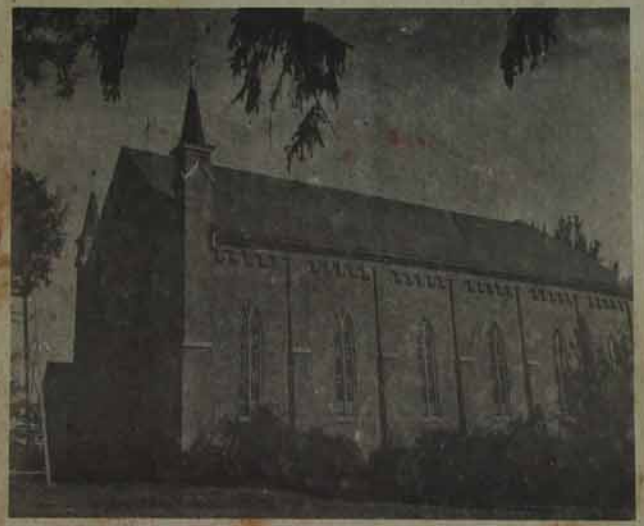
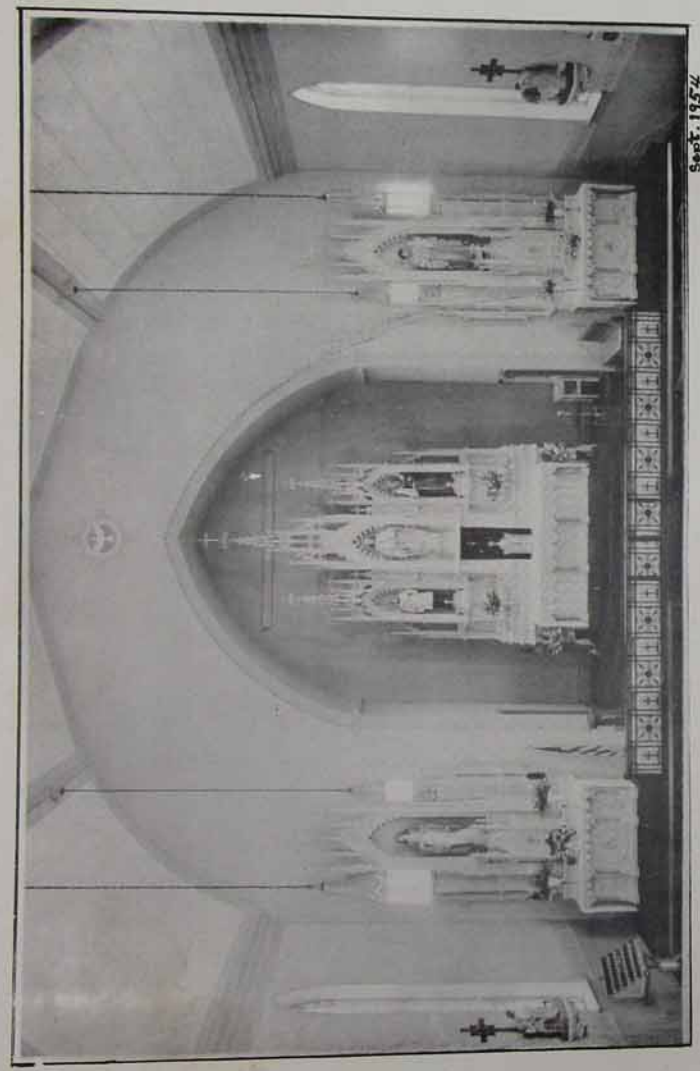
CENTENNIAL



HOLY TRINITY PARISH

RICHMOND, IOWA

1854 1954



Sept. 1954

SOUVENIR

OF THE

CENTENNIAL

OF

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

RICHMOND, IOWA

CELEBRATED - OCTOBER 31, 1954

And History of the
Principal Events of the Congregation
with photos of buildings
Bishops and Priests
People and Events

1854 - 1954

Compiled by
Sister M. Thelma
Teacher at the Holy Trinity

DEDICATION

This Centennial Book, containing a short history of Holy Trinity Parish at Richmond with many interesting pictures of the past and of the present is dedicated to the Blessed Mother of God during whose special Marian Year, this Centennial is being celebrated, and to the Founders of the Richmond Parish, to their Sons and Daughters who carried on the work begun by their Fathers, and to the Pastors who broke for them the Bread of Life.

The primary object of this book, and of this Centennial Celebration is to render thanks to Divine Providence for the manifold blessings which He has bestowed upon the members of the parish during the course of this one-hundred years.

In the general estimation of mankind, gratitude approaches nearer than any other virtue to justice. This gratitude finds its fullest expression in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which on this Centennial day is the center of attraction and is celebrated with more than usual solemnity.

In the course of the past many a loyal Catholic who spent his childhood days in good old Holy Trinity parish has gone forth from here to cast his lot with others in this great land of ours, establishing new home and new parishes and spreading the faith of his forefathers elsewhere. To all these we would extend a hearty welcome on this great feast day, mindful of the words of Holy Writ: "And thou shalt feast in all the good things which the Lord thy God hath given thee."

Therefore, for the glory of God, for the good of religion and in recognition of the manifold blessings bestowed upon our parish in the past century by the giver of all good gifts, this unpretentious little souvenir is offered to the members and friends of Holy Trinity Parish. May this parish continue to grow and prosper and may the Dear Lord continue to bless all in its fold.

FORWARD

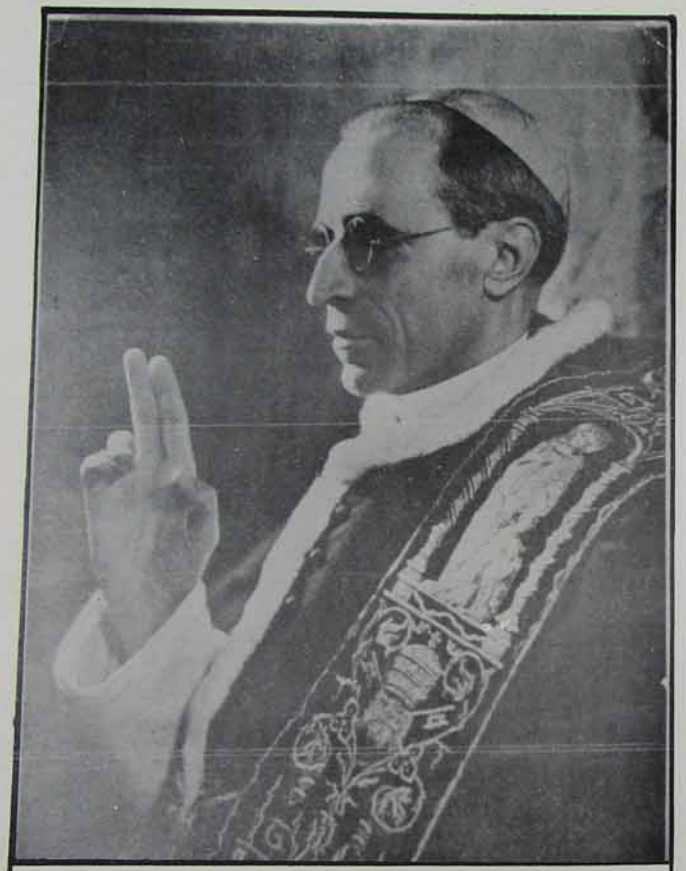
In attempting to write the history of Holy Trinity Parish, the compiler fully realizes the difficult task undertaken. The past is almost a sealed book. Looking back these one hundred years we find that the sturdy early pioneers did not mark down for future perusal their plannings, privations and indomitable perseverance,which overcame and surmounted all difficulties; going forward with an unconquerable zeal, they give expression to their innate faith. They struggled with the soil for a beggarly recompense, blazed the trail to far off marts, and filled their days in hopes for a brighter existence. Their memories were splended inrecalling to the awe-struck listener many scenes of days long past, their stories enlivened by fanciful imagery; dates and facts oft-times however badly jumbled, left but too often a vague impression of the reality. Family tradition is generally put forth accurately, but concerning the advance and marked epochs of a congregation, much could be desired. Hence the difficulty of placing a history even moderately reliable and worthy of credence!

In gathering the following pages, valuable aid was given by various members of the congregation in the form of facts, data, and pictures; the kind words of worthy pioneers, themselves descendants of the sturdy, God-fearing forefathers, who broke the ground; also, others, whose interest in Holy Trinity never lagged, though they had moved to other parts.

The history itself presents facts that were thought note-worthy, statistics that are all but complete, records and reminiscences that leave much to be desired.

Though the reserches were slow and painstaking, the compiler fully realizes that much has not been found, which would be of vital interest; much is buried on the eternal shores, and will be unearthed, when time is no more.

May this little volume go forward with a "God-speed," and should it arouse interest and stimulete to further and grander efforts inthe next century for the cause of God and holy religion, the compiler will feel well repaid.



Our Present Holy Father - Pope Pius XII

POPE PIUS XII

Pope Pius XII (Eugenio Pacelli) was elected Pope March 2, 1939, his 63rd. birthday, to succeed Pius XI. The new Pope had been papal Secretary of State and chose the name Pius out of respect and affection for his predecessor. His coronation took place March 12.

The election of Pope Pius XII was unusual in many ways. He was the first papal secretary of state to succeed to the papacy in modern times. His election was the swiftest in history, for he was chosen by the electoral conclave on the first day of voting after only three ballots. He was the first native of Rome to be elevated to the Holy See in more than 200 years, and he was the first pope to have visited the United States, shortly before his election as pope.

Born in Rome March 2, 1876, Eugenio Pacelli was a member of a patrician family. His father was a lawyer for the Vatican. The son decided to become a priest and following his ordination was assigned by Pope Leo XIII to the Secretariat of State. This was the turning point in his career, for in this department of the Vatican, under four successive popes, he gained an insight into European affairs which was to make him one of the leading statesmen of his time.

As pope, during World War II, Pius repeatedly issued pleas on behalf of peace and against totalitarian governments, protesting many actions of the German and Italian governments, particularly the bombing of the Vatican City by the Germans in 1943.

In mid 1949 he issued a historic proclamation declaring that any Catholic rendering support of any kind or degree to communism would automatically incur the penalty of excommunication.



Archbishop Henry P. Rohlman

Archbishop of the

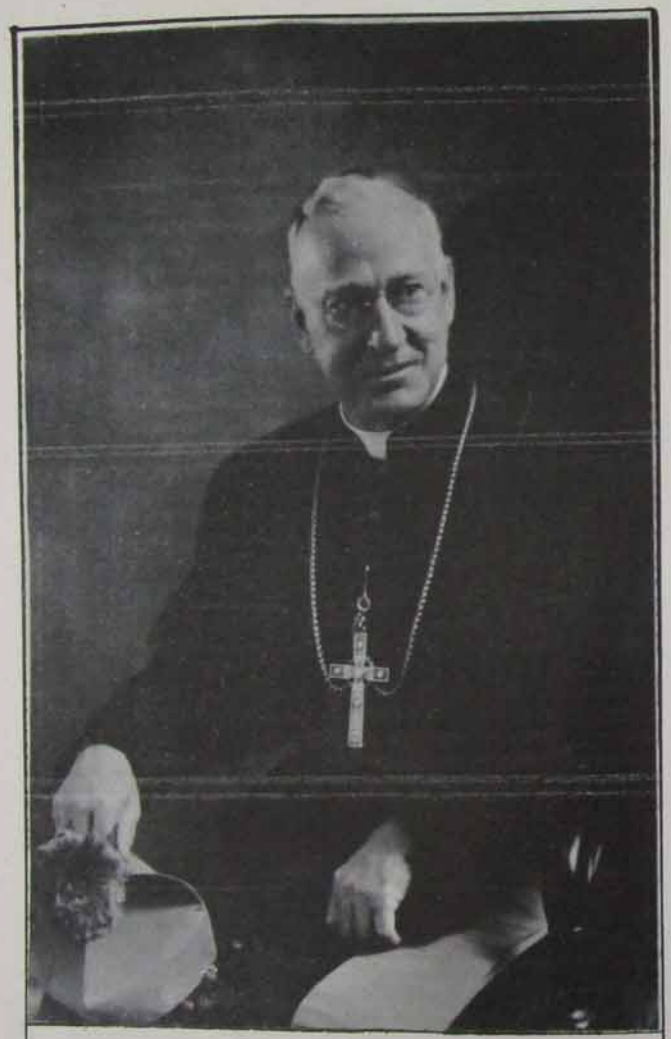
Archdiocese of Dubuque

THE DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

Due to the tide of Catholic immigration, it was decided in Rome to divide the state of Iowa into two dioceses early in 1881, and so accordingly on May 8, 1881, the southern half of the state embracing the four southern tiers of counties, was erected into the episcopal see of Davenport. At this time the new diocese contained sevenly priests and a Catholic population estimated at 45,000. John McMullen served as its first bishop for only two years, 1881 to 1883. Dedicated to the cause of higher Catholic education, he firmly founded St. Ambrose College at Davenport before he died.

His successor was the first native-born American to serve as a bishop in Iowa and was the only American-born bishop until the year 1911. Henry Cosgrove, an alumnus of Loras College at Dubuque, for twenty-two years guided the religious destinies of his diocese with skillful zeal, the longest episcopal reign in Dovenport up to the present time. At his death in 1906 he was followed by Bishop James Davis who for two years previously had acted as coadjutor bishop. It was during Bishop Davis' regime that - in 1911 - the western half of southern Iowa was severed from the Davenport jurisdiction and erected into the new diocese of Des Moines. Shortly before Bishop Davis' death, which occurred in December of 1926, he had been given as his auxiliary bishop, Edward D. Howard, formerly president of Loras College at Dubuque, and today presiding as the archbishop of Portland, Oregon.

