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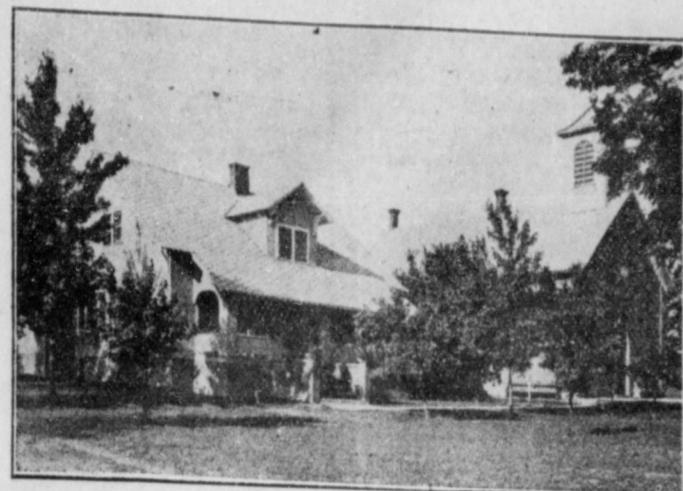
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Historical Review of St. Marys of the Presentation Church, Jefferson Tp.



(By A Parishioner)

History should always have the honor of God and the salvation of souls in view when it relates the various events, the lives of men and their deeds. Church records should be kept accurately and when they are published they will be the cause of great pleasure to those who come afterwards. The history of a parish or mission, however small or large, will be of interest especially to those who have spent their childhood within its limits, and to their descendants.

The Origin of the Parish

The beginning of the Mission, St. Mary's of the Presentation, Jefferson township, Adams county, dates back to the year 1856 when the first Catholics settled in this part of Indiana. It is reported that Stephen McHale, while working on a railroad near Cincinnati, was persuaded to come here by a real estate agent. The territory looked good to him and he in turn persuaded Finnerty and the Kenneys to come to Adams county where a future progress would be awaiting them.

All the first settlers had left joyfully their mother country (Ireland) and made the United States, the land of the free, their future happy home. At first they lived near Cincinnati, but not being accustomed to live in the city, and unwilling to stay there; they embraced eagerly the opportunity of buying a farm in Jefferson township.

As far as could be obtained the first settlers were:

Stephen McHale, Lawrence and Michael Gallogly and families; Later on James Laughlin, Thomas Flaherty, Thomas Moran with their respective families.

All these being men of a strong religious bent, their first thought after settling on their claims was that of attending church somewhere, or to build a church for themselves. They attended church at times at St. Anthony, Mercer Co., Ohio, and at the Convent of St. Marys, Home in Jay Co., Indiana. About 1860 a church was built in Jay Co. called "Holy Trinity Church." This was a log church and these people helped to build it and became henceforth members of Holy Trinity Parish.

The desire and wish to have their own church did not die out, however. This wish was realized when a committee was organized in 1879, to build a frame church. Sufficient money was donated and the first humble church was completed in 1880. The money and labor was donated by the members and many of their neighbors, some of whom belonged even to other denominations. The committee was composed of Peter Kinney, Martin Laughlin, Michael Finnerty, and Michael Spangler.

On July 7, 1881 amid a large crowd of Catholics and non-Catholics, a beautiful service flag was blessed. A patriotic sermon was preached by the pastor and five priests honored the occasion by their presence. The service flag was blessed by the very Rev. George Hindelang of Celina, Ohio.

During the great drive of the seven different organizations, taking care of the welfare of our men in the Army and navy; from Nov. 11, 1881, the members contributed the sum of \$293.00.

In regard to improvements, the new slate roof of the church was completed and during the course of the summer, a new little steeple was erected, which gave to the building a neat appearance.

The Change From a Mission to a Parish with a Resident Pastor

Owing to the giving up of St. Mary's Home Convent, where the pastor of St. Mary's of the Presentation church had resided during the last forty years, it became necessary that some other arrangements be made in order to continue the service, or to give up the congregation and be affiliated with the neighboring parishes. This problem had often been mentioned, and was feared to be faced in all its reality.

Before the frame church was built, mass was occasionally celebrated in the houses of John Finnerty, Michael D. Kenney. After the frame church was burned, until the brick church was completed, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated in the school house. At first there was Mass every other Sunday, in the new

congregation to build a priest's residence or rectory, and thus enjoy the great privilege of being a regular parish, and having a resident pastor. Upon this, James Kenney, Ed J. Kenney, and Michael Maier met to consult with the pastor, in order to find out whether the necessary funds could be raised. During the following week the pastor called upon the owners, and renters and found that about \$5000. could be had by subscription. The following Sunday, the Provincial of the Precious Blood Community came out from Celina, and spoke to the men and approval of going ahead with the building, provided the members were willing to bear the annual increased expenses of running the parish.

