth Bailey, Gerald O'Kane, Jane Lechnir, John Nugent, Delores McKillip, Marlene Sincere, Rose Mary Strauman, Ronald Mezera, Kathleen Titlbach, Daniel Garrity, Jean Gallagher, Marcia Schaumberg

Row 3

Gerald Novacek, Diane Kapinus, James Shedivy, Connie Polodna, Thomas Rink, Catherine Novak, James Cipra, Diane Fanello, Donald Hackett

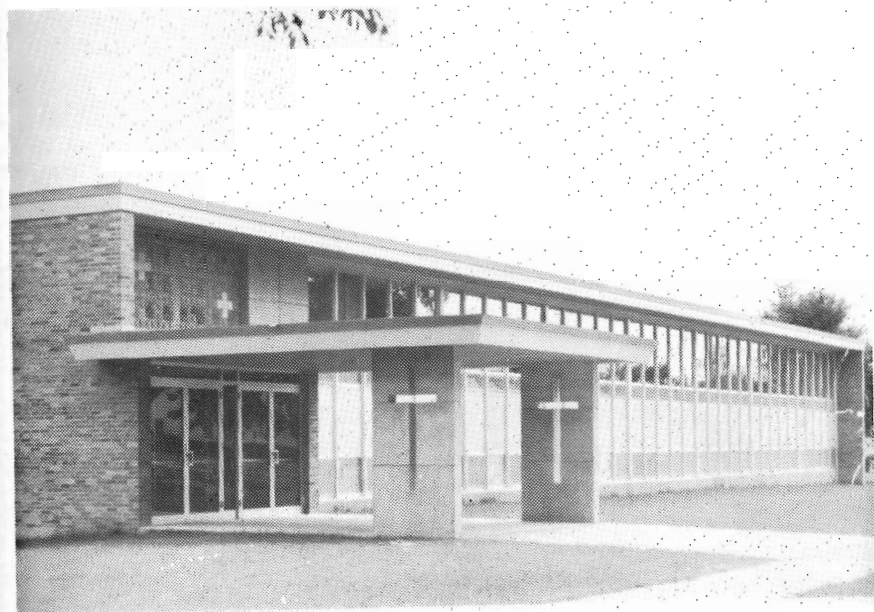
First Communion was held on May 22, 1960.

<u>School Sisters</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade Taught</u>
George Heizen	1960-1966	5 & 6, Organ
Laetaria Robers	1961-1968	2
Stanislaus Maliszewska	1967-1968	4
Charles Marie Merbs	1966-1967	5 & 6, Organ
Frances Therese Gibson	1969-1970	6
Faith Parkinson	1965-1971	8
Alexius Portz	1969-1972	Music
Theresa Rekowski	1968-1974	2
Angeleen Brill	1964-1976	1



Ground Breaking New School

On April 24, 1960, Right Reverend Monsignor Paul Monarski and The Most Reverend Bishop John P. Treacy broke ground for the new school after the 10:00 A.M. mass.



St. John's New School

First Communion was held on May 21, 1961. The honor of doing the May Crowning was given to Rose Mary Balk.



Class of 1961

Bottom row, left to right:

Peter Thomas, Sharon Shulka, L. G. Friedrichs, Bonita Benish,
Monsignor Paul Monarski, Julie Tittlbach, Alan Bailey, Diane Draka,
Lawrence Graap

Row 2

Helen Stluka, Peter Polodna, Margaret Garrity, Timothy Betzle,
Nancee Robejsek, Robert Charvat, Carol Peterson, Robert Ludvick,
Blanche Stark

Row 3

Arlene Mezera, Judith Pohle, Janet Novak, Mary Lou Betzle,
Patricia Cosgriff, Rose Mary Balk, Beverly Novey, Patrick Ryan

John F. Kennedy was elected President.

Classes started on Tuesday, September 6, 1961 with 226 pupils attending. The school had 9 classrooms, a kitchen and dining room, 2 teacher lounges, a boiler room, 4 toilets, and 6 store rooms.

The new school was dedicated September 21, 1961 by His Excellency Bishop John P. Treacy, assisting clergy were Msgr. Urban Baer, Father Edward Schneider, S.J., Father Eugene Zimmerman, S.J., Father Earl Burns, S.J., Msgr. James P. Finucan, Father Thomas Finnegan, S.J., and Msgr. Paul Monarski, Pastor.



Class of 1962

Bottom row, left to right:

Richard Hackett, Donna Konichek, Marilyn Gebel, Roberta McWilliams, Monsignor Paul Monarski, Ruth McGill, Diane Stevens, Annette Balk, Paul Lochner

Row 2

Mary Mezera, Elaine Cowie, Paul Steinberg, Dale Konichek, David Welter, Joanne Snell, Christine Preston, Terry Cejka

Row 3

Michael Peterson, James Novey, Linda Yorwald, Charles Shedivy, Thomas Scaife, Jane Peterson, Rosemary Fanello, Shirley Betzle, Aurilla Koresch

The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by the Most Reverend Bishop John P. Treacy, on April 8, 1962.

First Communion was held on May 26th

Annette Balk was chosen to do the May Crowning.

Rev. Myron (Mike) J. Meinen was born on October 29, 1925, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He attended St. Peter's Elementary School in Tilden, Wisconsin. He attended the Salvatorian Seminary, St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, for his high school education. He then attended Maryknoll Seminary in New York. He received his theological training at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, and St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was ordained on May 22, 1954, at Holy Cross Seminary Chapel by Bishop John P.

