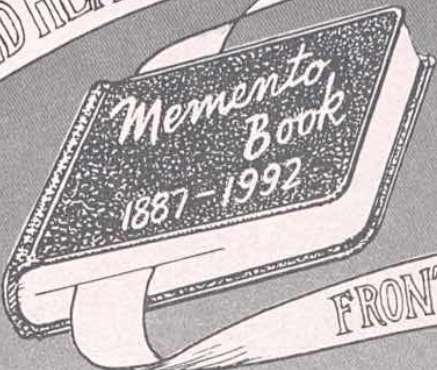
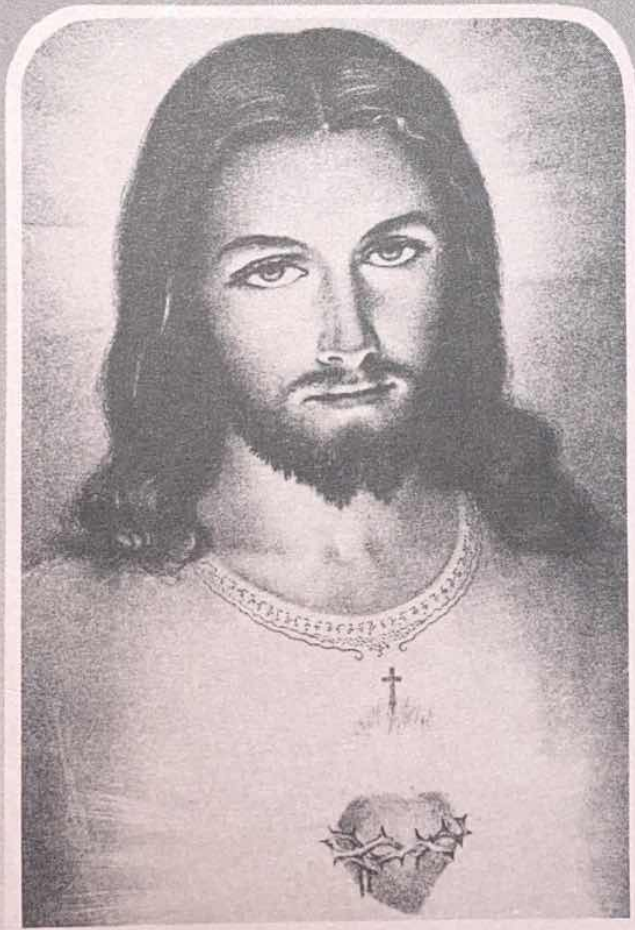
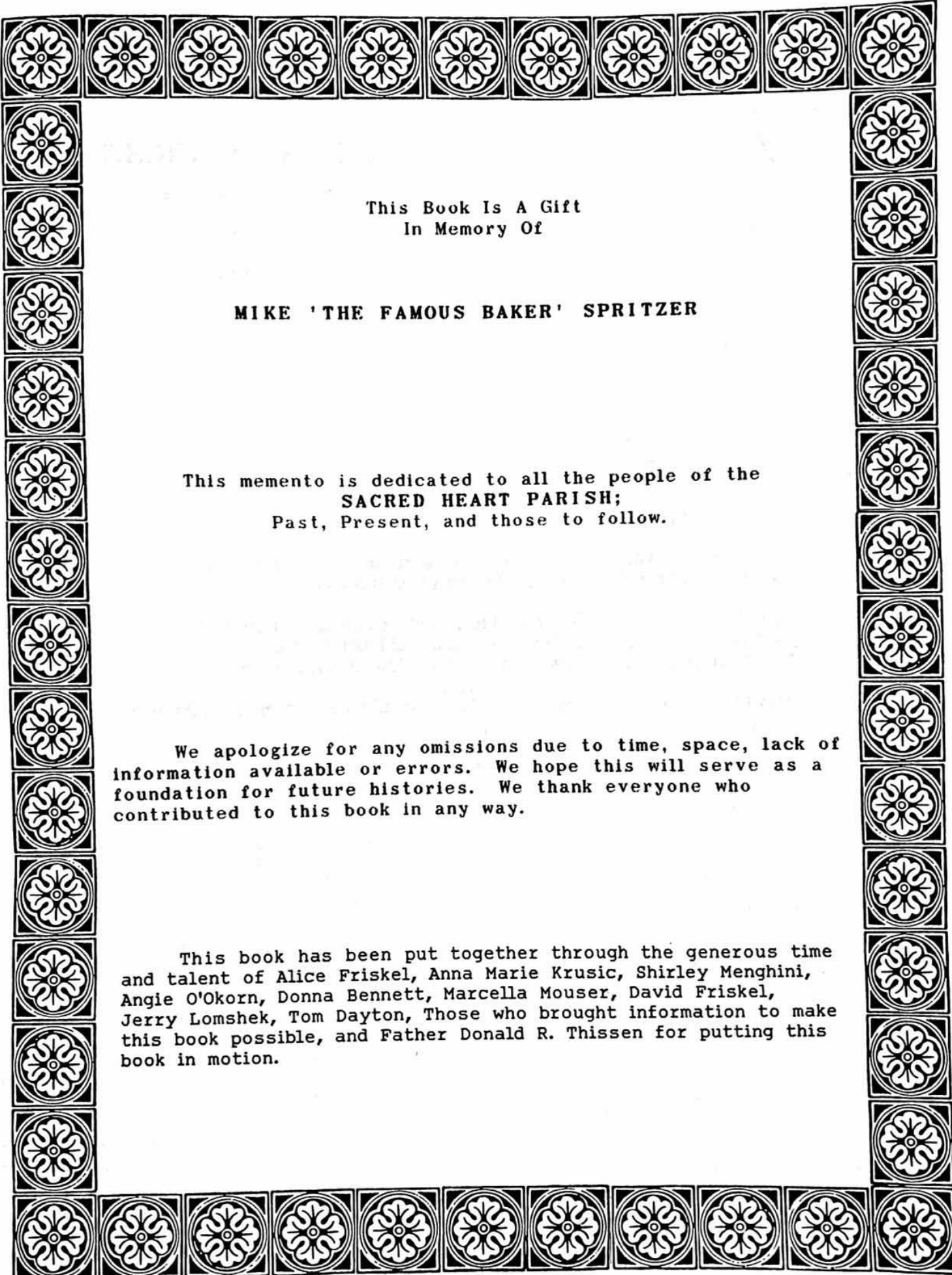