In 1927 Henry P. Rohlman was consecrated as the fourth bishop of Davenport. When, after an active episcopal career of seventeen years, he was appointed episcopal coadjutor-archbishop of Dubuque in 1944, he was succeeded by the present incumbent, Bishop Ralph L. Hayes. Bishop Hayes had served previously as rector of the North American College in Rome, and as bishop of Helena, Montana.



Most Rev. Ralph L. Hayes
Bishop of Davenport

September 8, 1954

Rev. W. F. Boeckmann
Holy Trinity Rectory
Richmond, Iowa

My dear Father Boeckmann:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and your good people upon the observance of the Centennial of Holy Trinity Church, Richmond. The Pastor and the Sisters and the loyal parishioners of Holy Trinity Church have established a venerable tradition of true Catholic living. That tradition has been carried on from generation to generation and characterizes the faith and the religious activities of the present generation.

It is particularly noteworthy that almost from the beginning the people have maintained a parish school in which their children have been trained in the service of God and of their country. The blessings of God which have been showered upon the Holy Trinity Parish during the past century will continue to be the never-failing support of priests, Sisters and people during the coming years.

I am most happy not only to extend my felicitations, but also to impart my paternal blessing.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Ralph L. Hayes

Most Rev. Ralph L. Hayes
Bishop of Davenport.



Father Walter F. Boeckmann
present pastor of
Holy Trinity Parish, Richmond

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T

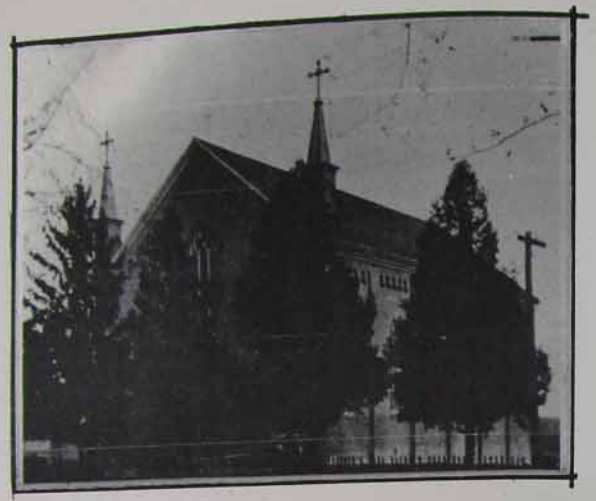
This History of Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, is the result of the indefatigable labors of Sister M. Thelma of our school. She has rendered to all of us an invaluable service. The labor involved was tremendous, and anyone of only a little less courage would have quailed. With very little written history to consult she has gathered the facts recorded in this book from the uncounted hours of interviews from some of the older members of this parish. Her history of the parish truly rolls back the years for us. To her our lasting and heartful thanks, and the prayers of a grateful people.

Sister Thelma gives some small realization of the great sacrifices our loved ones before us made for God. The present church, now in its 86th. year of use, and remarkably well preserved, attests to how well they built. The sturdiness of the building but matched the strength of their faith. And the school they founded but proves their concern that that faith continue living and real in those who should follow. Most of the present generation attending our church are descendants of those old pioneers. and the exemplary lives of these people today are the flowering of the seeds planted in their minds and hearts by loved ones before. The real monuments of the old pioneers are their faithful sons and daughters of today.

God bless our Faithful forefathers; God bless their faithful children today; God bless Sister M. Thelma who has brought these things to focus for us in this invaluable book.

Father Boeckmann

Father Walter F.Boeckmann
Pastor



HISTORY OF HOLY TRINITY PARISH, RICHMOND, IOWA

The parish of Holy Trinity in Richmond stands as a monument to the faith of the pioneers, who in the middle of the last century left their homes in the lands beyond the ocean to come over to the new country to make their living, and to serve their God.

Holy Trinity parish, in the first one hundred years of its experience has lived in the "Century of all Centuries," so far, in the history of the world. It has been a part of the changing world, measuring step with the progress of the world, keeping time with the marching millions that come and go across the stage that portrays the story of human-kind's experiences and endeavors to live as God's chosen ones.

Out of the mysterious depths of the eternity that is gone have come myriads of faithful, and into the equally mysterious depths of the eternity beyond we transfer one by one pausing here just long enough to do our appointed part in the divinely directed scheme of things.

"All that tread the earth are but a handful to those who slumber in its bosom," and so, we pause and reflect, that all of us who remain are but a small group as compared to the number of those who have come and gone, doing their willing part while here and willingly signing out into such service as may be demanded of them in other places, in other realms.

Studying the history of our parish from the beginning, we wander so frequently to the cemetery. "He was the first Catholic man here,""His was the home used for the first Mass here," "He helped build the first church in Richmond," "His family gave generously tothe school," "He preached the first sermon,"etc. but they are not here, the makers of our parish history do not stay. They come and go, forever and ever. So it was; so it is; so it shall be.

This little booklet is a modest effort to bring up to date and put in compact form a small part of the outstanding events of Holy Trinity Parish through the past century. A shelf full of editions like this would not suffice to tell the whole story of our parish. Indeed, every man's life, every woman's life is a story in itself - a long, interesting, useful story, a story of service to God. There are few human beings in this locality for whom a special edition of a great book might not be issued if one were permitted to record all the various important events in their respective lives. It has been well said that every man has within himself, the material for a good interesting book - the story of his own life.

So this little edition goes forth to direct the attention of the people of this age and locality to the people of yesterday, of the pioneer of yesterday, and of the accomplishments of this parish up to the present date. In some instances the subject matter given as historical fact herewith may not be inviolably accurate in every detail. Who can tell? We have found that in pursuing a story that different people tell it differently. They saw the incident with different eyes, and different minds carried the impression through the years, and other confusing incidents meddle with the pic-

ture until in the end its colors vary some, but the general outline is for the most part the same. So, if some of my readers find inaccuracies in spots, please keep calm, and rest assured that there has been no intentional variation from facts. One of the greatest causes for inaccuracies and errors is the lack of written records to go by, and the very short length of time in which to gather data, and to put facts in proper sequence.

With the passing of the years this piece of work will increase in value, sentimentally and otherwise. It will be prized by those who have them one hundred years from today. If you are planning on being here then, be sure to put this book away carefully and preserve it so that when the year 2054 rolls around, you will be able to look up this edition and remark - "My, my, what changes have occured at Holy Trinity since 1954. Who would have thought it!"

The history of this parish is colorful and interesting. It shows how deep the faith was seated in the hearts of the men and women who came to Iowa territory in the early days. One would think that they had enough to think of when they were making their homes in this new land of vast



This is a generation picture, showing old familiar faces of early parishioners. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stumpf, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lints, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eagle, and Vere Eagle



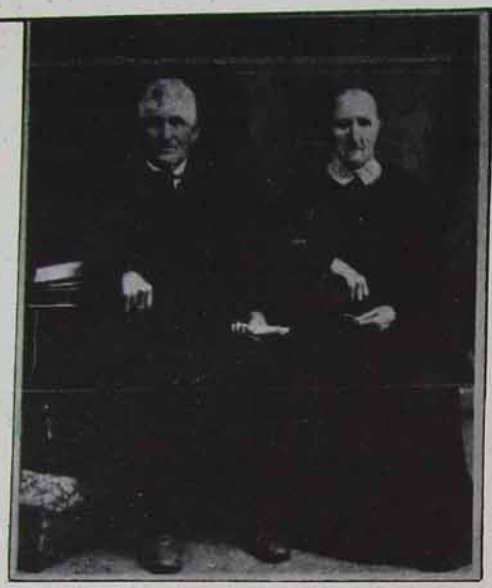
Early Pioneers of the parish - Mr. and Mrs. John Critz. John Critz was the son of Frank Critz, who belonged to the first parish roster.

prairies and timber lands where lurked the danger from man and wild beast. Hardly had their humble homes been built when they thought of their God and began to seek ways and means of providing a fitting place of worship. Also, they were not forgetful of the education of their children, and especially the Christian education. After having erected the church they began plans for a parochial school system.

Then, too, not far from the church is the "God's Acre" or cemetery where lie a goodly number of the pioneers and their children, awaiting the clarion call of the Angel of Judgment. May God, for whom they labored so well, grant them eternal rest.

Now, before we go farther into the story, let us take a quick glance at the town of Richmond, where Holy Trinity is located.

Richmond, which is one of the oldest towns in the county, is situated in the north part of Washington County, in English River township, on one of the



Mr. and Mrs. George Marcus Schmitt. This couple's names appeared on the very first parish roster.

most productive parcels of land, and in as pleasing a location as there was in the county. The town was laid out by Thomas B. Dawson, who in the fall of 1840, conceived the idea of building a city. In May of 1856, Mr. Dawson laid out an addition to the town, and in June of the same year, John Bull laid out another addition.

As early as 1857, Richmond was a thriving community, once numbering nearly four hundred people in population. In those early properous days it boasted of two smithies, a wagon shop, several stores, five saloons and three churches. Only one church survives today, Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The Baptist and Methodist churches have since disappeared from the Richmond Community. The Holy Trinity congregation was large enough to support a resident priest already as early as 1859.

To quote from George Stumpf, the oldest living member of our parish at the present time, being nearly ninety- seven, he remembers the Indians that used to come through here as if it were only yesterday. They always camped along the river in their tents, and as the men never worked the women would take their papooses and a sack and scout around through the towns and country neighborhoods in search of flour and staples from housewives. They came to his house as late as 1889.

The Indian men always had a lot of ponies according to Mr. Stumpf, and they would spend their time hunting for meat and furs. There is a lot of land around in cultivation now that was nothing but tall timber then. But we can clear land so much faster now with the help of modern machinery.

The four oldest towns now extant in the county are



The parents of Father Sebastian Wieland and David.



Mr. Thomas B. Dawson who platted the land where Richmond stands today

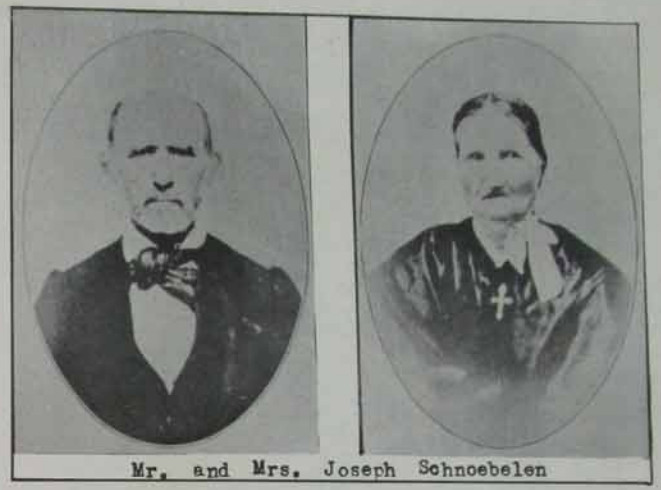


Nathan Littler, who kept store at Richmond and went to the Legislature in the 1850's

Washington, Richmond, Crawfordsville and Brighton. The other three got railroads and Richmond didn't, but it took more than that to down Richmond. The county has many so called "ghost towns," places that were platted in the first few years of the settlement of Washington county, but never "grew up." When the railroads came and passed them by, they dwindled and died.

One of the community institutions that keeps Richmond "on the map" is the large and flourishing Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School.

Some of the very first pioneers of Richmond were: L.L. Tevey, David Bunker, Gideon Bear, Cyrus Cox, Mr. MacIlre, Mr. Hines, Henry Rathmel, James Galliger, Michel Weir, Peter Shillig, Isaac Farley, John O'Loughlin, John Farley, Joseph, John and Frank Critz, Pady Smith, William Wilson, Samuel Yeoman, Mr. Abbey, John Kolosek, Anthony Kalaus, Frank Marek, Frank Lentz, Joseph Marek, Mr. Preble, Jersey Jester, Michael and Samuel Page.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schnoebelen

The history of the Catholicity in Richmond is preceded by a short but stirring one of the Catholic Spirit in Washington County.

It is the old story of pioneers and pioneering in the Middle West; the practice of the Catholic religion without a priest; and the presence of a congregation without a parish church.

The beginnings of organized Catholicism in our county is, then, the story of a sturdy Catholic man and woman who came to a new region after having left behind them, one might say, almost every institution of modern civilization but that of their Catholic faith. Old Joseph Schnoebelen and his wife, Elizabeth, had come to maturity before the State of Iowa had been born. They brought here a treasure in the form of a family of nine children. They built their crude log cabin, a one-room "mansion" plus an unfinished attic, near the English River just west of Gregory Schnoebelen's home and north of the road some thirty or forty rods. But who will deny that it was a truly Christian home, for did not old Father Mathias Hannon often say, in dramatic accents, that a more hospitable reception was never granted him or any other traveler than that given him by old Joe Schnoebelen?

