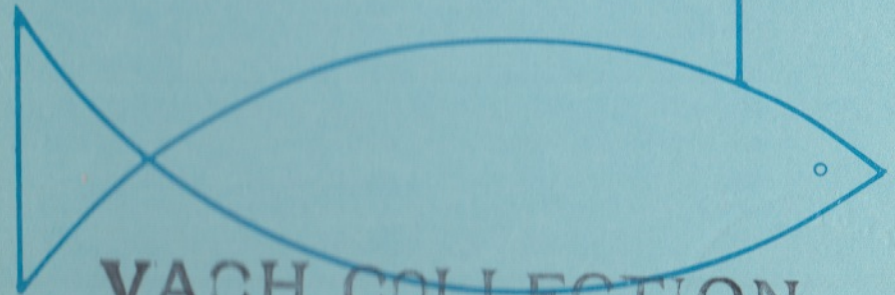


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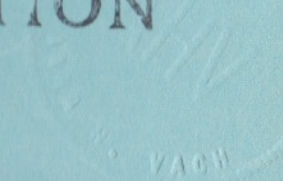
VACH COLLECTION

Saint Joseph
Parish



VACH COLLECTION

BEROUN, MINNESOTA 55004



Profession of Faith

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

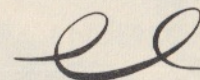
Prayer to St. Joseph

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render of time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O Patriarch St. Joseph. This shall be my motto for life and eternity. Amen.

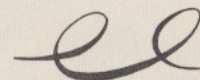
Composed by His Holiness PIUS X
23 Nov., 1906

Dedication

TO OUR PIONEERS WHOSE FRUITS OF FAITH -
LABOR AND DEDICATION WE ENJOY TODAY.



TO OUR BENEFACTORS WHO HELPED OUR
PEOPLE TO BUILD EXTERNAL MONUMENTS
OF FAITH.



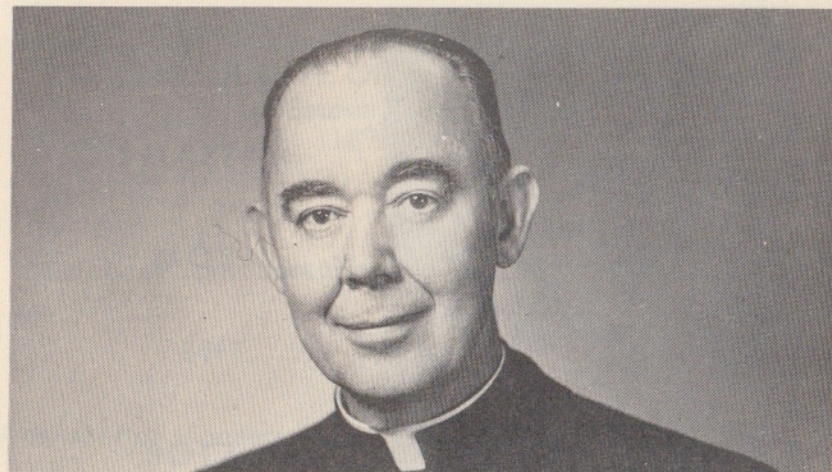
ESPECIALLY TO OTTO & MARY DUEBER
FOR THEIR LARGE CONTRIBUTION IN 1971.



S. S. PAOLO VI

HIS HOLINESS
POPE PAUL THE SIXTH

Bestows the Apostolic Blessing on the Clergy, Parishioners,
Benefactor and Friends
of St. Joseph Parish
Beroun, Minnesota
on the occasion
of the Diamond Jubilee of the Parish



MOST REVEREND BISHOP
PAUL F. ANDERSON, D.D.

Fifth and present Bishop of Duluth, Minnesota

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the erection of the first Church in Beroun, dedicated to St. Joseph, is a very appropriate time to bring to our minds the struggles and sacrifices the Pioneers made because of their faith in God. So we celebrate this occasion with the Eucharist, the most fitting expression of our gratitude to these dedicated and loyal pioneers. A celebration like this is also a time to look into the future for the Church is the living body of Christ which begins here on earth and hopefully continues in heaven; which should prompt us to dedicate ourselves gladly and wholeheartedly to God and His work of salvation. Such a wonderful example of this, today so needed expression of faith, which was given to us by our forefathers.