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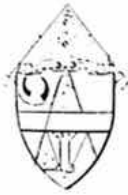
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This memento is dedicated to all the people of the  
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Past, Present, and those to follow.

We apologize for any omissions due to time, space, lack of information available or errors. We hope this will serve as a foundation for future histories. We thank everyone who contributed to this book in any way.

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In Christ,

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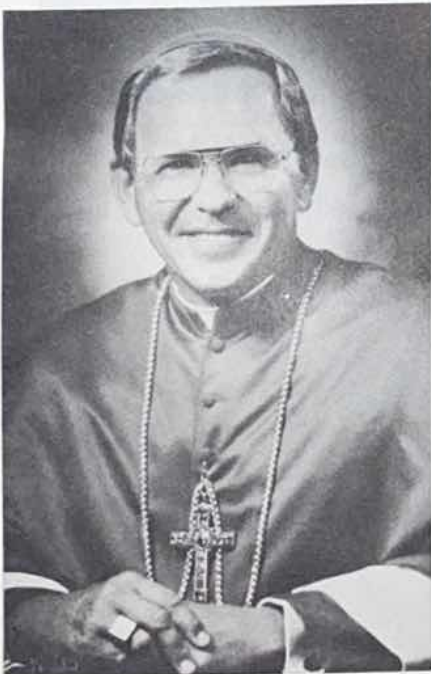


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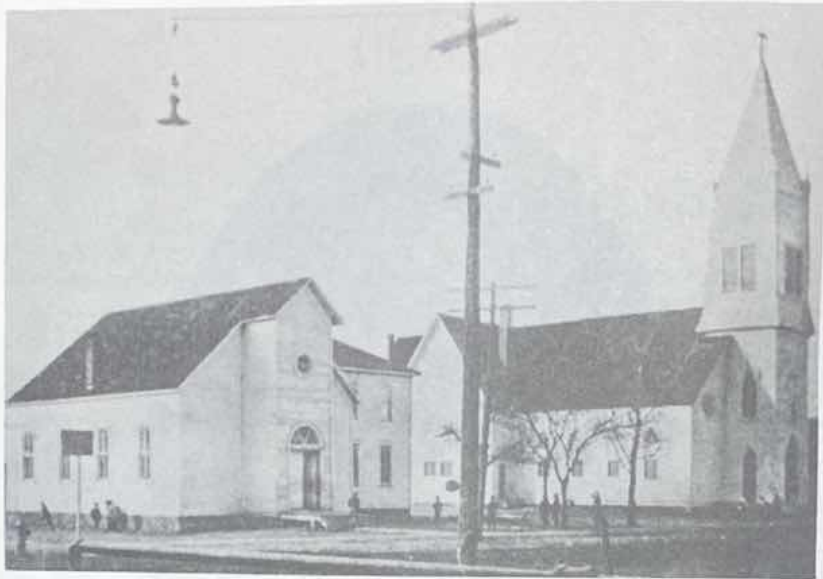
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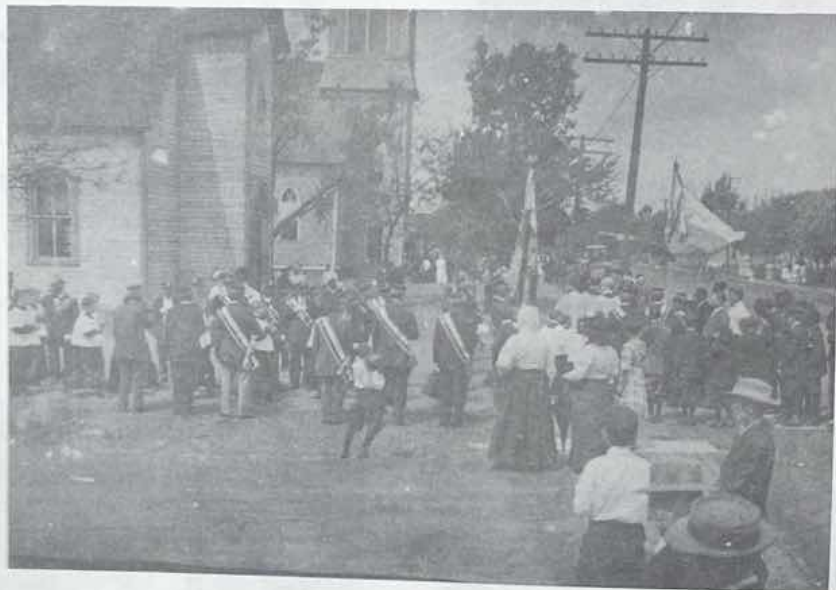
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FIRST CHURCH BUILT IN 1891 with one class-room; later converted into parochial school when second church (on right) was built in 1901.