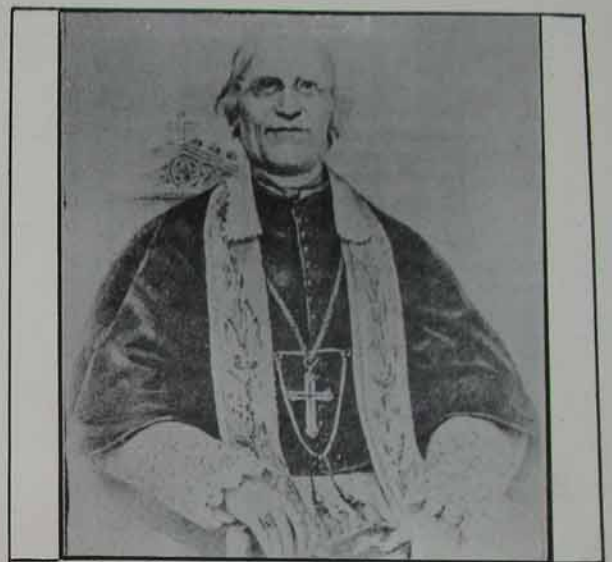
Little did Joseph Schnoebelen realize in 1844 as he toiled at the building of his primitive dwelling that it would one day take on something of the character of God's home. Nor did Mrs.Schnoebelen realize that in a year or so a few strokes of her deft fingers would transform her "dining room" into a sanctuary where the Last Supper would be repeated. They acted better than they knew. In their little cabin, that saintly man of God - Bishop Mathias Loras, celebrated the first Holy Mass in Washington county about the year 1845 or 1846.

But in that locality of faith our Eucharistic Savior was not destined to dwell long in another man's house. Organized Catholicism has always demanded a special domicile for the central Person of worship. Before long, then, 1848 to be exact, the first church in the locality was erected, the St. Vincent's. It was a modest structure, twenty by thirty feet in dimensions. On a hill - where everyone could see it - it was erected. Its location was three miles west of Riverside where today "the silent city of the dead" - St. Vincent's cemetery - is located.

Here the good old settlers were privileged to listen to words of hope and truth as they fell from the lips of a noble galaxy of God's chosen ones - two bishops Loras and Smythe, are at the top of the roll. Then comes that great Jesuit missionary, Father F. X. Wenniger. After him came in rapid succession, Fathers Alleman, Godfrey, Henning, McCormack, Mitchel, Michel, Emonds, Fendrich, Schneider, Mally, Heer, McDermott, Harding and others.

Thus, in the year 1846, Father Alleman, visited the Schnoebelen families on the English river, near Richmond, within the limits of the present Riverside parish; he there built a little log church for them and here, with other pioneer settlers, they laid out a town which they named Strassburg. Nothing however came of it, and this little pioneer church was later supplanted by Richmond and Riverside.

A second church, built in 1877, was totally wrecked on September 1, 1897, by a fierce windstorm. Since then there remains but the "silent city of the dead" St. Vincent's cemetery, and the good people of this far-famed old settlement have become God's chosen friends.



Rt. Rev. Mathias Loras, First Bishop of Iowa

The more one studies the individual parish histories of Iowa, the more one realizes what a valiant missionary of God was Iowa's first Bishop, Mathias Loras. This observation is made as regards Richmond and its Catholicity. Bishop Loras, the ubiquitous one, laid the foundations of the faith here in 1854. The circumstances ofhis being here are quite similar to those of other parishes. In the early fifties a number of Catholics settled in and near Richmond - this time German and Bohemian - in a locality where there were no facilities for the practice of their faith. Immediately their thoughts turned toward the providing of those facilities.

Bishop Loras arrived, and the First Mass was celebrated here in the log house of Joseph Baumgartner, a little east of town. The Bishop was accompanied by Father Mathias Hannon of Iowa City. Iowa City was already quite a town, and St. Mary's Church there was already established, having been begun in 1841.



Rev. Mathias Hannon, who accompanied Bishop Loras in his early travels through this part of Iowa. He was with Bishop Loras when he said the first Mass in Washington County inthe home of Mr.and Mrs. Joseph Schnoebelen, and again when Bishop Loras said the first Mass in Richmond in the home of Mr. and Mrs.Joseph Baumgartner in 1854.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Escher Sr., who were members of the parish when it first began in 1854. This generous couple donated generously to the first church, and they shared in donating the land for the "City of the Dead," the Holy Trinity Cemetery.

They also gave the beautiful Blessed Virgin Statue, which has graced the Blessed Virgin Altar these many years. The statue was of metal, hence suited also for outdoor use. Plans at the time of the compiling of this book, are for using it for an outdoor shrine on the parish lawn, as a tribute to the Mother of God. How fitting a project for this year, the beautiful "Marian Year!"

The good people petitioned the Bishop to provide a priest for the spiritual care of their Catholics. Once more as was usually the case, the priest that they could call their own in the fullest sense of the term was not given to them. Apostolic priests were too few in number in those days for the locating of one in each Catholic Settlement. So they had to be "shared." In this instance it was Father M. Michels who received the appointment, although Father Mathias Hannon of Iowa City had accompanied Bishop Loras on the latter's visit to Richmond. For three years, from 1855 to 1858, Father Michels served the faithful, offering up the Holy Mass in the various private homes of the neighborhood.

Among the first Catholic settlers we find the names of John Schillig, Joseph Edelstein, Lawrence Escher Sr., George Markus Schmidt, Ignatius Harter, John Kiefer, and Joseph Critz, Sr.

Holy Trinity Church was formally organized in 1855, with the following names on the Parish Roster: John Baumgartner, T. Escher, I. Master, Joseph Critz, Joseph Edelstein, John Schilling, T. Escher,Sr., Michael Smith, J. Reiner,Sr., John Kiefer, Martin Kron, and G. Hein.



Rev. William Emonds

In 1858 Father W. Emonds visited them and induced the settlers to build a church. This church was small, but well built of hard wood sawed inthe timber near by, and was surmounted by a fine steeple, which harbored a good sized bell.

Father Emonds was an irresistible, pious, learned and zealous priest, after the manner of the early Christians, who seemed to have an inexhaustible resource of physical and mental strength, which was applied with unabated perseverance throughout his active existence in the interest and for the welfare of the congregation.

Among the congregations that were organized and attended under the leadership of Father Emonds, we may mention: Cedar Rapids, Cedar Valley, West Liberty, Irish Valley, Clear Creek, Lone Tree, Toledo, St. Vincent, St. Stanislaus, Richmond, Solon, Lisbon, Tipton, Marion, Marengo, Nolan's settlement, Oxford, Brooklyn, Newton, Marshalltown, Mechanicsville, Mt. Vernon, Wilton, Nichols, Washington, and others.

When Father Emonds felt that he could no longer work in the vineyard of the Lord, he was granted leave, and returned to his native land of Germany where he died at the age of ninety-six, deeply mourned by all who knew him and benefited by his faithful administrations.

In 1859 Rev. John Fendrich became the first resident pastor for Richmond, St. Vincents, and St. Stanislaus. His stay was of short duration, and he was succeeded by Rev. George Schneider on February 13, 1860. The church of Richmond in the early days was named Emmanuel. Two years later the Reverend Lucas Junker was made pastor. These priests, for want of a priest's house, roomed and boarded with a private family when in Richmond, but they often resided at St. Stanislaus or St. Vincent, where a priest's dwelling house had been provided.

In 1867 Rev. John Fendrich became the resident pastor of Richmond and missions a second time, and in order to have a priest reside permanently in Richmond, a priest's dwelling was secured near the church. As the congregation had grown quite numerous by this





Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schillig Sr. This counle lived just across the road from the church, and Mr. Schillig was the first janitor for the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schillig



A photo showing the students and their teachers in front of the old school which was the first church building remodeled, and serving as school and Sisters' home, east of the present church. The teachers are Sisters Pancratia, Hermenigild, and Roberta. This was taken in 1898.

time, and still more Catholics arrived, the little church was entirely too small, and in 1868 Father Fendrich started to build the present Holy Trinity Church.

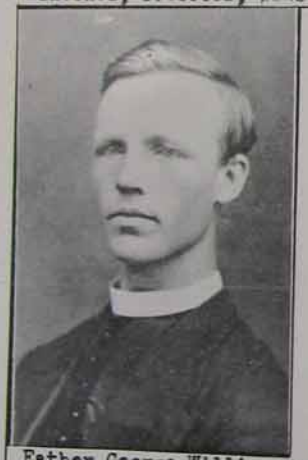
Just a flash of news that came in late! It has come to our knowledge that the shingles on the old church were made from boards crudely hewn from the timber by Mr. Frank Stumpf.

Bricks for the present church were made from native clay and burned in a kiln about half a mile east of the present Richmond on what is now the Albert Wieland farm. It took six years for the completion of the church. While the structure was built, but not finished inside, Father Fendrich was succeeded by Rev. Peter Mally in 1871 to 1873. Father Mally was a Bohemian priest who came into this parish on the fifteenth day of March, and worked untiringly to get the things needed in the partially completed church, such as altar vessels,vestments, linens, statues, and stained glass windows.

A few month having elapsed, Reverend George William Heer was sent to Richmond by Bishop John Hennessey, and there on the twenty-fifth day of January, 1874, the Sunday after the Epiphany, he celebrated Mass in our parish for the first time.

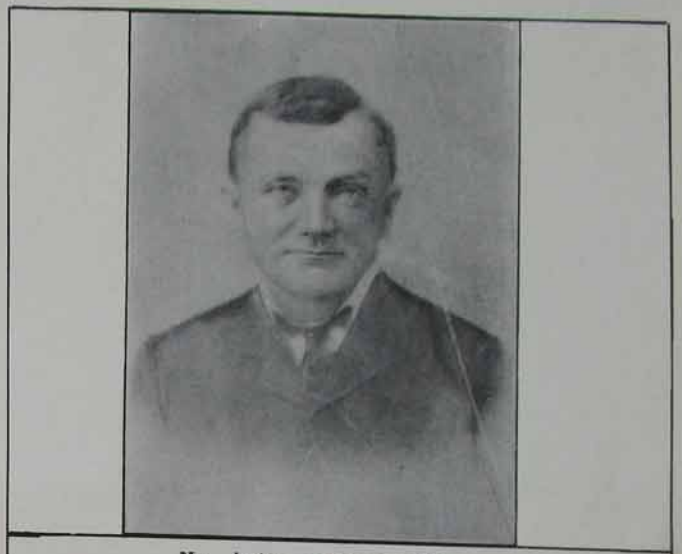
In the Spring of that year, fromthe twenty-sixth of April until the third of May, the parish made its first mission. A great crowd of people attended, and there was a great frequenting of the Sacraments. The priests conducting the Mission were P. V. Karlstetter S. J. and Father Eisele S. J. The priests helping were: D. D. Moliter of Chicago, John Bauman of New Bern, John Kuempker of Carroll County, Sebastian Wieland of Lions, and James Harding of Washington. At the same time a mission was celebrated in the church of St. Stanislaus, Johnson County, by P. Hagg S. J.

Under the supervision of Father Heer, the church was finished, frescoed, pews and heating plant installed,





Father George William Heer, who completed the building of our present church. Later he was raised to the rank of Monsignor.



Mr. Anthony Kiefer Sr.
Mr. Kiefer donated the High Altar and first Communion railing

and many other improvements made. The High Altar was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kiefer Sr. They also gave the Communion railing at this time. When all was in readiness, the church was dedicated on the tenth Sunday after Pentecost on the Feast Day of St. James, July twenty-fifth, in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, and solemnly blessed with the permission of the Bishop by Father George William Heer, on which occasion, for the first time, Mass was solemnly sung. Father John Fendrich was the celebrant, Father John Rainer was deacon, and Professor W. W. Dunn from the Milwaukee Seminary was the subdeacon. Father Thomas Fagan gave the sermon in English on the indefectability of the church, and Father Joseph Rainer gave a sermon in German on the Dedication and the Holiness of the House of God.

According to local tradition the first marriage took place in the new church before it was actually completed. Mr. and Mrs. David Wieland, a pioneer



The David Wieland Family.
Mr. and Mrs. Wieland were the first couple married in the present church.



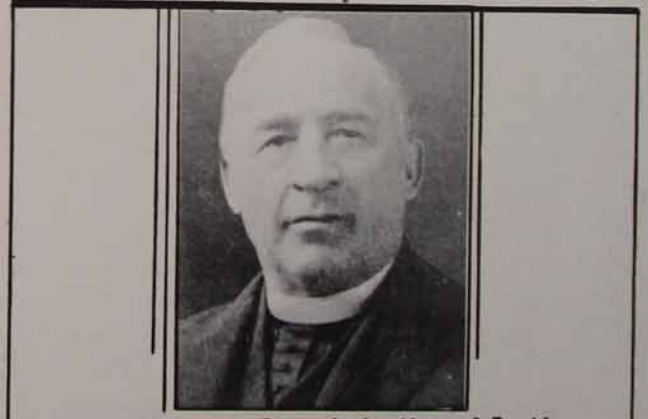
Mr. and Mrs. John Koening, the parents of William and Henry Koening, and Mrs. Frank Lintz.

couple who lived alltheir lives in the community and have long since been laid to rest in Holy Trinity Cemetery, were married there April 27, 1869 by Reverend Sebastian F. Wieland, brother of the groom, taking the place of the regular pastor, Father Fendrich.

The first Catholic school was opened in Richmond in a private house in 1860 by Father Fendrich and put in charge of a lay teacher by the name of A. Holder. With various interruptions of short duration school was kept going under lay teachers, sometimes in a private house, sometimes inthe basement of the new church, but mostly in the old church building until 1877.

Later lay teachers that many of the present congregation well remember were Joseph Fuhrmann in the early 1870's, and Marie Henehan from 1898 to 1905 during the time the Sisters were not here.

Very early in the life of the young parish, the missionary, Father F.X. Weninger advised the people to set aside land for the cemetery, and plot out God's acre for those whom God was calling. Accordingly, Mr.Joseph Baumgartner and Mr.Lawrence Escher Sr. each gave equally of their farm land for



Father Sebastian Wieland, brother of David Wieland. He said his first Mass here in 1869.