I also wish to express my gratitude to all the Pastors for their service given to St. Joseph's Parish, as well as to all the parishioners who have been working rather hard to keep the small parish of St. Joseph's spiritually and financially prosperous. A word of encouragement to the present parishioners, especially the young generation, to continue the work of spiritual growth, so well done by their predecessors.

I wish to all the clergy, parishioners, benefactors and friends of St. Joseph's Parish on this solemn occasion my sincere gratitude and congratulations, and may God's blessings be upon you and yours. I will be happy to celebrate the Eucharist with you on April 16th, 1972, and we, together, will ask God to reward the pioneers, and to give us courage, dedication and love to continue the work of salvation in the future.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Paul F. Anderson
Bishop of Duluth



MESSAGE

FROM

THE

PASTOR

In the Gospel of St. Matthew Christ says: "If you have faith and do not doubt at all, not only will you do what I have done to the fig tree (instantly withered), but even if you say to this mountain, "Get up and throw yourself into the sea," it will be done. "And if you have faith, everything you ask for in prayer you will receive." Mt. 21, 21-22.

These words so nicely describe the faith of our Pioneers who did move mental mountains in the hearts and minds of people of this little community at the time of starting their own parish. Many mountains had to be moved during the first decades in order to build and because of their faith in God and their love for him, no struggle was too hard - no sacrifice too great. What a wonderful example for all of us to follow and thus continue the work they started with a lot of sweat and toil.

St. Joseph's parish has always been a small parish - never more than a hundred families, but always of great, hard working people dedicated to God and to their fellowmen. It has been this faith in God of which Christ speaks about that has brought forth good and lasting fruits. How true it is the old saying: "Where there is God, there is a will and there is also a way".

Let us hope and pray, as we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee of the parish, that this same spirit of faith in God, dedication and work together will continue in the future. Let the inheritance of our great and memorable Pioneers be our direction, courage and assurance of our success in the future.

May the good Lord reward all our Pioneers, benefactors and friends with His divine blessing and happiness - and to us give strength and dedication in our faith to carry on the noble work of salvation, always keeping in mind the words of Christ: "If you have faith, everything you ask for in prayer, you will receive". Let us pray and worship together in the monument of our faith - the church - which has been the external manifestation of our internal faith and love for God.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH Beroun, Minnesota 1896 - 1971

History of Saint Joseph's Church - Beroun, Minnesota

1896

A number of pioneers began to settle in and around Beroun at the suggestion of James Kluzak, a Czech railroad land agent after 1895. Most of the settlers were Bohemian (Czech) Catholics and soon some had thoughts of organizing the group into a congregation that would provide a church and facilities, both for worship and religious instruction of children. Towards this end a meeting of the Catholic settlers was called at the home of Joseph Chalupsky on Sunday, October 25, 1896.

On the following two pages is a photostatic 1896 copy of the minutes of the first meeting in Bohemian and on the following page the translation into English.

začínáme ve jménu Páně!

První osadní schůze v Berouně
odehřvala se v domě gos. Chalupského
dne 25^{to} října 1896.

Přítomni byli:

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Jan Schüller st. |
| 2 | gos. Chalupský |
| 3 | gos. Korbel |
| 4 | Ant. Rosický |
| 5 | gos. Sabatka |
| 6 | Joz. Radoš |
| 7 | Jan Chalupník |
| 8 | gos. Drožan |
| 9 | Alois Hrdlička |
| 10 | Jan Urbanovský * |
| 11 | Jan Plásek |
| 12 | Jan J. Schüller ml. |
| 13 | Jan Slagák |
| 14 | Fr. Slavíček |
| Souhlas vzkázali: | |
| 15 | gos. Ouredník |
| 16 | gos. Jakaubek |
| 17 | Fr. Frolík |
| 18 | Jan Prnka |
| 19 | Tom. Kučera |
| 20 | Jan Uředník |
| 21 | gos. Kleib. |
| 22 | gos. Slabý. |

Na návrh daný, aby zvolen byl předseda
a tajemník pro tuto schůzi, zvolen
za předsedu Jan Schüller za taj. gos. Chalupský.
Pan předseda otevřel schůzi modlitbou
a vysvětlil účel schůze, jenz jest
aby vystaven byl v Berouně kat. kostel
a zaopatřeno místo pro hřbitov.