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

June 28, 1903



ORIGINAL ALTAR - 1901  
Later Renovated - still in  
use in present church.



In 1940 the second church was destroyed by fire, the third SACRED HEART CHURCH, (above) WAS BUILT AND COMPLETED IN 1941.



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## SACRED HEART PARISH, FRONTENAC

### BEGINNINGS

The 1880's were times of great prosperity and growth in the entire State of Kansas; and Frontenac was one of the many "boom towns" which seemed to spring up overnight. Its phenomenal development came about because of the discovery of rich coal deposits in the area. In response to a worldwide call for workers to mine the coal, immigrants of many nationalities arrived in Southeast Kansas and made the population of Frontenac a veritable "League of Nations".

It is said that when a young American, James Devore, arrived in May, 1886, he found "no houses, no stores, and no people" on the site of the future city of Frontenac. In the summer of 1886, the Cherokee and Pittsburg Coal and Mining Co., a scion of the Santa Fe Railroad, sunk its first mine in the area north of Pittsburg that would become Frontenac. The going rate paid for mined coal by the Santa Fe was 4 cents/bushel. But by December of that same year, The Girard Press reported that the town had 24 new houses, had been named Frontenac and was inhabited by a large number of men who were working Santa Fe mine No. 1.

The history of the Church in Frontenac closely parallels that of the town, since it always goes to meet the spiritual needs of its people wherever they may be. Thus, before this new settlement was a year old, the first Mass was celebrated in Frontenac, in May, 1887. This historic event took place in the home of Andrew Wachter on South Cherokee Street. The table on which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was first offered in Frontenac has been kept by the family as a priceless heirloom. 100 years later, the centennial mass would be offered by Father Robert Wachter, great-grandson of Andrew on the same altar at the same address.

### FRONTENAC, A MISSION; 1887 to 1895

After that first Mass, the Eucharistic Liturgy was celebrated two Sundays a month in the Frontenac public school by priests from Our Lady of Lourdes in nearby Pittsburg. In 1891, the recorded population of Frontenac was 609 and plans for Frontenac to have a church of its own were translated into reality by the purchase of a lot of about 100 by 300 feet located at the corner of Cherokee and McKay Streets. The first pastor, Father F. S. Hawelka, who served the mission from Pittsburg, oversaw the construction of the first Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, to which was attached a room intended for a parochial school. The cost of the building, not including the furnishings, was \$1,025.60. The church was neatly finished inside and out, and was conveniently located.

The church was dedicated February 14, 1892. The day of the dedication was cold and stormy, preventing the large crowd of 1,000 to 2,000 in number, that had been anticipated from



Pittsburg, Girard, Chicopee, Litchfield and other neighboring towns from attending. However, according to the "Pittsburg Daily Headlight" for February 14, 1892, the rather small church was crowded with nearly 800 people anxious to witness the ceremonies. The ceremonies were commenced with a welcome address from the door of the church by 26 little girls dressed in white. The Irish ancient Order of Hiberinans from Pittsburg, Cherokee, Weir, and Frontenac and the Catholic Knights were in full uniform. Music was provided by the choir of the Pittsburg Catholic Church. Father Hawelka conducted the dedication services in German. Afterwards, a "sumptuous" dinner was served in the hall by the ladies of Frontenac, the proceeds being given to assist the newly established church. These same ladies had been busy several days previously decorating the church and the Pittsburg Daily Headlight stated the beautiful decorations showed how well their time had been employed.

In the evening, Fr. F. M. Verdant of Greensburg, Ks. held vespers and delivered an interesting address in English.

The first baptisms were recorded on this same date, they were John Costello, John Genser, Michael Moser, and Adeline LaForte.