Mrs. Joseph Baumgartner in whose home Bishop Loras said the first Mass for the Catholics of Richmond in 1854



Joseph Fuhrmann taught the Catholic catechism and the elementary school branches in the early parochial school.



Miss Marie Henehan, wno taught here from 1898 to June of 1905. Her home is in Davenport, and she is still living.



Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Escher.
This pioneer couple celebrated the golden wedding many years ago.



Mr. and Mrs. August Escher.
Another couple privileged to celebrate their golden wedding.



Father F. W. Hoppmann

that holy purpose. Many of God's special friends rest in that hallowed spot now.

In 1876, Father Heer was succeeded by Rev.Peter Brommenschenkel, who took a great deal of interest in the parish and also in St.Vincent's. In fact, when the people of Riverside wanted to establish their church headquarters at Riverside instead of at St. Vincent's, he held firmly to the latter, and only consented to the change after the Bishop requested it. During his pastorate, improvements were continued, and the school made great strides.

In 1877, the old church was moved to the east side of the new church, rebuilt, remodeled so as to make a two story schoolhouse and a sisters' dwelling adjoining. The steeple was taken down, and a belfry was erected for the bell in front of the new church, and the bell installed where it stands yet and is still in daily use. The parish still uses the same bell that rang from the steeple of the first church building. It no longer is suspended by the first frame structure, but is mounted on a steel frame.



Frank Pieper, a pioneer of the parish, and donar.



Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Schmitt and their daughter Margaret.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pieper. He was on the building committee for the school. He donated the screens for the school room windows among other things.

Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration from LaCrosse, Wisconsin were secured, and the school was formally opened, and put in their charge in 1879. The first three Sisters sent to Richmond by the Mother General, Mother M. Antonia, were Sister M. Hedwig Yesberger, Sister M. Ignatia Schuler, and Sister M. Pia Bohren. This order of Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of La Crosse,Wisconsin have faithfully conducted the school ever since to the satisfaction of priest and congregation except for a short time between 1898 to 1905, when the Sisters were removed, due to the great shortage of Sisters. The enrollment in the school was quite large from the start.

Father Peter Brommenschenkel was transfered to St. Mary's at Riverside in the early part of November, 1881, and was followed by Father J. Bassler, who became pastor of the Richmond parish alone. The St. Stanislaus and St. Vincent Missions were no longer a pastoral charge for the Richmond pastor. Father Bassler served in Richmond only two years, until 1884, when he was succeeded by the Rev. B. J. Sheridan, who stayed in Richmond only a few months. In the latter part of that same year Father F. W.



Father Peter Brommenschenkel



The Parish Rectory as built during Father Hoppmann's time in the 1880's.

Hoppmann became pastor at Richmond. One of the big projects undertaken and completed during his years with the good people of Richmond was the erection of the present rectory. The old rectory, which stood just west of the present structure was erected during the pastorate of Rev. John Fendrich. Father Hoppmann is also credited with the remodeling of the Sisters' dwelling, which occupied a section of the old school.

One of the first janitors in the parish was the Mr. Peter Schillig Sr., who at that times lived in the home directly across the road from the church. He was the father of a large family, but he found it possible to give to God and to the House of God in spite of it. He donated the first sedalia for the church, and a set of six large candlesticks.

In the Fall of 1891 Father Henry Grothe was appointed



Father Henry Grothe

It was Father Henry Grothe, who bequeathed the funds to the parish, to make it possible to build the Sacristy addition so necessary.

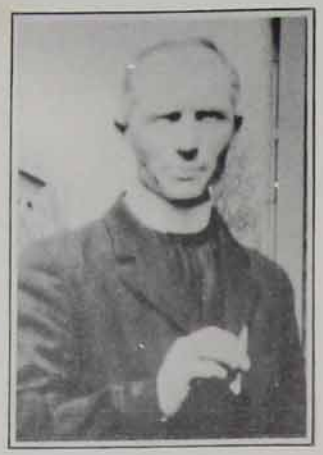
to the Holy Trinity Parish at Richmond. Work continued on the buildings, and it was Father Grothe who saw the need for an addition to the church in the form of a boys' sacristy. Though he did not get this work done while he was here, he bequeathed a sufficient amount to have it done afterward. Father Grothe died at St. Mary's in West Point.

Right here the data on the parish's history are not so complete as for other periods. Needless to say, if it were, genuine accomplishments of a high order could be pointed out. Consider the priests, for instance, who served this parish in the succeeding years. From 1896 to 1899 Father J. H. Fedler was pastor. He was firm but kind, and many still recall the days of his pastorate.

Father Edward F. Weil succeeded him from 1899 to 1905, and then again for a second time from 1908 to 1910, at which time He was called by the Almighty



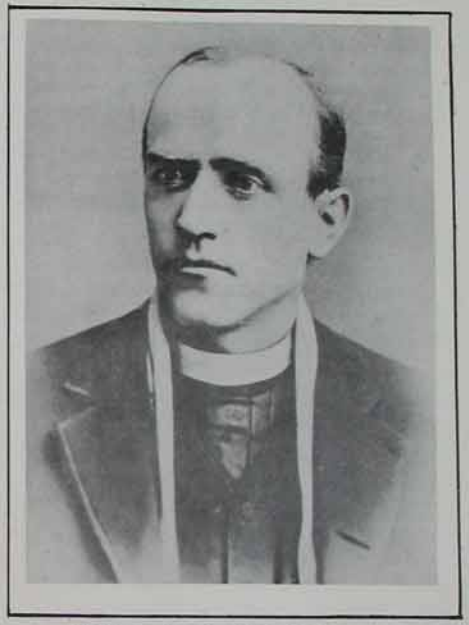
Father Edward F. Weil



Father H. J. Albers
Father Albers was pastor in Richmond from 1905 to 1908 between the two pastoral periods of Father Weil.

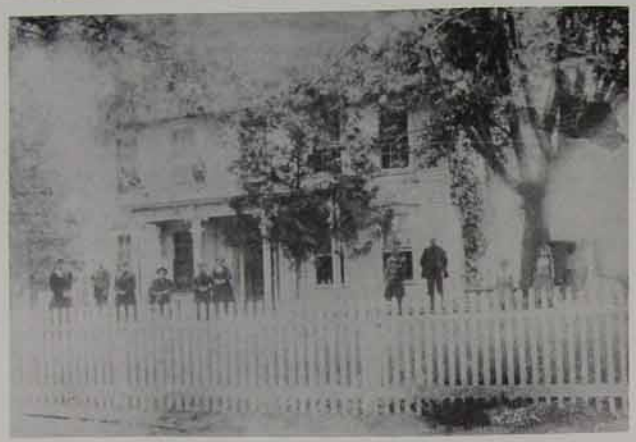


Mr. Philip Strabala
Mr. Strabala was the father of Brother Athanasius .



Father J. J. Bassler

Father Bassler was pastor at Richmond for only two years from 1882 - 1884.



Left to right: Maggie Schillig, Peter Schillig Sr., Laura, Mr.Sterling, Paul Wherle, Mrs.Peter Schillig, Eda and Zano Schillig, Tony Kiefer Sr., Leona and Stella Schillig. On the porch top - Nick and Cyril Schillig - all on the old Schillig place just across from the present church building.

to receive a rich reward for services well done for God. Before his time, though the dates are not certain, the Statue of Our Lady of Grace was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Escher Sr., while the statue of St. Joseph,which graced the other side altar, was given by Mr. and Mrs. John Schillig. At first, these statues stood on mere pedestals for want of a better resting place, but during Father Weil's time, the side altars were gotten, and installed. The Blessed Virgin Altar was donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Kern, while the St. Joseph Altar was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Kiefer. These altars were gotten at about the turn of the century.

Between the two periods of Father Weil's pastorate at Richmond, Father H. J. Albers served as pastor here from 1905- 1908.

Father Weil was a very zealous priest, devoted to his calling, and living a life in strict conformity



Brother Athanasuis C.F.X.

Brother Athanasius, formerly known as Bernard Strabala, was born in Richmond about sixty-two years ago. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Strabala. He entered the order Xaverian Brothers in 1914, and became a teacher in that order. He was an artist, and taught art in the high schools and elementary schools of Brooklyn, New York, where he achieved great success with his student exhibits, in addition to national honors for exhibitions of his own work.

He received his education at Mt. St. Joseph College, and studied art and sculpture under several famous artists. He was a member of several art societies, and his biography appeared in "Who's Who in Art." He died suddenly of a heart attack in the Fall of 1946.



This is the home built in the country by George Stumpf for his family. The group in front includes all of the family except Bert, who was absent at the time.



Mr. and Mrs. George Stumpf at the time of their wedding.



George Stumpf now at the age of 96.





Meet six of George Stumpf's boys. In the photos above to the left we see Paul and Harold Stumpf. The photo to the right is that of Harry and Guy.



This bottom photo shows us Fred and Bert.

to the rules of that exalted office. He was a man of exceptionally strong personality, and his free, large-hearted friendliness won him the true friendship of all with whom he came in contact. The immediate cause of Father Weil's death was due to an attack of apoplexy, which ended his life very suddenly at the early age of forty-five. His body was laid out in the Holy Trinity Church from Sunday until Tuesday morning, at which time over forty priests gathered to chant the office of the dead. This was followed by a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated byFather Kottenstette. Father B. Jacobsmeier was the deacon, and Father J. W. Bulger acted as subdeacon, while Rev. F. M. Nugent was the master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Walsh of Washington, Iowa, who was a classmate in college and seminary of Father Weil. After the funeral services the remains were reverently followed to the station at Kalona, and taken to his old home near Churchville, Iowa.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fuhrmann and their family



The present beautiful school building, erected during the time of Father Stahl, and named Holy Trinity School. The West end of the structure is ho[illegible] convent building for the Sisters.



The parish hall, built by Father Francis Schaeffer and the good people of Richmond. It was named "Casino" hall when it was dedicated.



Father Peter Stahl

This brief resume brings us down to that period which might be called "contemporary history." The first pastor in this period is the Reverend Peter Stahl who served the parish from 1910 to 1919, and again from 1927 to 1930. There are several things that stand out above the rest in the accomplishments under Father Stahl. The most spectacular, of course, is the erection of the beautiful Holy Trinity Parochial school. In 1911 Father Peter Stahl built the present splendid new school house and sisters' dwelling on the same old site where the old church used to stand. The old remodeled church schoolhouse was then torn down in 1921, and some of the timbers used in the framework of the new community hall, constructed in that year under the direction of Rev. Francis Schaeffers, who was the pastor from 1919 until 1927, when Father Stahl returned for a second term.

A grateful people no doubt remembers kindly that pastor who was so good to their children. Then, too, during the pastorate of Father Stahl, a new church



This is a photo of the Holy Trinity Choir with Father Stahl, and their director, Sister M. Georgina Back row from left to right - Elsie Lasek, Teresa Lintz, Hazel Pieper, Anne Lintz, and Clara TeBockhorst. Front row - Sister M. Georgina, Charlotte Lintz, Marita Welte, Colette TeBockhorst, Juanita Pieper and Father Stahl.



A photo of the present school at about the same time as the picture above. It was taken in the winter time when the storm porch was on.



GRADUATION CLASS OF 1914

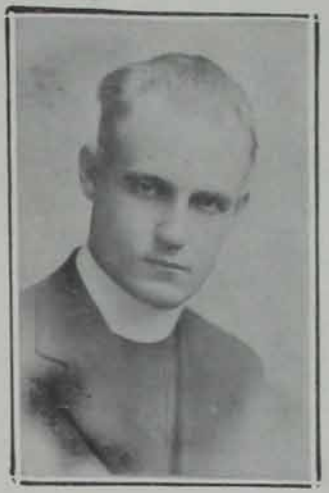
This is a photo of one of the first graduation classes from the new Holy Trinity School, about the year 1914.

Top row - Geraldine Eglin, and Irma Koening - now Sister M. Mariella.

Second row - Matilda Saur - now Mrs. Harry Fischer, Margarite Koening - now Sister M. Emerentia.

Third row - Harold TeBockhorst, Nadine Wieland - now Mrs. Jack Reid, Lulu Saur - now Mrs. Walter Ledman, and Edward Kern.

Front row - Anne Lintz, Margaret Eglin - now Mrs. Ralph Yeasley, and Maude Welte - now Mrs. Roy Kallaus.



Rev. William B. Schmidt

Father William B. Schmidt was stationed in Richmond for a few months in 1920, during the time that Father Francis Schaefers made a return trip to Europe to visit relatives, and friends.

During the time that Father Schmidt was here, the parish made a mission from November twenty-fifth to December second, with Father Matthew Miller C. P. as the missionary. The parish hall was under construction during that time also.

Father Schmidt is now stationed at St. Mary's parish in Fort Madison, and he was raised to the rank of Monsignor in September of 1949.

Other missions that most remember well are the one in 1911 by Rev. Spirig, 1920 by Fr. Matthew Miller, 1924 by Father Andrew Ahler, 1929 by Passionist Fathers, 1942 by Alphonse Heckler O.F.M. and 1947 by Father Martin Matthews. C.P.



1920 – Photo taken at the time of Father J. Falke's first Mass in Richmond. Those in the picture are: Father Heer, Father Stahl, Father J. Falke - the newly ordained, Father Jacobsmeir, Father Fitzpatrick, Father E.Kottenstette, Father Miekolich, Father Schaefers, Father Schmidt, and Father Harthinger. The three little girls are : Mildred Emde, Madonna Kiefer, and M. TeBockhorst.