Usneseno: jelikož nemožno sehnat
mezi začátečními osadníky peněz,
žitých příspěvků aby k stavbě
mohlo být přikročeno, proto
zvolen výbor pozustavající
ze čtyřech členů a sice:

Velf. Rabštejn
Jan Schüller
gos. Chalupský
Vas. Drožan

aby zhýrali dobrovolní příspěvky,
jinehem osady - na stavbu chrámu Páně.

Ujednáno, aby později byli uřídieni
drahy St. Paul - Dubek.

Jedno gulasní jednání schůze odročeno
na 1^{to} list 1896.

gos. Chalupský taj.

Osadní schůze dne 1^{to} list 1896
P. předseda otevřel schůzi modlitbou
výbor podal zpravu, že byli za-
něm zhrát příspěvky v New
City v končel - velf. Rabštejn
nebyl doma, šli tehdy v úterý,
následkem politické věci, jenz
tam právě držel guvernér státu
New York nemohli podporu
zhýrat, slíbeno však na
několika místech.

Usneseno aby výbor šel opět
příští týden a byl následovní
rozdilem: Urbanovský } do Rush City.
Sabatka }

TRANSLATION: Let us vote for a president and secretary for this meeting. John Schuller for president and Joseph Chalupsky as secretary were elected.

The president opened the meeting with a prayer and explained the reason for the meeting - getting a church in Beroun and also a place for a graveyard.

It was decided that we could not get enough money so four members were elected to go around in the name of the parish and collect for the building of a home for God. Reverend Rabsteinek, John Schuller, Joseph Chalupsky, and Waclav Drazan were chosen as trustworthy members.

Meeting closed as there was nothing special to bring up and next meeting to be the 1st of November, 1896.

Joseph Chalupsky, Secretary

These are the members present at the first meeting: Joseph Chalupsky, Jan Chalupnik, Waclav Drazan, Alois Hrdlicka, Jos Korbek, Jan Plasek, Albert Rados, Anton Rosicky, Jon Schuller Sr., Jon Schuller Jr., Frank Slavicek, Jan Slezak, Jan Urban-sky, Frank Frolik, Jos Jakoubek, Jos Kleich, Tom Kucera, Jos Ouradnik, Jos Slaby, Jan Tmka, and Jan Urednik.

AT THE SECOND MEETING enthusiasm of getting a House for God in the community, started to materialize. Reverend Thomas A. Rabsteinek was asked to have the papers ready and write to the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad for land for the graveyard. It was decided to find out how much lumber would be needed and a letter to be sent to Rutledge Lumber Co. to find out how much it would cost and also ask for a donation for the church. Meeting closed and the next meeting to be held November 8.

AT THE THIRD MEETING it was decided to start building right away. The president was to ask when members could come to work. Monday, November 9, 1896, the work was started on the first church in Beroun, Minnesota dedicated to St. Joseph. The church was a woodframe of 18' x 30' x 12' at a cost of \$168. A letter was received from the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad that they would give a deed to the land of 10 acres necessary for church and cemetery property.

On December 26, 1896 (St. Stephen's Day) their struggles and sacrifices were greatly rewarded by having the First Mass offered in the new church by Rev. Father Thomas A. Rabsteinek. Vestments needed were given by Father Radsteinek; Missal given by Father Ticky of New Prague; altar linen for altar, 2 statues and cross, bell and presents for the Christmas tree given by Jos Chalupsky.

1897 — Started to pay the bills and found themselves \$40.54 in the red at the end of the year

1898 — Was the year in which they tried to get out of the red. The following by-laws were adopted (according to their terminology):

1. How can we get the money to pay Father Rabsteinek for the year 1897?
2. It was decided to sell lots at Cemetery for \$10 a piece which should be paid in two or three years, if possible.