The first marriage recorded was of Charles Friskel, 26 years old to Elizabeth Tsachachler, 18 years old, March, 1892. The first funeral recorded was of 3 1/2 month old infant, Maria Knoll.

Father Hawelka remained pastor until March, 1894. The second pastor attending the Frontenac Catholic community from Pittsburg was Doctor Joseph A. Pompeney who served the mission from March 25, 1894, to September 1, 1895. (Father Pompeney was called doctor as he had a PhD). Dr. Pompeney obtained two-and-a-half acres of land from the Santa Fe Railroad in the east part of Frontenac, which he had plotted for a Catholic cemetery. He also laid the groundwork for the Sacred Heart parochial school, which opened on September 10, 1895. The sisters of St. Joseph began their educational ministry with 60 pupils enrolled. The first Sister faculty included Sister Coletta Kipp and Sister Lawrence Meagher.

#### RESIDENT PASTORS; 1895-1912

Shortly after this first term began, Sacred Heart came into its own as a parish and got its first resident pastor, Father Anthony P. Podgorsek, who arrived September 29, 1895, and served until May 22, 1898. School records show that on October 18, 1895, \$40.00 was paid from tuition money to Sister Leo for teacher's salary during the first month of the school's operation.

Father Podgorsek, who lived in a rented house, seems to have taken a lively interest in the school. He built an additional three rooms to the school, still under the same roof as the church and told a later pastor, Capuchin Father Ildephonse Roeckl, that he sacrificed \$600.00 of his own salary to help clear the cost of the new facilities. School records show money

was collected during January and February, 1896 for the school building. These same records, preserved in the archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph, show that a benefit fair held in April, 1896, netted \$487.58. Then in September, \$1,244.84 was paid for the school building and \$100.00 went to the K.C. Furniture Co., on account, for 70 new school desks.

During this time, July 1, 1897, a major event occurred affecting the parish and other parishes in the southeast corner of Kansas. Pope Leo XIII re-divided the old Leavenworth Diocese adding 14 counties to the Wichita Diocese. Thus, Sacred Heart Parish became a part of that diocese and came under the jurisdiction of Bishop John J. Hennessy.

Our second resident pastor, Father George W. Freve, came to Sacred Heart parish on May 29, 1898 and served into the first decade of the new century.

The first decade would prove to be a dramatic one for Frontenac and the surrounding community with the population explosion due to more coal mines being sunk in the area. Immigrants came from the European countries to begin a new life, free of the suppressions of the Old World but found the new world quite primitive. It took hard work and frugality to survive--not everyone was able to adapt--but those that stayed paved the future. It was a time of hopes and dreams, struggle and survival.

In 1900, Father Freve built the first rectory at a cost of \$1,000.00. In 1901, he began the construction of a second and larger church. This church would be 30 ft. by 90 ft. in size and would be built directly west of the original church, approximately where the present church sits. (This church was destroyed by fire 3/30/40). The corner stone of this new church was laid by Bishop John J. Hennessy on October 25, 1901. The first couple recorded in the parish records to be married in the unfinished church was Victor Massini to Zelinda Guerreri.

According to the Pittsburg Beacon of June 28, 1903, Thousands witnessed the blessing of the new Catholic Church at Frontenac. The newspaper stated, "a large proportion of the population is Catholic." The people had prepared for the occasion by decorating the old and the new church and the parsonage with vines and flowers. From the steeple of the new church flew a big white banner with a cross of red. Over the doorway hung the Pope's flag of white and yellow and the American flag.

With cannons firing salutes and the banners of the societies flying, with the Chicopee and Frontenac bands playing, the church chimes ringing and the presence of thousands of people, the bishop who was to bless the new church, was welcomed to Frontenac. They marched in procession to the edge of town and met the carriages containing Bishop Hennessey and Father Schultz, to escort them into town and to the church for the dedication.

It is of interest to us that in 1901, Bishop Hennessy also visited Pittsburg regarding the erection of a new hospital, for which Charles Devlin, president of the Mt. Carmel Coal Co. had donated land. The hospital would

become Mt. Carmel Hospital, built and operated by the sisters of St. Joseph, Wichita to care for the miners and their families of Pittsburg, Frontenac, Chicopee and the surrounding areas.

Also of note that year, was the publishing of the first issue of The Catholic Advance-April 1901.

To demonstrate the growing population of the Catholic miners, it is recorded in St. Barbara's parish history of Chicopee that on August 15, 1901 the feast of the Assumption, the Chicopee and Frontenac mines were closed because of the large percentage of Catholic miners; and that on December 4, the feast of St. Barbara in honor of their (the miners) patroness and protectress, the Catholic Miners of Frontenac and Chicopee did not work that day and the mines were closed.