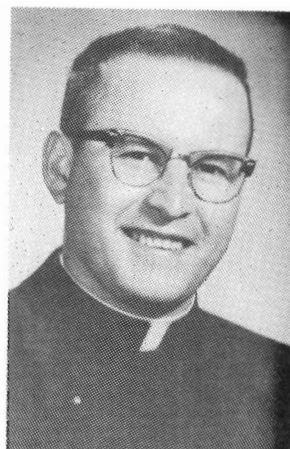


1962
Asst. Pastor

Treacy. His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Alexander Parish, Port Edwards. He then served at parishes in Wausau, Eau Claire, Athens and Wuerzburg. On August 24, 1962, he was appointed associate pastor at St. John Nepomucene Parish, Prairie du Chien, and also served with the Brothers of St. Pius X at Desota. Two months later, on October 26, 1962, he was appointed Chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital, Sparta, while continuing to serve with the Brothers of Pius X. Subsequently he has served at parishes in Jim Falls, Drywood, Bakerville and Elk Mound. Due to ill health he retired on October 31, 1985.

Rev. James J. Hagmann was born May 4, 1932, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, Eau Claire. He attended high school at St. John's Preparatory Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota, and attended college at St. John's University there. Father Hagmann received his theological training at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1958, in the chapel of Holy Cross Seminary, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, by Bishop John P. Treacy. Father Hagmann's first assignment was as assistant pastor at Holy Name Parish, Wausau. He next served as assistant pastor at St. Mark Parish, Rothchild. On June 19, 1963, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. John Nepomucene Parish, Prairie du Chien, where he served until June 22, 1965. Since that time Father Hagmann has served at parishes in Black River Falls, Marshfield, Arcadia, Durand and Eau Claire. He is currently pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish, Whitehall, and St. Ansgar Parish, Blair.



1963-1965
Asst. Pastor

On November 22, 1963, Mrs. Gertrude Bohonek, and her sons Felix and Robert donated the American and Papal flags to be placed in the sanctuary. This was done in sympathetic reaction to President Kennedy's assassination.

The flags were blessed, and dedicated on Sunday, February 23, 1964.



Class of 1963

Front row, left to right:

Ellen Friedrichs, Catherine Cowie, Michael Novak, Christine Lochner, Robert Mezera, Nancy Polodna, Monsignor Paul Monarski, Sandra Konichek, Allen Cejka, Rosemary Miller, Daniel Koresh, Shirley Felder, Margaret Titlbach

Row 2

Judith Weber, Margaret Smith, Raymond Mezera, Sue Voth, Frank Cipra, Bridget Garrity, James Kapinus, Mary Paulus, Edward Novey, Sharon Stankus, John Koresh, Mary Balk, Danielle Strauman, Alicia Steinberg

May 26th was First Communion Day. Mary Paulus was chosen to do May Crowning later in the day.

President Kennedy was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963. Lyndon B. Johnson took over the presidency.

On February 24, 1964 the Very Reverend Frederick W. Freking was installed as Bishop of the LaCrosse Diocese.



Class of 1964

Bottom row, left to right:

Monsignor Paul Monarski, Charles Heilmann, John Mezera, Michael Balk, Thomas Fishler, Martin Sawa, Thomas Peterson, David Stanislawski, Father James Hagmann

Row 2

Judith O'Kane, Martha Grelle, Constance Lechnir, Sharee Pettera, Beverly McGill, Ellen Snell, Mary Delury, Deborah Preston, Ruthanne Rybarczyk, Constance Sebastian

Row 3

Bruce Novey, Mark Peterson, Bruce Cejka, Kevin Garrity, Thomas Weber, Raymond Kapinus, Raoul Steiner, Rodney Tippiery, Mark Aird

First Communion was held on May 24, 1964, for 31 First Communicants, at the 8:30 mass. Mark McWilliams and Louis Lochner, Knights of the Altar, led the communicants to the altar.

Special services honoring the Blessed Mother occurred at 7:30 in the evening. A procession was climaxed by the crowning of Our Lady as Queen of May. Mary Delury crowned the statue, assisted by Ellen Snell and Ruth Ann Rybarczyk. Beverly McGill carried the crown. The remaining eighth grade girls formed a court of honor. After the crowning, the first communicants were enrolled in the scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.



Class of 1965

Bottom row, left to right:

Ellen Hackett, Father James Hagmann, Mary Weber, Faye Paulus,
Monsignor Paul Monarski, Dianne Duffy

Row 2

Kristine Otteson, William Friedrichs, Steven Bowar, Gary
Novey, Robert Titlbach, Kevin Graap, Sister Calixta

Row 3

Charlene Cejka, Brian Koresch, Cynthia Love, Robert Halverson,
Amelia Lochner, Charles Spech, Linda Jelinek, Karen Krogman

Row 4

John Kapinus, Judith Sutton, Kim Ritchie, Helen Mezera, Colette
Cowie, Denise Stanislawski, David Polodna, Barbara Coorough,
Michael Rod

First Communion was held on May 23, 1965 for 35 First
Communicants.

On June 15, 1965 Monsignor Paul Monarski retired after thirty-
seven years at St. John's.