3. Everyone should give to the church according to their means.

4. If we do not have enough money for church expenses, we will borrow from the Cemetery Fund.

Eighteen members signed for a lot at the Cemetery.

It was also decided that officers take the place of the priest for devotions on Sundays at 10:00 o'clock when the Reverend could not come. It was decided that Jos Chalupsky, when a priest was not there, teach the children every Sunday catechism and Czech language. The members then went to the Cemetery and picked out their lots.

1901 — By 1901 the first little church was becoming too small and plans for a new, larger church were discussed. To raise needed funds 8 acres of the land the the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad donated were bought by Jos Chalupsky and 6 lots were given by him upon which to build the new church. Permission was granted by Bishop James McGolrick and funds for the new building (30' x 60' with a 10' x 10' tower built over the entrance) were to be raised by each family pledging to donate \$10. The balance was to be raised by socials, the first of which was a picnic on the 4th of July, 1901 which netted an amount of \$135.34, a magnificent sum when one considers the heavy financial sacrifices the parish-ioners had made throughout the preceding months for building and furnishing the church. This, no doubt, established a precedent for those many dinners and picnics and plays that have become such a common source of needed funds for the parish.

1902 — Financial difficulties were again encountered and before any money could be borrowed, it became necessary to incorporate the congregation. The newly created corporation formed on the 24th of June, 1902 was known as the Church of St. Joseph, Beroun, Minnesota with Joseph Sebesta Secretary and Jacob Kubesh Treasurer as the first lay board of trustees of the parish. This permitted a loan of \$700 which was furnished by John Tomek through a mortgage at 6%. The church was built this year at a total cost of \$2,335.

1903 — The old church was sold to Vaclav Stepka for \$150. Most of the cemetery was cleared of brush and stumps.

1906 — Beroun parish was served by the Hinckley paster for two years.

1909 — Father Leo Laskowski came to Pine City in January, 1909 and Sunday Mass became much more regular as Beroun became a mission of Pine City. The financial report at the end of the year showed that they deposited the first \$100 in savings.

1910 — The newly built tower was honored with a new bell purchased for \$150 to call people to worship their God in the church. The bell was blessed on March 27.

1919 — First Confirmation of 50 members by Bishop John T. Mc-Nicholas on July 8. Cemetery is enclosed with an \$800 ornamental fence with donated labor.

1920 — Again due to the growth of the community and with money being more plentiful, ideas of a new larger and more modern building began to spring up. "Should we add to the now existing church or build a new one?" was the question to be decided.

1925 — In 1925 Father Leo canvassed the congregation and found the parish numbered some 85 families, and as a result it was decided to take definite steps for building a new church. At the same time members realized the spiritual advantages that come to a community with its own resident pastor living in their midst and so felt ready to assume the additional financial burden.

1926 — With the help of Father Leo, plans were drawn up and bids were opened on August 12 and contract was awarded to L. W. Baumeister and Son of St. Paul, Minnesota. At this time a delegation was sent to see Bishop Thomas A. Welch in Duluth (J. W. Plasek, Frank W. Runa, Joseph Chalupsky, L. J. Ouradnik and V. A. Mikyska), with a petition stating the wish of the entire mission to become a parish with a resident Pastor, and this to be promised before they started to build the new church. The Bishop granted the request and assumed the Pastorship of the parish for the time until the resident pastor was appointed.

Father William E. Guilfoyle was sent to be our First resident Pastor. His first Sunday services were held on August 29. A parsonage was provided by buying a six room house and 4 lots which with remodeling cost \$5,550.00.

BUILDING OF THIRD NEW CHURCH! Excavation of the new building started August 22, 1926. The new church was erected just west of the old church and as near as practical, this being 10 feet west of the old church and 15 feet from the sidewalk to the first step of the front entrance of the new church. The new structure was built of brick and tile with 300 seating capacity. The corner stone was blessed by Bishop Welch on October 17 of the same year.