Father George W. Freve served Sacred Heart Parish until July 13, 1902. Need for additional funding (and lack of cooperation) forced Fr. Freve to leave the completion of the church to his successor, Fr. Joseph A. Schuetz, who served the parish from July 27, 1902 to December 6, 1903. Bishop Hennessy dedicated the new church on June 28, 1903 and Fr. Schuetz was able to pay in full its cost amounting to \$3,073.21. Then the old church was remodeled for use as the Sacred Heart School.

That year 1903, July 20, the beloved Pope Leo XIII died in Rome, he was considered the first of the modern Popes and had struggled to address the pressing problems of his changing world. On August 3rd. Guiseppo Sarto was elected taking the name of Pius X, he had a special love for the Eucharist and lowered the age at which First Communion could be received. He would be canonized in 1954.

Shortly before Christmas, December 13, 1903, Father Bernard Schroeder began a short seven-month stint as pastor of Sacred heart. When he left the parish on July 3, 1904, he was succeeded by Doctor Joseph A. Pompeney, who had ministered to the Frontenac Catholic community as a mission from Pittsburg in 1894 and 1895.

When Doctor Pompeney arrived from Hutchinson on July 10, 1904, He began a tenure characterized by prosperity but also by labor strife and a decline in faith. Despite the negative factors, he was able to accomplish a great deal before he left the parish on September 12, 1912. In 1904 he installed a new furnace and new pews in the church. Christmas, 1904, was brightened by a new nativity scene. In the same year, the school building was repaired and 50 single desks were purchased.

In 1905, Bishop Hennessy appointed Father Francesco Lombardt of Mileto, Italy, to work with the Italians in Frontenac as assistant to Fr. Pompeney. In 1906, Father Pompeney enlarged the school grounds, repaired the large school room and added another two and a half acres to the Catholic cemetery. Around 1908, the mining company refused to continue collecting church dues from its employees and

according to Father Pompney, "crippled our finances these last years." In 1910, despite financial difficulties, he succeeded in buying a convent for the Sisters at a cost of \$2,000.00.

Socialist propaganda was at its height at this time in the area. There was a widely held sentiment of anti-Clericalism among many of the immigrants. Carrying grudges of church taxation, that had added to their poverty in their homelands, they were often suspect of the Church and priests in general.

The saloons and the alcohol would inevitably lead to violence and it was not uncommon for tempers to flare, ending in fights, knifings and shootings, regardless of the ethnic background. The newspapers of this decade and recollections in the memories of some of us and revealed to us by many gone before us, tell us of many unsolved murders in Frontenac and the surrounding mining towns. The law seemed helpless and received no cooperation.

Despite the troubled times, there were times of levity. Dances were held for "all" occasions, Baptisms, weddings; a keg of beer was purchased and an accordian player obtained. The Sacred Heart Parish Altar Society was very active from its beginnings. The women held ice cream socials and bazaars lasting several days that greatly supplemented church finances.

There also were the many events of the fraternal lodges of the various ethnic groups.

As memories have been related to us, people made their own fun in those days of severely hard times; they visited each others homes often, sharing frustrations and joys. Their mode of travel was either by walking or horse and buggy. The young people on New Year's Day would go "First Footing", that is according to the late Ann P. Yartz of Sacred Heart Parish, you'd go house to house wishing the members of the household, a Happy, Blessed, Prosperous New Year, and of course, receive refreshments," and probably someone from that home would join the group to continue "First Footing."

And let us not forget the many football and baseball games played, which the community took great pride and enjoyed. In 1988 its recorded the Frontenac "Thistles" football team played against young men from the Chicopee, Weir team.

Sundays were a very important part in the lives of the community. Everyone dressed in their finest to attend Mass, followed by visits, socials on the church grounds, etc.

#### SYLVESTRINE BENEDICTINE PASTORS; 1912-1929

In June of 1910, Bishop Hennessy approached Abbot General Hugo Policari, superior general of the Sylvestrine Benedictines in Rome, and requested that he send two missionaries to minister to the Italians in the Diocese of Wichita. He also planned for them to establish a secondary and a primary school. Remarking

about his visit with the Bishop, Abbot Hugo said, "He tells me that the climate is one of the best in the United States."

Two young priests, Father Philip (Filippo) Bartocchetti and Father Joseph (Guisseppe) Cipolletti, desirous of undertaking foreign missionary work, volunteered to accept the invitation and arrived in Wichita in the fall of 1910.

After two years in St. Barbara's parish, Chicopee, they were assigned to Sacred Heart in Frontenac, where they and other Sylvestrine Benedictines served from September 15, 1912 to May 26, 1929.

They would serve us during World War I when many of our men from the parish and community would fight for their country, several not returning. We should all be kind in our thoughts and prayers of all the men and women who served in the Armed Forces during this century and especially those who gave the ultimate price, their life. They would be here with us as the major mines began playing out and two other forms of coal mining developed that partially compensated. The first was the gin shaft of "dinky" mines, privately owned, employed from a few to rather large numbers of miners. The other form of mining was strip mining. With this method, the earth and rock were removed exposing the vein of coal. Thus, eventually came the steam shovel still visible at times in the area. To this day, many of these "dumps" and "strip pits" still exist and became swimming, fishing, and hunting areas. Today, we are trying to redevelop the environment and pushing the dumped land back into the pits but leaving the main recreational ones.