Father Kiefer, Father Schmidt, and M. Kiefer.



Frederick Welte, one of the older pioneers.



John Welte, the son of Frederick.



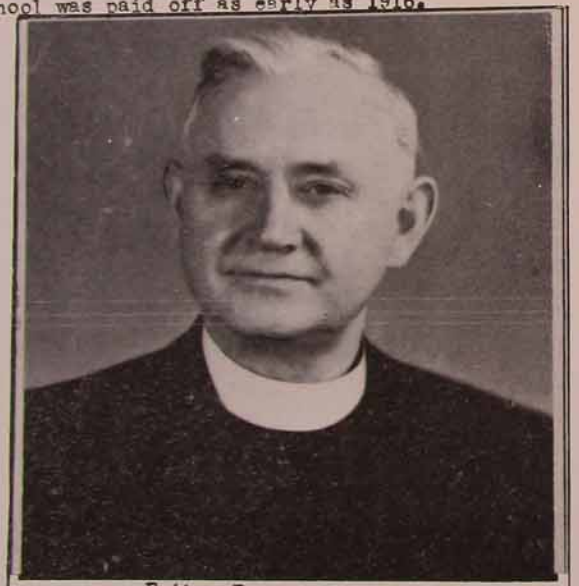
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Welte. This couple lived adjacent to the parish property, and donated the land to the parish for the building of the parish hall, known as "Casino" Hall.

This couple celebrated their golden wedding on Sept. 9 1934.

floor and kneelers were added to enhance the beauty and serviceability of the church.

As mentioned above, during the time of Father Francis Schaefers, the community hall was erected, and named "Casino" Hall. This is the way Father Stahl so generously referred to the work after his return to Richmond: "A hall that any parish might well be proud of." The hall was built at a cost of approximately $15,000, and consists of a two-story structure that can be used for many worth-while get-togethers.

The school building and Sisters' home combination is a real credit to any Catholic Community. The spacious classrooms with their many windows emitting both light and air serve as inviting havens for study and work. The building also houses a lovely chapel, and ample living and working space for the group of Sisters who staff the school and work in God's vineyard for souls. The debt on the school was paid off as early as 1916.



Father Francis Schaeffer



Mr. and Mrs. William Kern. This couple donated the Blessed Virgin's altar in our church.



John Eagle was a well known "custom butcher." He used to recite jolly poetry as he went from place to place. Here is a two-line sample of his:

"Butcher, butcher, kill a calf,
Hang it up and eat a half."

During Father Schaeffer's time, in the year 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bopp donated a church organ for use at divine services, and Mr. George Eglin donated one hundred books to the school library. Many other generous people gave to the church and school, and contributed to the rectory in the form of linens,dishes,furniture, and other necessities. Many of these good deeds are known to God alone, and God, seeing in secret will repay a hundred fold.

Father Stahl was succeeded in August of 1930 by Father C. A. B. Van Waus. Long before his coming to Holy Trinity, he had done wonderful work in the service of the Lord in other fields,notably in Iowa City, Clinton, and at St. Ambrose College as Master of Discipline. At Iowa City he served as chaplain to the hospitals and in Oakdale; also in the Nolan Settlement and Morse, Johnson County.

The same fine service he continued in Richmond. This is shown in part by the many fine improvements



Father C. A. B. Van Waus

effected by him here. In many detailed ways the parish church was improved, especially by redecorating and renovating it. The same holds true of the school, where Father Van Waus had improved the heating equipment. All of this work had been done at a minumum cost of about $5,000.

In 1931,Father Van Waus put up the new steel bell tower, and two new furnaces in the church, new fireproof roof on the church, a vestiblue added to the front of the church, and many other minor improvments. He is also credited with the worthwhile accomplishment of constructing the boys' sacristy, which had been bequeathed by Father Henry Grothe. Then, too, since he was so deft with tools and lumbers, and was the proud owner of one of the finest set of tools in this part of the land, he built book shelves, cupboards, vestment case, and many other much-needed pieces of carpentry. He also remodeled the chapel, and he greatly improved and beautified the parish grounds. In fact, the whole institution felt the touch of Father's hand.



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bopp at the time of their golden wedding. They are shown here with Father Van Waus, Sister Annella, Sister Maryla as a postulant, Mr. and Mrs. William Chapek, Loretta and Bob Chapek. They gave an organ to the church in the early days, and after their death, the family donated a beautiful gold Ciborium to the church in their memory.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kiefer. Mr. Kiefer died on March 18, 1924. This couple donated the St. Joseph's altar. They are the parents of Father Omer H. Kiefer



Father Omer H. Kiefer, ordained June 3, 1943. Father Kiefer once attended Holy Trinity School.



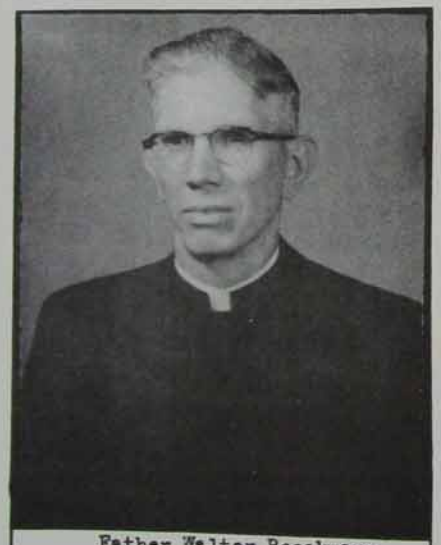
Mrs. Teresa Eglin, 91, the oldest living Catholin woman in our parish at the present time. She was the wife of the former Anthony Eglin, whose photo we see here.



The members of Holy Trinity Church and guests including Rt.Rev. Msgr.B. Jacobsmeier and Rev. J. Fath both of Riverside, held a farewell gathering in the parish Hall for the Rev.C. A. B. Van Waus, the last of the year, before he was transferred to the parish at Houghton, and prepared to welcome their new pastor, Father Walter F. Boeckmann, who arrived on January first, of 1941.

The installation ceremonies were held on the following Sunday evening, and Msgr. C. F. Meinberg read the document issued by Bishop Davis, of the notification of Rev.Boeckmann's transfer from Lone Tree to the Richmond parish. The solemn installation was followed by a short address, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The clergy in attendance at this installation were: Msgr. C. F. Meinberg of Iowa City; Msgr. B. Jacobsmeier of Riverside; Rev. H. Corcoran of Washington; Rev. C. Clems of Iowa City; Rev. H. Geers of Ft. Madison; Rev. L. Kuebrich of Kinross; Rev. A. Hauber of Lone Tree and Rev.J. Fath of Riverside.



Father Walter Boeckmann



George Eglin and C. C. Miller - taken in the Kalona Savings Bank many years ago. George Eglin, one of the oldest living members of the parish, will always be remembered for his generosity to the church, and for his particular interest in the children especially at Christmas time, for he was a real "Santa" to them. He donated the rich carpeting in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity.

The history of every parish is a recording of achievements of years past, of harmony in accomplishments, of union in purpose. It is the realization in the work of zeal and self- sacrifice for the honor and glory of God, as far as priests and people responded to the promptings of God's cause.

No period in the history of Holy Trinity parish is more glorious than that under the priestly guidance of Father Boeckmann.

There is no period in history that can be true history, while it exists inthe present. History is a record of the past, but to make this centennial book complete, an attempt is being made to bring the outstanding events of each age before us, and up to date.

Before the eve of every age arise vistas of results

desirous and necessary, and with energy varying the onward march is undertaken and results come accordingly; the days advance the desire, and perseverance realizes the hope.

One of the first tasks that lay before the new pastor was the remodeling of the rectory. It was an herculean task, for the house was sorely neglected. In the face of all this, the parish still had a sizeable debt to surmount. This debt was quickly liquidated, and by the time the parish put out its financial statement for the year 1941, they could show a clean slate. On the occasion, they received a most gratifying letter of congratulations from the Rt. Rev. Henry P. Rohlman, who was the bishop of Davenport at that time.

Surely one could truly say that God's cause was the paramount issue, and the furtherance of this first object and purpose was uppermost in the minds of pastor and faithful. Though the accomplishments of this age may not hold the admiring gaze of mortals for long, they represent the offerings of generous hands, and the Good Master has been pleased to accept those offerings and to bless.



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kern, who celebrated their golden wedding this year, 1954.



Mr. and Mrs. William Koening nearing their 58th. Wedding Anniversary. They gave three of their daughters to the service of the Lord.

The year 1943 brought with it a new problem to be solved. The water supply for the school and Sisters' home was inadequate, so it was decided that a second cistern would take care of the problem, at least for the time being. This task was undertaken and accomplished with little difficulty.

The parish hall then became the pastor's next concern. Much was to be done, but the first concern was the exterior of the building. Accordingly, the stucco finish on the hall, which was in very bad shape, was removed, and weather board put on to replace this finish. This served a two-fold purpose, and has proved a very satisfactory exterior finish.

All the while, the spiritual side of the congregation must not be overlooked. Where there is a material advancement in a congregation, the spiritual



Matilda TeBockhorst

Matilda TeBockhorst, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William TeBockhorst. She died very suddenly in December of 1946. In her memory the family donated to the church the beautiful bantistry that is erected in the back of Holy Trinity Church. This work was completed in 1948.

Growth, is as a rule, not lacking; since to give must have a motive,and to give to God, returning a part bestowed, has a motive above the considerations of this world. This was undoubtedly true during these years under Father Walter Boeckmann. The reception of the Sacraments was stepped up, new converts were constantly coming in, and all felt the paternal and solicitous care of a truly spiritual father. The sick, especially seemed to be his special concern.

Improvements continued to be made about the grounds and buildings. In 1946, the Public Address System was installed in the church, to enable more people to understand Father with greater ease. The beautiful baptistry that graces the back of our lovely house of God was made possible and donated in memory of Matilda TeBockhorst about this time. Surely it is a baptistry of beauty as well as usefulness. What a nice way to be remembered after death! Surely many an extra prayer is said for such loved ones.

In the year 1947, the hall became the parish's chief concern once more. The interior stood in need of remodeling. The kitchen took on a new look, and was modernized to fit the needs of the ever growing community. Running water was installed, a new gas heater was put in to replace the older heaters, gas stoves for cooking were made available and handy, and new sinks and cabinets, which up to this time were a crying need, were beautifully built in. Try to imagine, if you can, what a difference it made to the good ladies of the parish that Fall, when they could serve their annual parish dinner from a kitchen with new equipment proportionate to the demand.

The safety of the school children also came up for questioning, and a modern steel fire escape was built along the east side of the school to adequately care for everyone in case of fire. The school was repaired in other ways, some blackboards were replaced, replastering and redecorating done in the school rooms and parts of the convent. Fluorescent lights were installed in first one classroom, and later in the other.

All this while, the parish was saving and giving



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lasek. This golden wedding couple are here to celebrate the Centennial of the parish with us.

toward a new organ for the church. This was a real necessity, and the parish meant to meet the need, thus giving still greater Glory to God, and enhancing the Divine Services.

By 1948, the new organ was a reality, and the fine new Consonata Electronic Organ was installed at the cost of $3732.72.

The benefactors through all these projects are indeed many, and it would be vain to recall them; some names have been preserved, but by far the greater number are only known to God. Many have followed the Scriptural advice, that their left hand should not know what the right one was doing. They gave in Charity - one and all - may God bless them!

Father Boeckmann saw another great need, a more serviceable telephone, so as to make parish calls more private, and prompt. He therefore, at much personal hard work and expense, had a private telephone line put in. This was a great improvement over the one replaced.

A new hand-fired furnace was the next project in 1949 for the hall. In 1950, the rest of the interior of the Hall, downstairs and up, was remodeled. The people gave generously toward new steel chairs, and these were gotten. An entire new lighting system was put in to replace the old one which was very inadequate on both floors. At this time an oil burner was put in to replace the coal-fed heating system inthe hall.

Thus year by year we mark the outward evidences and strides of a truly Catholic Active Congregation. All this represents a generous response to the endeavors advanced and prevailing spirit of harmony and union in God's blessing. Whilst many offered of the plenty, the widow's mite was not absent. Water supply at the school became inadequate again, and the good Sisters were laboriously carrying in most of the water they used from day to day. While they made no complaint, it was evident that a new



Mrs. Anthony Eglin Sr., mother of George Eglin.

well was needed. Accordingly, in the summer of 1950, a new well was dug to the depth of one hundred forty-four feet, and a new electric pump put in. Tubing to the rectory and hall was sunk, and when all was done the bill netted $1221.78. This seemed an exuberant price at the time, but the well was an absolute necessity, and those of goodwill were only too eager to give their mite for its installation. The Sisters no longer had to carry their water for bath, laundry, and kitchen use.

The church roof was then repaired at the cost of $1400. Mr. Martineau from Muscatine and his men did an excellent job on it.

In 1951, the chapel in the school was renovated. Many people helped on this project and to all the pastor was most grateful. Special mention must be made here of the work of Mrs. Paul Escher and Beulah, Mrs. Tony Redeker, and Mrs. Peter Rotenburger who



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lintz, well known pioneers of our parish, who were priveleged to celebrate their golden wedding.