1927 — New church was completed April 1 and blessed by Bishop Welch, May 15. Total cost of the church with imported Art Stain Glass windows (Innsbruck, Austria) and Stations and new pews at the cost of \$33,000 of which \$10,000 had to be borrowed. During the depression years the parishioners struggled quite hard to keep the parish going and they did it successfully.

1930 — Father Guilfoyle was moved to Duluth and Father Andrew P. Gallik was sent to be the Pastor and held his first Sunday services March 2 and continued to serve St. Joseph's Parish 'till his death, January 25, 1961.

1936 — After several meetings the parish asks to build a needed Rectory while the cost of building is low. Bids were called for and only one bid of \$9,000 was received which was rejected and building was postponed.

1937 — Interior painting and decorating of the church began in November and was completed on January 21. The Main Altar was remodeled.

1938 — It was decided to erect the new Rectory as per plans

drawn in 1936. Parish buys all material and local contractor to do the work with most of the labor donated. The new dwelling was ready for occupancy December 22 at a total cost of nearly \$9,000.

1939 — The church tower was repaired for \$400. Water was piped below the frost line to the church basement. The old Rectory was sold for \$370.

1946 — The parish observed its Golden Anniversary on August 25, with various solemnities.

1953 — Deteriorated church tower was remodeled and a new front entrance was built at the cost of \$2,500.

1954 — The church hall had to be repaired (the whole ceiling replastered). This same year lightning struck the church. Damage was done to the gold leafing of the cross, electrical wiring, and some outside brick wall. This same year the church interior was washed by the marvelous ladies of the parish at the total cost of \$344.

1955 — Sidewalk and church entrance approach was done at the cost of \$650.

1959 — The concrete base with steps and mounted crucifix was erected on the Cemetery at the cost of \$1,100.

1961 — Father Andrew P. Gallik died on January 25, and was buried in Pine City. Father Francis Gaber was appointed to be the new Pastor. Plans were made to remodel the Sanctuary, church hall, and kitchen and to put in a sewage system. Also an addition on the west side which included a larger sacristy and new modern rest rooms.

1962 — Plans were carried out for the new addition on the west side of the church to accommodate modern rest room facilities. At the same time the church hall and kitchen were moderately remodeled. Also a new water and sewage system for the entire plant was installed this same year. Total cost \$23,500 of which \$4,000 was borrowed at 4½%.

1963 — The cemetery improvements, new Calvary scene with a memorial plaque, were added.

1964 — Rev. Bernard J. Smith became the new Pastor in October.

1966 — Father Smith retired and Rev. Gerald J. LaPatka became the new Pastor for eight months. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Vovk who stayed here about a year. A new heating plant (oil) was installed this same year at the cost of \$6,700. For a couple of months Father Fred Method was Administrator of the parish.

1967 — Rev. John T. Mangan became the Pastor and remained until his retirement on September 1, 1971.

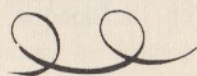
1971 — Father Gaber returned again. The interior and exterior of the church were painted, new lighting fixtures were installed; through the generosity of Otto and Mary Dueber who willed a sum of money to the parish.

1972 * On January 8th Father John T. Mangan died suddenly in Duluth and was buried from our church on January 12th in our Cemetery.

* Preparations made for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration which takes place on **April 16, 1972**