And in 1918 when the influenza epidemic broke out and killed many in our parish and surrounding parishes, they would be here to minister to the sick and dying, to console and pray with the bereaved.

With Father Joseph as pastor and superior, he and Father Phillip were joined in their labors at various times by Sylvestrine Fathers Raphael Pieragostini, Boniface Lucci and Alberic Maggiori.

The task presented them was monumental. Not only were they to minister to the people of Frontenac, where they resided, but they were also responsible for the spiritual care of Italians in surrounding missions or mission stations, which numbered at times as many as 15. Different lists of these places exists and not always agree. One which could be considered authentic was submitted to the U. S. Census Bureau by the Sylvestrines in 1926.

On this report was Sacred Heart, Frontenac, with six missions at Holy Family, Cherokee; St. Michael's, Girard; St. Francis, Arcadia; St. Alice, Capaldo; St. Gabriel, Mulberry; and Sacred Heart, Ringo. Nine mission stations listed as having no church but with a hall were Arma, Breezy Hill, Croweburg, Curranville, Cockerill, Gross, McCormick, Radley and Yale. In all they ministered in 1926 to 5,186 souls of whom 1,900 were members of Sacred Heart in Frontenac and 294 belonged to St. Alice in Capaldo.

In 1920, the Sylvestrines remodeled the school building

at a cost of \$5,542.26. Teachers that year were Sisters Xavier Doherty, Angelita Howe, Luke Vohs, Dolores Clarahan and Justin Coomes. In 1922, the Sylvestrines added another two and a half acres to the Catholic cemetery, which then totaled seven and a half acres in size. In 1924, the convent was resingled, the exterior painted, interior repapered and connected to the sewer line. The rectory was also renovated.

In 1928, Arma was added as a mission of Frontenac. When St. Joseph's Church in Arma was dedicated by Bishop August J. Schwertner on April 18, 1928, it became the seventh church, which had been built by the Frontenac-based Sylvestrine Benedictines.

Also in 1928, Leo Cornella, who was born in Pittsburg and reared in Frontenac, became the first American to enter the Sylvestrines. In 1959, he was elected Abbot General of the Order. After attending the Second Vatican Council, he returned to the States in 1966 and served in Detroit. Abbot Cornella celebrated his Golden Jubilee June 23, 1985 in his home parish in Frontenac. His brother, Father Cornelius (Egidio) also a Sylvestrine Benedictine, concelebrated with him and preached in both English and Italian.

Another Frontenac born native, Phillip Friskel (named for Fr. Phillip Bertocetti) also became a Sylvestrine Brother. After entering in 1941, he became known as Brother Joseph and also served in the Detroit area. He died in Michigan on July 17, 1984.

On October 24, 1929, Black Thursday occurred on Wall Street. The disintegration of the stock market would bring about the deepest economic depression in the memory of this country. It took some time for the effects to be felt here - but it did hit, and before long, banks here were declared insolvent. Many lost their savings and foreclosures were declared on debtors. Here, with the addition of a decline in the coal industry, this economic reversal only added to the poverty of the area. Those with debt free farms fared better, but times were difficult. The people of this area were used to hard times, they would survive, and the church played a big part in keeping with their needs--ministering throughout the missions' area and Frontenac with Sacred Heart Church. Frontenac's population was 2854 in 1929.

#### CAPUCHINI PASTORS; YEARS 1929-1939

After the Sylvestrine Benedictines left Frontenac on May 26, 1929, the summer pro tem pastors were the Passionist Fathers from St. Paul and Msgr. Alex G. Stremel. On July 23, 1929, the Capuchin Fathers of the Pennsylvania province assumed spiritual charge of Sacred Heart Parish, Frontenac and of the missions attached to it: namely, Arma, Arcadia, Capaldo, Cherokee, Girard, and Mulberry. In addition to the missionary work, the Fathers visited the sick and spiritually needy in the following localities: Beulah, Cockerill, Cornell, Curranville, Dunkirk, Foxtown, Fuller, Jacksonville, Litchfield, McCormick, Midway, Yale, and in Missouri: Burgess and Minden.

Assigned to assume this challenging ministry was Father Julius Becker, O.F.M. Cap., superior and pastor from 1929 to 1939. Father Vergil Kuhn, O.F.M. Cap., was given charge of Capaldo, Cherokee and Girard from 1929 to 1931; and Father Damian Reick, O.F.M. Cap., who ministered in Arcadia, Arma, and Mulberry from 1929 to 1931. All of the Capuchins resided in Frontenac in community. Shortly after his arrival, Fr. Julius Becker had the Sacred Heart Church and school both repainted, and a four-car garage completed. In 1929, the school enrollment was 108 and was taught by four Sisters of St. Joseph from Wichita.