Mrs. Anna Grady, one of the oldest living pioneers of our parish. She is nearing her eighty-sixth birthday.

spent many hours and many days without remuneration in the painting and repair. Many donations were made towards the chapel too. New pews were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rotenburger, Mrs. Guy Stumpf in memory of Guy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Escher in memory of Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Redeker, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Escher and Mrs. Celia Escher in memory of her husband, Albert. A new crucifix was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Escher, new candlesticks by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stumpf, new missal by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Te-Bockhorst, and a new sanctuary lamp by Mrs. Ida Kron. The prayers of the Sisters and the Pastor were directed to the throne of God for these generous donars.

It has often been said, and rightly so, that the best indication of a firm faith is a faithful attendance to religious duties, and a regular recep-

tion of Holy Eucharist. The records show that this last item was one that showed marked improvement from year to year. Contributions are necessary, but love for the Eucharist is more so.

An added burden fell on the parish during the year 1952, for during that year, the parish was assessed heavily to help defray expenses in the building of the New St. Bernard's Seminary in Dubuque. The assessment was $3700. The parishioners, under the direction of their zealous pastor, met the assesment, and took care of the home needs at the same time.

These needs took the form of a new oil-burner furnace in the church. The trustees and pastor saw fit to replace the old floor registers with side wall registers that would equalize the heat, and make it serve the people more evenly and efficiently. The school furnace also proved useless as it was, and needed repairs or replacement. A new oil burner was installed in its place. The people gave generously, and when the close of the year came, the debts were all paid, and the assesment met. In unity there is strength.



George Schaeffer, in whose memory the new dome tabernacle has been donated to the church.

While this was a trying year- we might almost call it a critical one, it proved to be a great tribute to the courage and sacrifice that came from the generous Catholics of the parish.

In addition to the above, the church aisles took on a new look when new rubber tiling was laid. These improvements all will lead up to the final remodeling of the church in preparation for the celebration of the Centennary.

The year 1953 was one in which some very fine improvements were made in the school building. Without endowment, without large funds to back us, rich only in devotion and energy and loyalty to a religious principle, we have matched our school with the state endowed institutions which are backed by the taxes of the county, and found that we are not lacking.

Constantly we are repairing and improving, and keeping things up to latest standards. In the early spring, new lavatories with hot and cold water and sanitary drinking fountains were put in, one in each classroom. This was a marked stride forward in sanitation and good health. The classrooms, also, got new built-in book s shelves, new tackboards, and new primary steel folding chairs.

The school, too, holds a glorious record in class achievements. This, of course, is due in large measure to the efforts of the Sisters. The parish owes a debt of gratitude for the high standards of Catholic education achieved in this community through their efforts and those of a devoted pastor ever interested in the welfare of the school.

Without the Sisters, the Catholic Schools would be as inconceivable as a fort without a garrison, a ship without a crew, and a body without a soul. The sacrifice of their lives is the one thing that makes possible the achievements of Catholic education in America. They accept without pay one of the most difficult professions. For the Catholic Sister, the class room is the nursery of immortality.

In the spring of 1954, Holy Trinity School was the

proud recipient of the National Good Citizenship Award presented by the Commission on American Citizenship at the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C.

The Holy Trinity school was one of thirteen schools who won this rating for outstanding work in citizenship out of a list of over 10,000 chartered Civics Clubs competing from all of the forty-eight states. The same group won Honorable Mention the previous year in this work along with Fort Madison, but this year they were the only school in Iowa to achieve such honor.

This award represents one of the highest honors a small school could hope to merit. As chartered members of the Commission on American Citizenship they are ever on the alert for new opportunities to do good for God, for their country, and for their neighbor.



The three officers of the Civics Club that won the National Award in May of 1954. They are: Elaine Duwa, Larry Jirsa, and Angela Kallaus.

In additionto this Nation Honor, the school won a SVE filmstrip projector and a portable RCA Victor radio through the efforts and instrumentality of Mary Jane Horesowsky in a contest sponsored by the Catholic Publication "Hi" magazine for children of the Catholic Schools. This was first prize in the contest against nearly five hundred contestants.

Later in the spring, Gretchyn Grady was a Philco radio-clock combination for herself, and a Philco three-speed record player and radio combination for the school in a Good Health Poster contest sponsored by radio station WLS in Chicago. There were 8451 posters in competition with Gretchyn's poster.

Several other cash prizes were won during the current school year.

The Spring of 1954 also witness a beautiful ceremony in honor of the Mother of God, for on



Crowning of the May Queen on May second. The girl chosen to crown the Mother of God was Shirley Shimon. Her court of honor in attendance fromleft to right are : Beverly Chalupa, Angela Kallaus, Elaine Duwa not showing, and Joyce Altenhofen.

the first Sunday of May the parish children formed the living rosary around the body of the church, a and five of the older girls formed the court of honor and crowned the Blessed Mother solemnly. After the crowning, the rosary was recited, each child leading one prayer, and holding aloft a rose, the color of which represented the various intentions of the World Mission Rosary , so strongly advocated by Bishop Sheen.

Another great event took place in the Spring of 1954. The pastor,Father Walter Boeckmann was celebrating his Silver Jubilee on the twenty-fifth of May,and the parish chose to have a solemn commemoration of that event on the last day of May. Accordingly the day opened with a high Mass at which all the parishioners received Holy Communion for their pastor. In the evening,a banquet was served tothe priests of the deanery, and to Father's relatives. This was followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A program in the evening climaxed the day. After the program the pastor was presented with a generous purse by the parishioners, and other gifts were presented.

It was a wonderful chance for all to show their devoted pastor how much they appreciated him, and his faithful administrations.

The year 1954 is one that looms up greatest in the minds of the good people of this parish, for it marks the hundredth anniversary of the founding of this parish.

In preparation for this great celebration, which takes place this year on the glorious Feast of Christ the King, many things have been done of a worth-while nature. The church was repaired on the outside with the necessary tuck-pointing done, and mortar replaced where necessary.

The interior of the church took on a new look, as the enclosed photo shows. A new ceiling was built into the sanctuary, and the entire church was rewired, and redecorated. New plastic tile was laid under the pews, and the choir loft was built up with a set of risers that at the same time serve as seats and kneelers for the choir members.

Many worthwhile donations were made to beautify the house of God. A new wrought-iron Communion Railing was put in by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Duwa in memory of their son, Milford, who was burned to death a few years ago.

Six beautiful, large, gold candlesticks were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Duwa. The beautiful Immaculate Conception Statue, and the St. Joseph's Statue that grace the side altars were the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Grady in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dean, and Mr. Alfred Nuel Grady , and in honor of Mrs. Anna Grady, the parents of Ivo and Ernestine Grady.

A gorgeous gold dome tabernacle on the high altar is the gift of Ernest Kloepfer in memory of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Kloepfer,and also the



Old George Eglin today. He is known by all, and has always been one of the parish's greatest benefactors. His latest gift is a new set of white vestments.



Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Grady
They have donated the new statues for the two side altars.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Duwa.
This couple has donated the beautiful new large candlesticks on the high altar.





Mrs. Hazel Coffey.

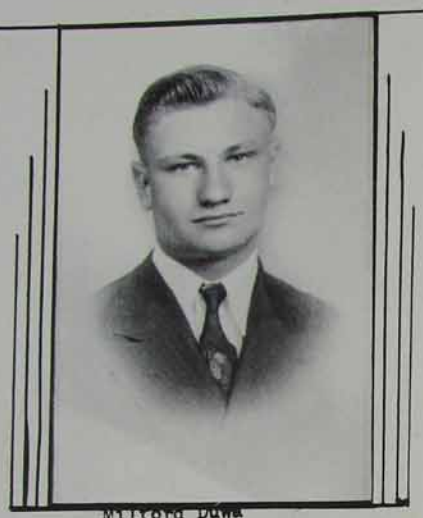
Mrs. Coffey donated the new wrought iron credence table, and the crucifix on the High Altar.

gift of Mrs. Ona Schaefer in memory of her son, George Schaefer, who was killed in service. The elegant crucifix hanging above the new dome tabernacle, and the new wrought-iron credence table are the gift of Mrs. Hazel Coffey.

Mr. George Eglin, who never stinted the Lord, has also given from the generosity of his heart by paying for a complete set of white vestments including the chasuble and dalmatics for Solemn Masses, plus the cope and vellum for Benediction. The Lord will not be outdone in generosity, and will reward George and all the other generous donars abundantly.

Others contributed to the beautifying of God's house by giving the cost of one of the new lights, each of which cost $100. These generous people are: Mr and Mrs. William Shalla, Mr. and Mrs.William Koening, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kolosiek, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stumpf, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shimon, Dr. and Mrs. Paul McAndrews, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Kolosiek, Clara and William TeBockhorst, the Pieper Brothers, and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mellinger. Another faithful parishioner did likewise, but does not want his name given. Surely the dear Lord is most pleased with all this generosity, and will repay a hundred fold. God Bless Them, one and all.

In closing, we must not forget to express a very special note of thanks to our pastor, who always gives such a shining example of generosity to the Lord. Father is the custodian of the treasures of the Lord, and he is a real pastor and shepherd to his flock. With his people he shares what the Lord may send. He meets his people on occasions of joy to offer felicitaions, and when grief and sadness weigh heavily he aids in consoling, sympathetic words, urging the submission of faith and counselling the soul to be courageous. When want visits, he endeavors to give succor. He has words of advice and encouragement for all, whether Catholic or of some other faith. He mingles in the spiritual joy of the returned sinner, and mourns and prays for the sould that will not hearken to the voice of God. Father Boeckmann is a true Father to all, and we are all deeply grateful to him for everything.



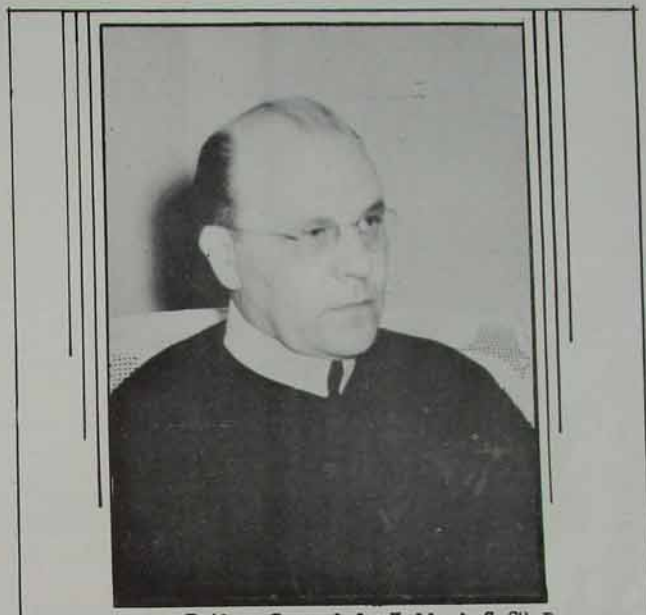
Milford Duwa

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Duwa have donated the beautiful wrought iron Communion railing in memory of Milford at the cost of over $1000. What a beautiful memorial!



Mrs. Cecilia Escher

Mrs. Cecilia Escher has donated the new sanctuary chimes for the centennial celebration.



Father Gerard J. Kulleck C.SS.R.

In every congregation the pastor from time to time secures the assistance of other nirests, to give valued aid in fostering piety and love of religion, as also, to give new incentive to those who may have become laggard. Holy Trinity Parish is no exception to this fruitful custom.

Accordingly, as a part of the Spiritual Observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the parish, the parish made a mission under the direction of Father Gerard J. Kulleck,C.SS.R. from September 12 - September 19. Indeed, all will agree it was a very fine mission under so splendid a missionary filled with zeal and enthusiasm for God's cause, and the salvation of souls.

How fitting a way to bring the Centennial Celebration to its climax.



The pupils of grades one to four attending Holy Trinity School at the time of the Centennial.

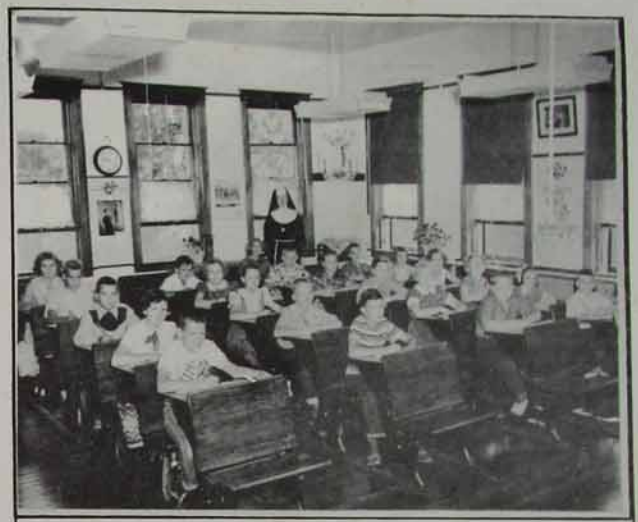
Back row from left to right: Steven Walker, Dorothy Beranek, Roger Escher, Judith Horesowsky, Michael Ferrick, Thomas Jirsa, John Sakulin, and Janet Duwa.

Second row : Carolyn Chalupa, Elizabeth Albert, Joanne Kelley, Sharon Rotenburger, Ronald Kelley, Glenn Sakulin, Rita Koening, and Glenna Sakulin.

Third row: Timmy Ferrick, Jackie TeBockhorst, Dwane Chalupa, Douglas Kiefer, Stephen Kelley, Joseph Pieper, and James Duwa.

Front row: Cecilia Escher, Barbara Kay Duwa, Jane Ann TeBockhorst, Frank Albert, Richard Ferrick, and Larry Wade.
At the time of this photo, Marie Albert was absent from school because of illness.

Their teacher is Sister M. Lucine.



The pupils of Grades five to eight, attending Holy Trinity School at the time of the Centennial.