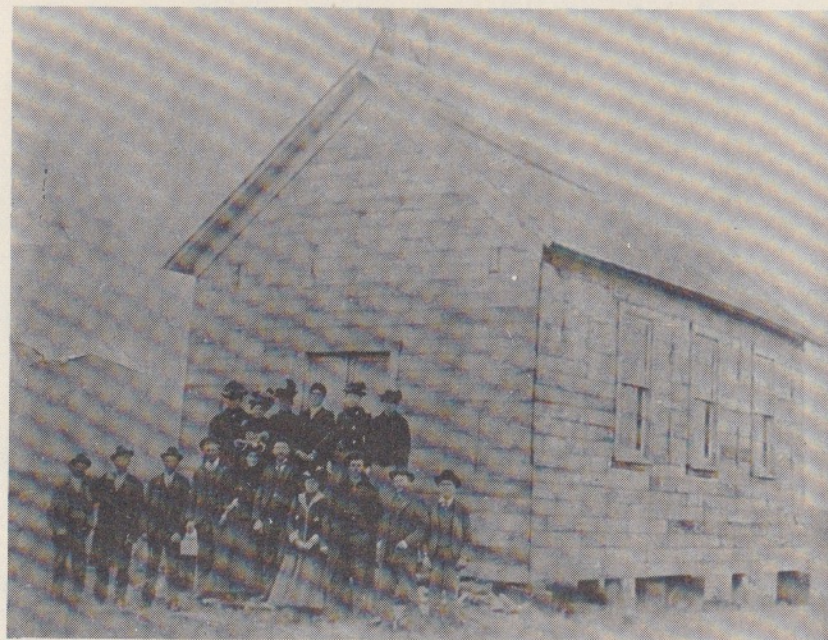
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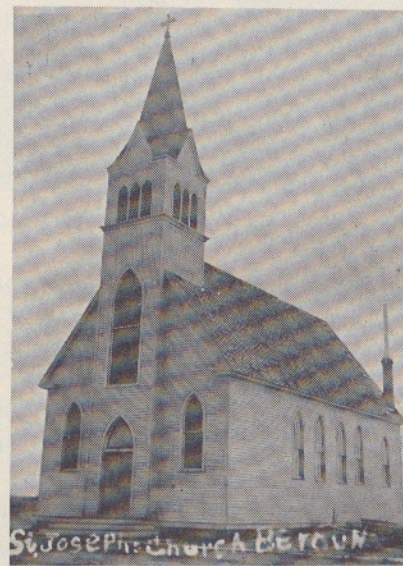


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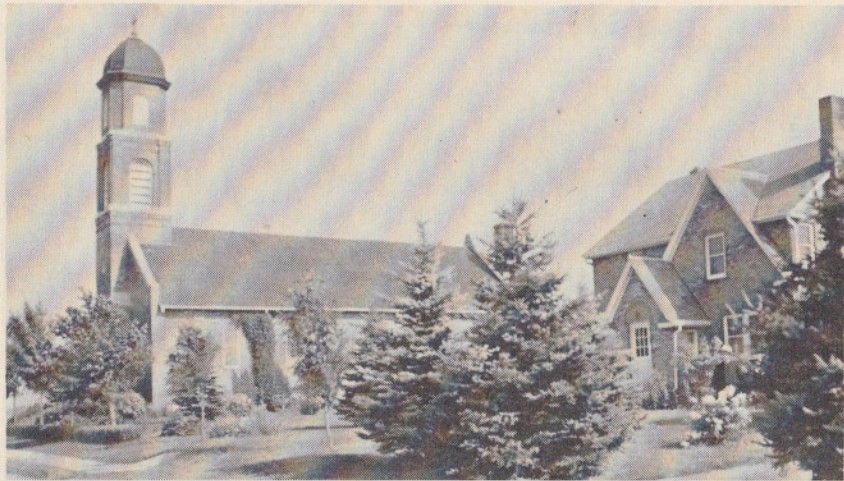
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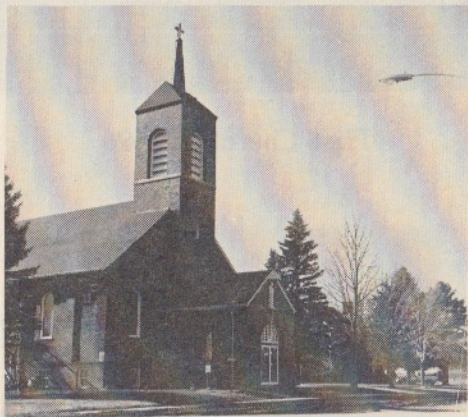
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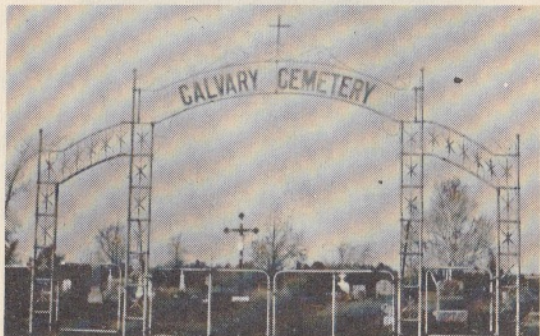
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Third Church - 1926 The Rectory - 1938