From April 6 to 12, 1930, Capuchin Father Gilbert Sticklemaier presented a mission in Frontenac. Bishop Schwertner visited the parish on April 26, 1930. From July 9 to 27, 1930, a vacation school was held for 38 children. The 1930-31 school enrollment was 135.

During 1932, the school was redecorated, a porch was constructed for the rectory. The 1932-1933 school enrollment was 117. Vacation school began on May 31. School enrollment for 1933-1934 was 116.

Events of 1934 included a mission, which began on February 25 and which was preached by Father George Karlin, O.F.M. Cap. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was organized in the parish on November 18.

In May, 1935, 108 parishoners were confirmed. From June 9 to 30, 1935, vacation schools were held in Frontenac, Franklin, and Capaldo. During July, Capuchin Father Timothy Gotschalk painted all the statues in Sacred Heart Church. On August 21, 1935, the parish hosted a celebration in honor of the solemn anniversary of Father Jeremiah A. Leneham, who had served in Chicopee in 1903 and at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Pittsburg, in 1931.

In November, 1936, a new roof was put on the school because of damage caused by high winds; a new furnace was installed in the church.

In 1937, the Capuchins expanded their services to the area by offering citizenship classes. They also provided spiritual services for 190 Civilian Conservation Corps members at Farlington.

#### 1939-1949

The second Capuchin pastor of Sacred Heart Parish was Father Ildephonse Roeckl, who served from July, 1939, until July, 1947. Since Bishop Schwertner had died on September 9, 1939, Benedictine Abbot Martin Veth administered confirmation to 126 parishoners on October 16. In that same year a defective flue caused a fire that damaged the rectory roof. The repair costs were covered by insurance.

On March 30, 1940, a driving wind caused a spark from the burning rubbish of the neighbor to start the church roof on fire. Because of the extensive damage, the Church Committee agreed to abandon the fire-damaged church. Father Ildephonse and the parishoners began to plan for a new church immediately. A combination church and school was designed, and the old school

was dismantled.

E. J. Bauer of Parsons began the construction work for the new church on June 28. The cornerstone was officially placed and blessed by Bishop Christian H. Winkelmann on September 17. The new church was built of brick and tile at a cost of approximately \$21,000.00; however, this does not include about \$3,000 worth of labor donated by the parishoners and according to the Frontenac Press on April 18, 1941, "the building has left a debt of only \$4,000. The cost of the building included the low pressure steam heater unit and the new florescent light fixtures, the only church in Kansas with the new type of lighting."

The new church was ready for Christmas services on December 25, 1940, and was solemnly dedicated by Bishop Winkelmann on April 19, 1941. The dedication sermon was given by the very Reverend Philip Bartocetti of Detroit, Michigan--former pastor of Sacred Heart Church. The first wedding in this church took place on April 26, 1941 when Adolph Bartelli and Juliana Fiorucci were married.

The Church, which occupied the upper floor of the building, were semi-Gothic and could accommodate 250 persons in its dimensions of 90 feet long and 40 feet wide with a spacious choir loft and sanctuary. On the ground floor were hall facilities for parish functions and two school rooms where 65 children were taught in 1941. In 1942, the altars, the communion rail, and seven statues were redecorated. There were 154 Catholic families in the Sacred Heart Parish.

A joyous parish event on May 31, 1942, was the First Mass celebration of Capuchin Father Lionel Ashbacher, a native son. On May 16, 1943, native son Father Noel Troyan, O.F.M. Cap., celebrated his First Mass. Father Ildephonse celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on September, 1943.

Bishop Winkelmann confirmed a class of 67 on April 9, 1946. An outside brick chimney was added to the convent, and the wood work on the church exterior was painted during July. From September 22 to 29, 1946, a mission was given by Capuchin Father Edward Stoehr.

On July 28, 1947, Father Agatho Brisgal became the third Capuchin pastor of Sacred Heart. During 1947, the convent was renovated. A new Wurlitzer organ was installed in the church in 1948, and the convent, rectory and church were repaired and redecorated. In 1949, kneeling pads were added in the church, a third classroom was provided, and confirmation took place in November.

#### BACK TO THE BEGINNING; 1950-1960

In August, 1950, diocesan priests again took charge of Sacred Heart parish when the Capuchins of St. Augustine Province withdrew from Southeast Kansas. After a lapse of 38 years, the first diocesan priest to be assigned to Frontenac was Father Philip White, who was also to serve Franklin as a mission.



Father White, who served as a pastor from 1950 to 1964, celebrated a Solemn Mass of Requiem July 28, 1953, for Father Philip Bartocchetti, who died in Detroit July 17. He was pastor of Our Lady of Help Parish in Detroit at the time of his death. Father Joseph Cipolletti, S.O.S.B., had preceded him in death.