The following day on the 7th of April, Mr. Ed Kenney, James Kelley, Frank Spangler, and the pastor went to Fort Wayne to obtain the approval of the Right Rev. Bishop. His Lordship received the delegation kindly, gladly approved the undertaking, and wished us God's blessing.

At once preparations were made to commence the work. Mr. Michael Finnerty, in whose heart St. Mary's church finds always a tender spot, gave permission to cut the trees for rough lumber from his woods, and donated one acre of land.

The basement was excavated and a concrete foundation was put in by some of the members. Slowly the building rose under the management of Mr. Frank Spangler who spared neither time nor trouble to make the building a success, so that it would be a landmark of which the congregation and he, himself, could be proud. Many difficulties had to be overcome on account of high prices, and the troubled conditions due to the period of reconstruction after the great war 1914-1918. As time progresses, so all went well and finally the new residence was finished and on Nov. 24th, the pastor moved into the new rectory. The building is a nine room residence, one and one-half stories high, the dimensions are 30 by 36 feet and the exterior has been beautified by a coat of stucco.

Besides the building of the rectory some other improvements were made, a new well was dug, a garage erected, a cistern made, and many of the monuments on the graveyard were given a firm concrete foundation, and placed in a straight line.

During the year 1919, the bells rang four times the news that some of the young people were to be united in Holy matrimony. Baptism was administered four times, one adult and three infants. Funerals were none during the year. All the boys who had been enlisted into the army returned either from the training camps or from the battlefield of Europe. The list of expenses of the new residence and other improvements, as well as subscription, donations by or otherwise, is to be found in the financial statement for the year 1919.

Great Home Coming
After the erection of the new pastoral residence in 1919, the year 1920 was waiting for the many improvements that could not be finished during the previous year, steps, cement sidewalks, tiling, fences, etc.

During the early part of the year 1920, it was proposed to have some homecoming celebration. This desire matured on July 4th, it was in the shape of a great social to which everybody especially the old folks who had moved away, had been invited. A victrola, a diamond ring, and a gold watch were chanced out to lucky winners. Many friends and old acquaintances were present and the late Honorable Judge John Moran, a former boy of the congregation, delivered a splendid address. Everybody was found in good spirits. The net proceeds of this Home Coming Celebration, consisting of \$900. were beyond all expectations.

On Oct. 20, 1920, His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Bishop Herman Joseph Alerding, Bishop of Fort Wayne, came to our church on his confirmation trip and confirmed a class of 14. He expressed his great satisfaction at what had been done and wished the congregation success and increase in the future.

The year 1921 is not known for any special event. During the year 1920, the debts were reduced from \$2500. to \$1300. The year 1921 was begun with great encouragement again, and due to the co-operation of all the indebtedness was reduced again so that at the end of the year there remained an indebtedness of \$600. Another social was held with great success during the month of July, also preparations for remodeling the interior of the church were commenced during the year 1921.

In the year 1922, everthing went

well, and the pastor had the happiness of taking a vacation which consisted of a trip to Europe, lasting three months.

During the year 1923, the interior of the church was decorated. For two years, many members had given all the Sunday eggs, that is all the eggs laid only on Sundays, and this little sacrifice netted a nice sum, so that the church could be decorated without contracting new debts. The church is now clean, and the decorations are moderate, very simple yet we are proud that ceiling, walls, alters and woodwork received a new dress.

The members will have an Ice Cream Social on July 1st, including all kinds of amusements and refreshments. Everybody is welcome and invited. We hope that many of our Decatur friends will spend the afternoon and evening of Sunday, July 1st, with us on the grounds surrounding our church.

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(With Apologies to Longfellow)

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Where the lover Mallory
Met his sweetheart AllenA,

By the mountain of Manhattan
In the hut of Beaver Board
Dwelt they then with Aunt Jemima,
Mother of the AllenA.

On the shores of Kekionga
Hard unto the Liquid Tar Soap
Aunt Jemima, with her Kodak
Stood and pointed to the Bill Board.

"Yonder dwells the Clothier
In the City of Decatur,
He it was who killed competition,
Slew him with his Kuppenheimer."

Boldly then Mallory
Seized his trusty Hat Bag,
Gave his bride one last fond Dier-Kiss,
Kissed her by the Coca-Cola.

"I am going, AllenA,
On a long and distant journey
Where the name of Skinner's Satin
And Monroe Clothes are well known.

Guard you well our daughter Jello
And our last born baby Newskin.
Launched his birch canoe for sailing
On the shining Pluto Water.

Stood she then and watched the ripples
As he paddled toward Decatur;
While she smiled the smile of Good Clothes,
Shed she tears of Listerine and said:

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