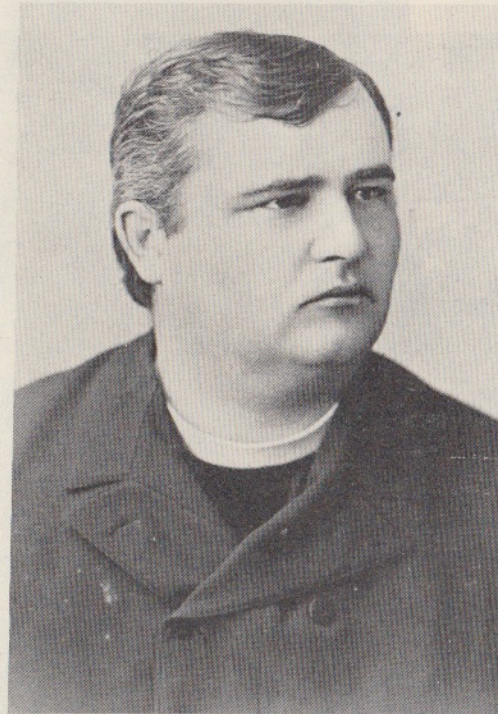


The Present Church - New Entry & Steeple Remodeled - 1953



Calvary Cemetery

MISSIONARIES & RESIDENT PASTORS



Father

Thomas A. Rabsteinek

Pastor of Pine City Parish

Offered First Mass

in the

Beroun First Church

December 26, 1896

Czech speaking
Fathers that came
at different times.

Fathers:

Joseph Havorka

Frank Hrackovsky

Valentine Schiffrer

Charles Hovorka

Francis Bouska

Joseph Bouska

W. J. Skulzacek

Missionary Fathers offering
Masses occasionally.

Fathers:

Thomas Rabsteinek . . . 1896-1899

John Smiers 1900-1901

Louis Buechler 1901-1905

Vaclav Koerner 1905-1906

Max Rieger (Hinckley) 1906-1908

Leo Laskowski 1909-1926

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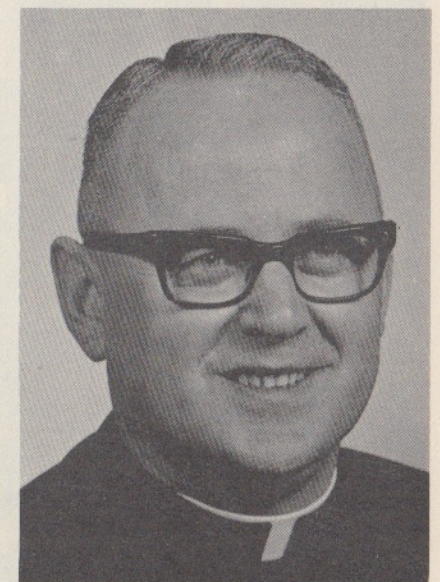
Fr. Leo Laskowsky
Pastor of Pine City



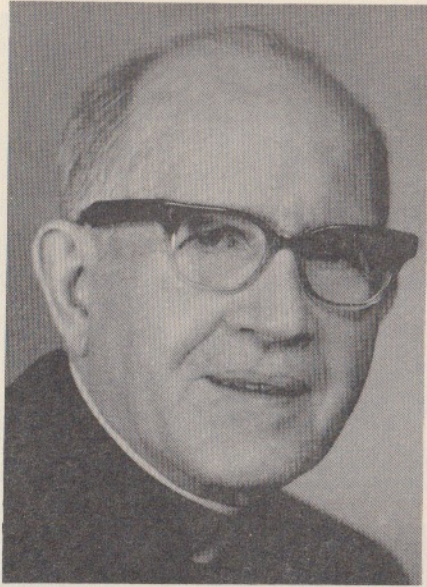
Fr. Wm. Gilfoyle
First Resident Pastor
1926-1930