Row near the windows along the side from the front tothe back: James Sakulin, Regina Walker, Karen Deatsch, Jane Ellen Meyer, Jane Sakulin, and Malcolm Ferrick..

Second row from front to back: Leslie Altenhofen, Cheryl Walker, Gretchyn Grady, Mary Jane Horesowsky, James Kelley, and Kathryn Pieper.

Third row from front to back: Dean Duwa, Dennis Beranek, Sharon Malichky, Sandra Deatsch, and Mark Escher.

Fourth row from front to back: Timmy Grady, Kathleen Meyer, John Albert, James Altenhofen, and Joyce Altenhofen.

At the time of this photo Gary Pribyl was ill and absent from school.

The teacher shown in the back is Sister M. Thelma.

KNIGHTS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH, RICHMOND

In every parish there are a number of organizations that are very important to the life and well being of the parish life.

First among these we find the Altar Boys. Without the boys to assist the priest at Mass and the other liturgical services it would be impossible to hold them. Among the older boys remembered for their faithful service around the altar are:

Mark Koening
Robert Welte Jr.
Maurice Strabala
James Strabala
Lloyd Duwa
Thomas Walker
Thomas Kallaus
Keith Pieper

Adjoining this page are photos of the younger boys who belong to the "Knights of the Blessed Sacrament.

Top, back row, left to right:
Richard Horesowsky Jr.
Keith Pieper
William Meyer
Ronald Altenhofen
Peter Paul Stumpf

Front, left to right
Ronald Escher
Gary Kallaus
Larry Strabala
Larry Jirsa
Dayle Chalupa

Lower, back row, left to right:
James Kelley
Timmy Grady
James Altenhofen
Mark Escher
Leslie Altenhofen

Front row, left to right:
Thomas Jirsa
James Sakulin
Dean Duwa
John Albert
Malcolm Ferrick
Dennis Beranek
John Sakulin
Duwane Chalupa

At the time of the photos, three boys were absent:
Jack Ferrick
Anton Kiefer
Gary Pribyl



Photos of the Altar Boys of Holy Trinity Parish in the Centennial Year.



CHOIR GIRLS AT HOLY TRINITY

Next to the altar boys, and nevertheless of equally great importance for the proper conduct of Mass and other services, we have our faithful choir. Here, too, we must offer a hearty note of congratulations for the many fine years that these girls have given to Almighty God and to the parish. The Sisters have served as organists and choir directresses since they came to Richmond, and they always met with wonderful cooperation. This is especially true of the present large group, under the direction of Sister M. Thelma. By dint of hard practice, the choir sings the proper at every High Mass, and does many beautiful Masses, Motets, Hymns, and Benedictions.

The present members of our faithful choir are, from left to right, back row:

Margaret Walker	Agnes Koening
Connie Pieper	Carol Strickler
Viola Walker	Martha Rotenburger
Beulah Escher	Glee Stumpf
Ernestine Grady	Gladys Deatsch

Second row, left to right:

Cheryl Walker	Mary Ellen Kelley
Yvonne Kallaus	Joyce Altenhofen
Sue Ann Sakulin	Wilma Stumpf
Shirley Shimon	Irma Duwa
Mary Louise Escher	Beverly Chalupa

Front row, left to right:

Jane Sakulin	Angela Kallaus
Regina Walker	Gretchyn Grady
Mary Jane Horesowsky	Sandra Deatsch
Sharon Malichky	Jane Ellen Meyer
Elaine Duwa	Karen Deatsch
KathleenMeyer	Kathryn Pieper



The Catholic Women Foresters

In the parish, we have also a very well organized group of Catholic Women Foresters. The photo herein shows a representative group of women and young girls of the parish who are members of the Catholic Order of Women Foresters.

From left to right - back row: Viola Walker, Bess TeBockhorst, Wilma Kelley, Virginia Bombei, Bernadine Meyer, Mary Ann Mellinger, Velda Chalupa, Margaret Friese,

Second row: Luella Stumpf, Modesta Pieper, Dorotha Chapek, Mary Ellen Kelley, Connie Pieper, Kathleen Meyer, Beverly Chalupa, and Glee Stumpf.

Front group of young girls: Carolyn Chalupa, Corine Chapek, Joanne Kelley, Kathryn Pieper, Lois Meyer to the back a bit, Jane Ellen Meyer, Mary Jo Bombei, and Linda Stumpf.

The officers of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters at the present time are:

Mrs. Ardell Pieper - Chief Ranger

Mrs. Orval Meyer - Vice Chief Ranger

Clara TeBockhorst - Financial Secretary

Mrs. J. D. Boyd - Treasurer

Glee Stumpf - Recording Secretary

The Women's Catholic Order of Foresters in this parish are a very active group, and hold meetings regularly. They do much good with the money they make at their social gatherings. They are generous to the church, and very generous each year at Christmas time to the Sisters, getting whatever household supplies the Sisters may need.



The Catholic Order of Foresters

This photo shows a representative group of the Men and Young men foresters of the parish. It is by no means the entire group, but a fair representation of the group.

Back row from left to right: William Chapek, Joe TeBockhorst, Herman Walker, Robert TeBockhorst, Billy Chapek, Paul Chapek, Orval Meyer, James Strabala, Maurice Strabala, Robert Welte Jr., and Bill Meyer.

Second row: Ardell Pieper, Hubert Freund, Edward Kern, William Shalla, Keith Pieper, Mark Koening, Fred Stumpf, LaMonte Kelley, and Clarence Shimon.

Third row: Paul Welte, Raymond Chalupa, Thomas Kallaus, Ivo Grady, Dayle Chalupa, and Larry Jirsa.

Front row: Dwane Chalupa, James Kelley, and Thomas Jirsa.

The officers of the Catholic Order of Men Foresters at the present time are:

LaMonte Kelley - Chief Ranger
Robert Welte Jr. - Vice Chief Ranger
Paul Chapek - Treasurer
William Chapek - Financial Secretary
James Strabala - Recording Secretary

Every year this group of Foresters gives generously to the church, and to other good causes. They are always very generous to the Sisters at Christmas time, and whenever they are in need of anything.

The Catholic Order of Foresters is a fraternal insurance society organized on the plan of the Foresters' Court. This organization began way back in 1879 in the state of Massachusetts, but has spread now over most of the United States.





The Centennial Graduates, 1954
Back row - Larry Jirsa, Jack Ferrick, and Richard Horesowsky
Front row - Angela Kallaus, Shirley Shimon, Beverly Chalupa, and Elaine Duwa



The Centennial Communion Class, 1954
Back row - Elizabeth Albert, Rita Koening, Mary Jo Bombei, and Sharon Rotenburger
Second row - Michael Ferrick, Roger Escher, Glenna Sakulin, Carolyn Chalupa, Jackie TeBockhorst, Glenn Sakulin
Flower girls in the front row - Joanne Kelley, and Jane TeBockhorst



This is a photo of the 1953-1954 Circle Committees. Richard Shalla, Harry Jirsa, Ardell Pieper, Joe Allen, Agnes Koening, Bernadine Meyer, Wilma Kelley, Carol Strickler, Wilma Stumpf, Virginia Duwa, and Gladys Deatsch. One of the faithful group, Elsie Shalla, was absent at the time of this photo.



Improvement Committee
Fred Stumpf, Paul Stumpf, Clarence Shimon, Mark Koening, Chet Walker, Tony Redeker, Orval Meyer, and Giles Escher.



Trustees, Past and Present
Mark Koening, Fred Stumpf, Paul Stumpf, and Giles Escher.



Officers of the Parent Teachers' Association
Mark Koening-president, Wil[illegible] Kelley- secretary,
Virginia Bombei- vice president, Orval Meyer-treasurer



Sister M. Lucine F.S.P.A.

teacher of grades 1 - 4
at the time of the
centennial



Sister M. Thelma F.S.P.A.

teacher of grades 5 - 8
at the time of the
centennial



Sister M. Theresella
F.S.P.A.

house[illegible]ster at Richmond
at the time of the
centennial

THE FOLLOWING SISTERS HAVE LABORED IN RICHMOND

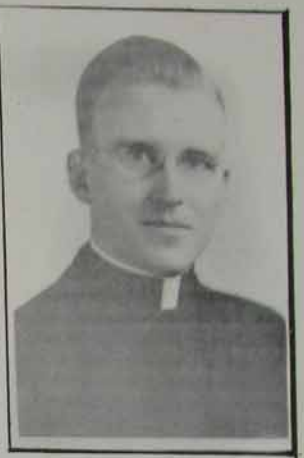
Sister M. Hedwig
Sister M. Ignatia
Sister M. Pia
Sister M. Pacifica
Sister M. Bernadine
Sister M. Adolphine
Sister M. Louisa
Sister M. Ida
Sister M. Antoinette
Sister M. Innocentia
Sister M. Raymunda
Sister M. Wenceslaus
Sister M. Tobia
Sister M. Clentine
Sister M. Roberta
Sister M. Pancratia
Sister M. Herminegild
Sister M. Antonella
Sister M. Benvenuta
Sister M. Letitia
Sister M. Crescentia
Sister M. Camella
Sister M. Bernadette
Sister M. Bernadette
Sister M. Leonida
Sister M. Valentina
Sister M. Magdalene
Sister M. Domitilla
Sister M. Zozima
Sister M. Georgina
Sister M. Mechtildis
Sister M. Victorina
Sister M. Justiniana
Sister M. Adelphia
Sister M. Edwina
Sister M. Cosma
Sister M. Gottfrieda

Sister M. Humiliana
Sister M. Cortilia
Sister M. Antona
Sister M. Disma
Sister M. Odilia
Sister M. Disma
Sister M. Ewalda
Sister M. Albertilla
Sister M. Reinildis
Sister M. Orina
Sister M. Eloise
Sister M. Hortense
Sister M. Hortense
Sister M. Protase
Sister M. Carissa
Sister M. Armella
Sister M. Virginia
Sister M. Annette
Sister M. Cathryn
Sister M. Delberta
Sister M. Casimir
Sister M. Leorita
Sister M. Paulette
Sister M. Stephenie
Sister M. Janine
Sister M. Mary Dennis
Sister M. Ann Francis
Sister M. Vincentine
Sister M. Lydia
Sister M. Chrysologa
Sister M. Canisia
Sister M. Nonna
Sister M. Genelda
Sister M. Lucine
Sister M. Thelma
Sister M. Thereselle

Many of these dear Sisters have gone to their eternal reward. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Father John Harley Schmitt
Father Schmitt said his first Mass on May 19, 1940 at St. Ann's in Arvada, Colorado.

He once attended Holy Trinity School.





Father Bernard Wieland, nephew of Father Sebastian Wieland.
He was ordained in about the year 1940.
His parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Wieland of Carroll County, Ia.

Father Paul Fry, son of Dr. and Mrs. J.L.Fry

was ordained on March 30, 1952, and said his First Solemn Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Richmond.





Sister M. Aloysius
Sister of Charity of
St. Augustine
Veronica Strabala
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Balthazar
Strabala



Sister M. Angela
Sister of Charity of
St. Augustine
Lena Strabala
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Balthazar
Strabala



Sister M. Eugene
Sister of Charity of
St.Augustine
Margaret Schillig
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John Schillig



Sister M. Claretta F.S.P.A.

Rose Fuhrmann
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Fuhrmann



Sister M. Celesta F.S.P.A.

Cecilia Fuhrmann
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Fuhrmann



Sister M. Ruth F.S.P.A.

Irene Fellman
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fellman



Sister M. Victorine F.S.P.A.

Clara Weiland
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. David Weiland



Sister M. Cortilia F.S.P.A.

Margaret Weiland
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. David Weiland



Sister M. Helene
Sister of Mercy

Clara Strabala
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. John Strabala



Sister M. Annella F.S.P.A.

Teresa Bopp
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bopp



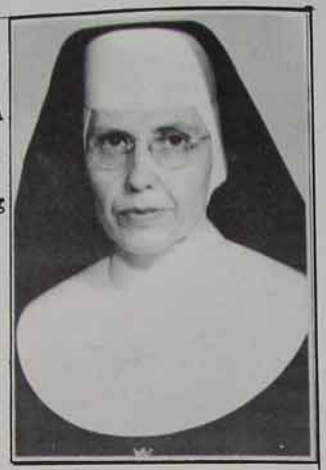
Sister M. Maryla F.S.P.A.

Teresa Chapek
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. William
Chapek



Brother Athanasius
Xaverian Brother

Bernard Strabala
son of
Mr. and Mrs. Philip
Strabala

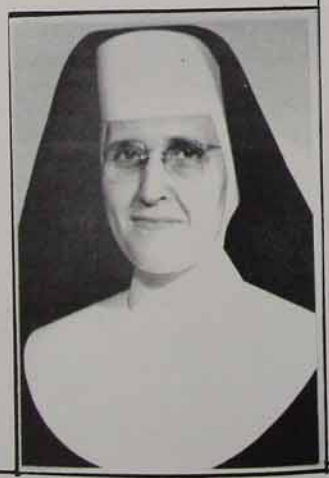


Sister M. Mariella F.S.P.A

Irma Koening
daughter of
Mr.and Mrs.William Koening



Sister M. Emerentia
Benedictine
Margaret Koening
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. William
Koening



Sister M. Oresta F.S.P.A.