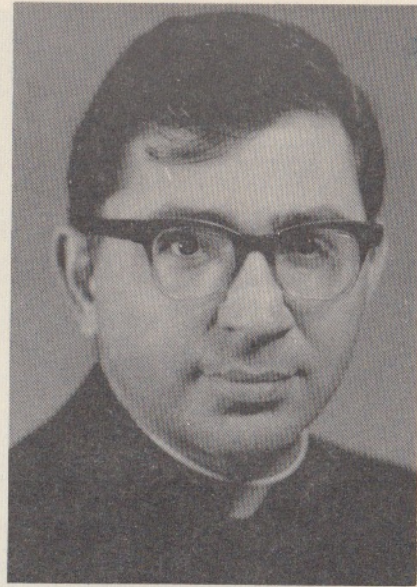
Fr. Andrew P. Gallik
1930-1961



Fr. Francis Gaber
1961-1964



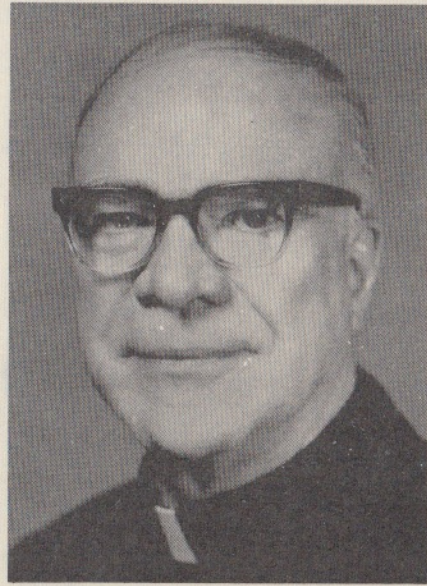
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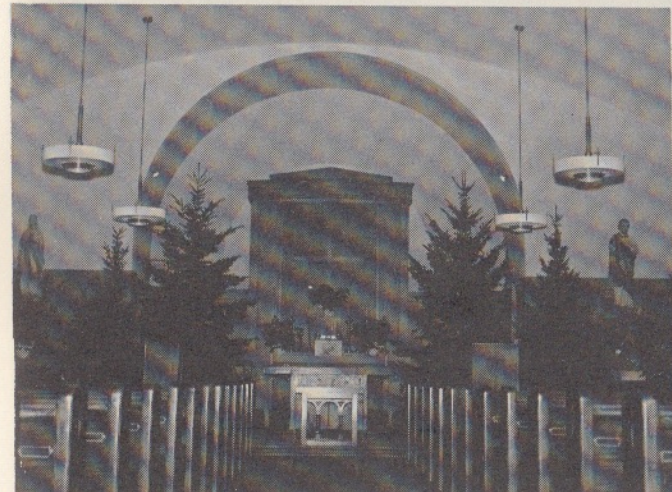
Fr. John T. Mangan
1967-1971

FATHER FRANCIS GABER

PRESENT PASTOR

1971-

Interior of the Church 1937



Interior
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Christmas
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SOME OF
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PIONEERS
1896



Jos. Chalupsky

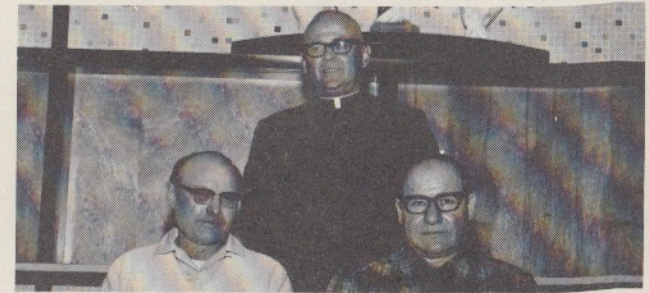
Jan Chalupnik



Jos. Korbek



Otto & Mary Dueber
Most Generous Benefactors 1971



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Men's Club Officers



Rosary Society Officers



At one of the Joint Meetings



St. Joseph Protect Us - Christmas 1971