Dorothy Koening
daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. William
Koening

NURSES OF THE PARISH

This book would not seem to be complete without a word of recognition to the girls, who chose the nursing profession for their career,and sacrificed much in the interests of suffering mankind. The parish can boast of really quite a few such sacrificing girls. To list some of the most known names in that category,and hope that we have not missed any who should receive credit for this service, we name:

Nadine Wieland - now Mrs. Jack Reid
Live Reiner - now Mrs. J. P. Leonard
Ann Reiner
Shirley Welte
Betty Kiefer - now Mrs. John Soukup
Mildred Grady - Mrs. M. Peters
Neia Ann Kern - now Mrs. Dean Jackson
Dorothea Shalla - now Mrs. Richard Covey
Carolyn Ledman - now Mrs. Sam Watkinson
Mary Kathryn Kallaus - now Mrs. Richard Barry
Jane Kallaus
Pauline Kallaus
Louise Kallaus
Joan Malichky - now Mrs. Alphonse Kloepfer
Frances Walker
Beth Stumpf
Elaine Hervert - now Mrs. Charles Steirwalt
Florence Hervert - now Mrs. Richard Griffin

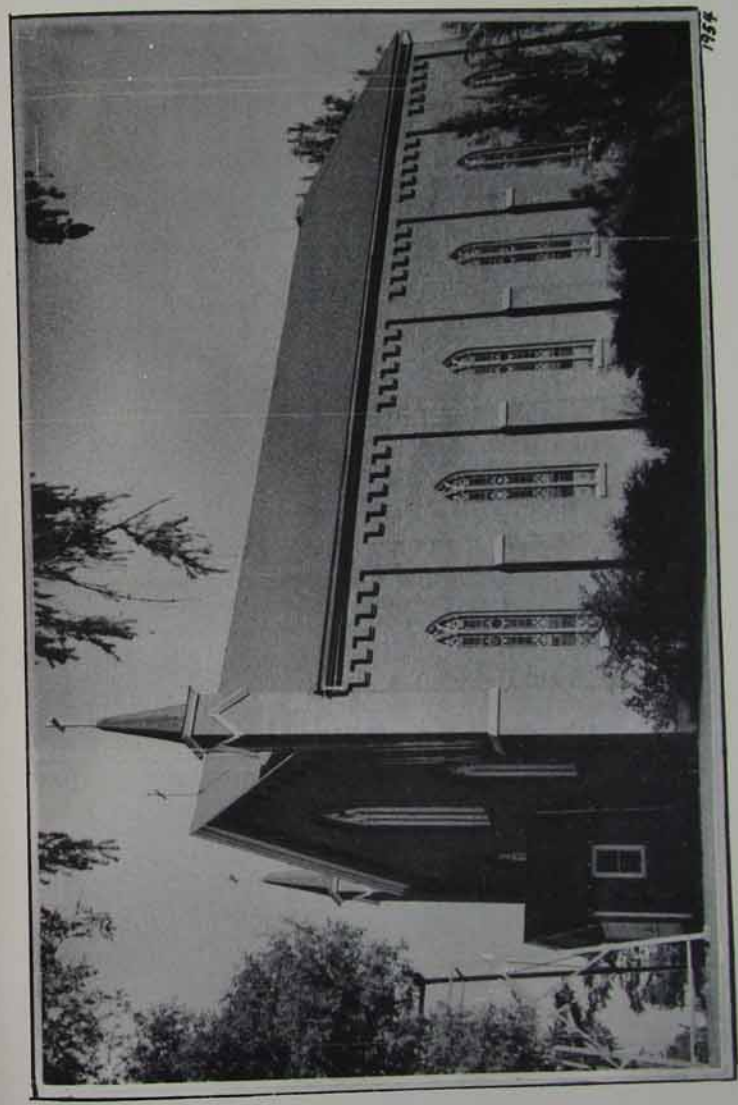
No doubt, this list is far from complete, but it is a shining record, and a tiny tribute to all those of Holy Trinity who chose this way of life. It is especially noteworthy that four girls of the Roy Kallaus family are serving mankind in this noble capacity.

VOTE OF THANKS

A very special note of thanks to all those who helped in any way to make this a success. This help came in the form of information, pictures, written materials, and personal help. Those who deserve very special recognition and thanks for hours of help and special interest are: Father Boeckmann, Mrs. Anna Chapek, Glee Stumpf, Mrs. Roy Kallaus, Teresa Lintz, Della Downs, Villa Strabala, Agnes Koening, Wilma Stumpf, Margaret Pieper, Cecilia Escher, Stella Kern, the Fuhrman Girls, Ona Schaeffer, Anton Kern, and Anton Kiefer.

THE PRESENT ROSTER OF THE PARISH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

Mr. and Mrs. John Albert and family
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen and family
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Altenhofen and family
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Armbruster and family
Mis Hazel Atkin
Mrs. Art Beranek and family
Mrs. Bob Beranek and family
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bombei and family
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boyd and family
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chaluba and family
Miss Loretta Chapek
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chapek and family
Robert Chapek
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chapek
Mrs. Hazel Coffey
Melo Deatsch
Mr. and Mrs. Romuald Deatsch and family
Mrs. Ed. Downs
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Duwa
Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Duwa
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Duwa and family
Donald Duwa
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Duwa and family
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Duwa and family
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Duwa and family
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Duwa
Ed Eglin
George Eglin
Miss Geraldine Eglin
Mrs. Teresa Eglin
Mrs. Anna Escher
Mrs. Celi Escher
Claude Escher
Mr. and Mrs. Giles Escher and family
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Escher and family
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Escher and family
Mr. and Mrs. Vern Escher and family
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ferrick and family
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Frank and family
Mrs. Emma Freund
Hubert Freund
Mrs. Margaret Friese
Mrs. Ned Figgins

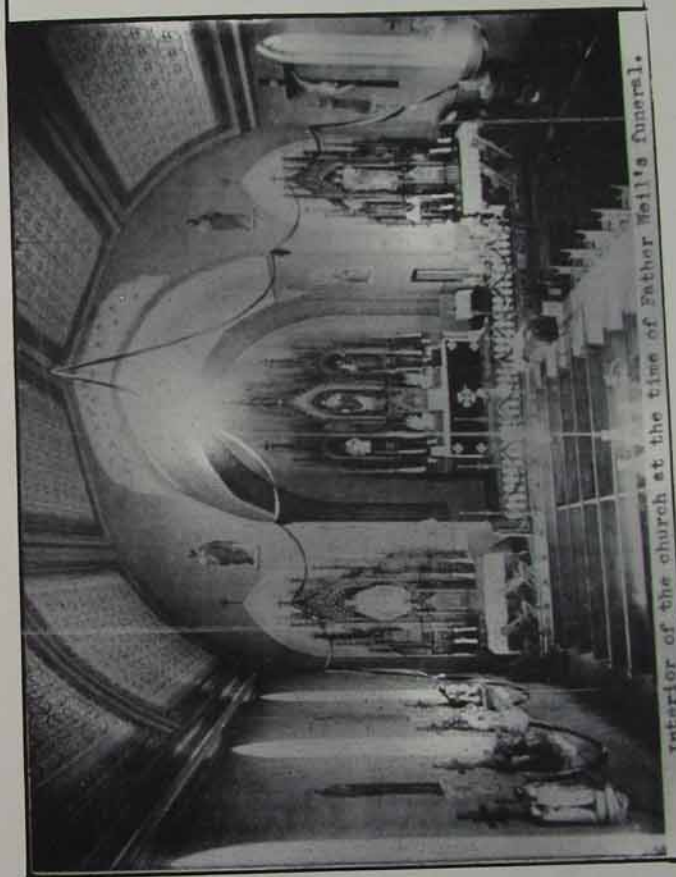


Rosemary Fullerton and family
Mrs. Willis Gingerich and family
Alfred Dean Grady
Mrs. Anna Grady
Hilton Grady and family
Mr. and Mrs. Ivo Grady and family
Miss Norma Grady
Mrs. Lena Greaser
Mrs. Archie Haberman and family
Mr. and Mrs.Ron Harland
Mr. and Mrs. Artis Heck and family
John Horak
Miss Mary Horak
Mrs. D. Jerden
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jirsa and family
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kallaus and family
Tom Kallaus
Mr. and Mrs. Ed.Kasner
Cletus Kasner
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keifer and family
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Keifer
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Kelley
Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Kelley and family
Richard Kelley and family
Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Kern
David Kern
Ed. Kern
Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kern and family
Paul Kern
Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kiefer and family
Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Kloepfer and family
Ernest Kloepfer
Miss Agnes Knening
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Koening and family
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Koening
Miss Anna Kolosick
Emily Kolosick
Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kolosick
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Kolosick
Bernard Kron
Mr. and Mrs. Clem Kron
Henry Kron
Mrs. Ida Kron
Melvin Kron
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kron
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kron
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lasek
Mrs.Walter Ledman



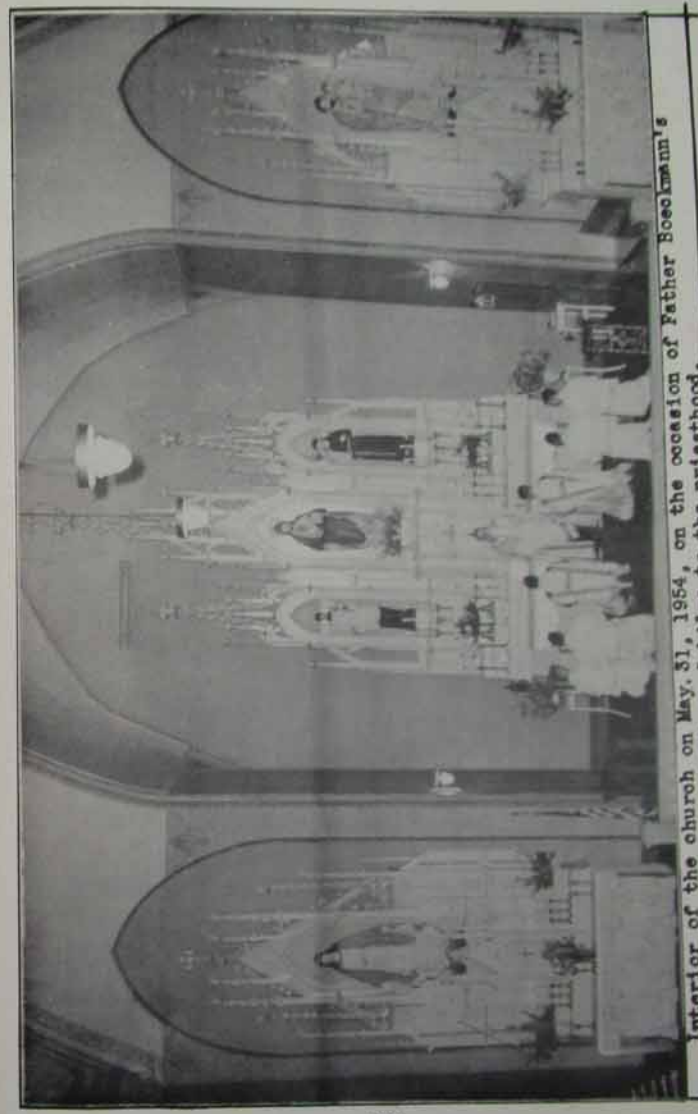
Interior of the church after the first decorating.

Fred Lintz
George Lintz
Leo Lintz
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lintz
Richard Lintz
Teresa Lintz
Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. McAndrew and family
Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mellinger and family
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Meyer and family
Miss Anna Pieper
Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Pieper and family
Henry Pieper
John Pieper
Charles Pieper
Mrs. Margaret Pieper
Miss Isabelle Plum
Mrs. Mary T. Plum
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pribyl and family
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Redeker
Mr. and Mrs. John Roetlin and family
Mr. and Mrs. John Rotenburger
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rotenburger and family
Mrs. Peter Rotenburger
Mrs. Glen Sakulin and family
Mrs. George Schaefer
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Schaefer and family
Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Schillig and family
William Schillig
Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Schillig
Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Seecrest
Mrs. Clem Shalla and Clifford
Miss Ramona Shalla
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shalla and family
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shalla and family
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shimon and family
Mrs. Melvin Snyder
Mrs. Amelia Strabala
Delbert Strabala
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Strabala and family
Mr. and Mrs. Wino Strabala and family
Mrs. Lloyd Strickler
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stumpf
Charles Stumpf
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Stumpf and family
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stumpf
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Strabala



Interior of the church at the time of Father Weil's funeral.

Miss Frances Bettenmaier
George Stumpf
Glee Stumpf
Mr. and Mrs. Herold Stumpf and family
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stumpf
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stumpf and family
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stumpf and family
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stumpf and family
Wilma Stumpf
Wm. Stumpf
Miss Clara TeBockhorst
Herold TeBockhorst
Mr.and Mrs. Jos. TeBockhorst
Mrs. Mary TeBockhorst
Mr. and Mrs. Norbert TeBockhorst and family
Mr. and Mrs. Richard TeBockhorst and family
Robert TeBockhorst
Mr. and Mrs. Urban TeBockhorst and family
Wm. TeBockhorst
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Trier and family
Mrs. Gerald Wade and family
Mrs. Earl Wegamonand family
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walker and family
Miss Francis Walker
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Walker and family
Tom Walker
Adrain Welte
Leo Welte
Paul Welte
Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Welte and family
Mr. and Mrs.Robert S. Welte
Mr. and Mrs. T. Roy White
Louis Whitmire
Norbert Whitmire
Albert Wieland
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Yeggy and family
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Yotty
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas



Interior of the church on May. 31, 1954, on the occasion of Father Boeckmann's Silver Jubilee to the priesthood.

Photos and Reproductions by Ken-Rene Studio
14 Reproductions by Guther Studio
Photos by Hazel Atkin
Photos by Sister Thelma