Two major projects were completed during Father White's tenure as pastor. In 1956, construction began on a new four-room school, a one-story red brick structure. Because of the growth of the parish to 225 families and with 104 children expected for the next school year, building seemed necessary. Except for the laying of the brick, the parishoners and Father White did the labor and kept the cost down to \$35,000. Even the architectural drawings were done by a parishoner, Michael DeCastro.

The building was ready for use in September, 1957, and 100 students were enrolled.

Father White's second big project was a new rectory in November, 1959. Again parishoners drew the plans and contributed their services. As a result of the donated labor, the building cost was held at \$30,000.

The new rectory was blessed Oct. 2, 1960, by Bishop Mark K. Carroll, who also administered the Sacrament of Confirmation during his visit to the parish.

#### 1960 to Present

Fr. Philip White was followed by another Father White, who was appointed June 9, 1964. Father John White had served as an army chaplain since July 11, 1942. He was named a Monsignor and served in Frontenac until June 30, 1976, when he retired.

The closing of the 1967-68 school year marked the end of the 63 years of service to Sacred Heart parish by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita. This decision was reached because of declining membership in the religious community and the decreasing enrollment in Sacred Heart School. Religious instructions would be an hour each week from here until the present and taught by lay people. The parish felt the loss of the school but would see their children receive religious education. Betty Papish Kunshek and Mona Wachter, along with other parish volunteers took on the task of the religious education. Betty and Mona continue to teach and supervise the classes; about to begin their 25th year.

In June, 1969, the parish was visited by Sister Marie Celine Eichorn, a native daughter of the parish, who joined the Franciscans of Millval, Pa. At the time of her visit, she was working with the Wichita mission in Barquisimeto, Venezuela. She is the daughter of the late Fred and Barbara Eichorn.

During the same month of June, the front doors and ceiling of Sacred Heart Church were extensively damaged by a tornado.

July 1, 1976, Msgr. John White goes on sick leave and Father Edward Steinburger of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg serves our parish until a new pastor is appointed. On

November 18, 1976, Msgr. Vincent Hogan assumed the duties as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish.

Msgr. Hogan held his first parish council meeting on January 5, 1977. There were six members on the council. The council voted to meet every other month on the first Wednesday.

The Altar Society was reorganized on January 19, 1977. Fourteen women attended and officers were elected. The Altar Society sponsored an all parish dinner in February; the first in many years. They raised \$112.00 for Birthright.

The year 1977 had 16 children make their First Communion and 23 were confirmed. CYO became active in the parish. A special mass honoring the seniors was held with a reception following.

During 1977, through donations, the church received a new baptismal font and a small traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima was presented to the parish.

Frontenac CYO won first place in the regional basketball and volleyball tournaments held at Colgan High School in 1978. The basketball team placed third in the tournament held in Wichita.

Thirteen children made their First Communion in April, 1978.

New florescent lighting was installed in the church, a new statue of Our Lady of Lourdes was donated for the Grotto; also a new holy water font was donated.

Renovation of the church steps and sidewalk in front was done along with the work done on the church basement. The parish council voted to buy new pews.

The Frontenac High School graduates were honored with a special mass and reception; there were 10 seniors. A parish dinner in observance of the Feast of the Sacred Heart was held.

Extensive work was done in the cemetery. As far as the interior of the church, the following renovations were done: new pews installed, floor refinished, ceiling insulated, and an attic fan installed. All this work was done in 1979.

In December 1979, bell ringing equipment was donated by 11 families of the parish.

The year of 1980 was a rather quiet year, as only bids were received for construction of a ramp for the church, but was not installed.

In 1981, bids were taken for a Parish Hall on June 30.

On July 23, the contract for a new parish hall was signed by Bishop Maloney and ground breaking ceremonies were held July 26 after the 10:30 a.m. mass. Tri-State Construction Co. started building the hall on August 4. Their bid for the parish hall was \$99,873.00.

Saturday, December 5, was the first use of the hall. Masses were held there on the 5th and 6th, due to the furnace being broken in the church.

A new yard sign was installed to the east of the church. This was constructed in November, 1981, as a memorial.

In August, 1982, asphalt was laid behind the church and across from the rectory. New steps were constructed on the east side of the church.

Msgr. John White, former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, died on November 3, 1982, in Long Beach, New York.

Sister Marie Celine (OSF) celebrated her Golden Jubilee with a mass and reception at Sacred Heart Parish in June, 1983.

Bishop Gerber honored Sacred Heart and Saint Alice with a visit.

Msgr. Hogan made the final payment on the Parish Hall in December, 1983.

October, 1984, the parish council presented the parishoners with ideas of remodeling the church. The proposed remodeling was to cost around \$65,000.

Results of the voting were: (1) build a new church: yes-36 no-89, (2) separate the table portion of the main altar, bringing it forward facing the people and leaving the rest intact: yes-73 no-49, (3) moving the tabernacle to a side altar: yes-66 no-56, (4) approve all new carpet in church: yes-66 no-57.

Renovation of the church began in August, 1985, with Jones Brothers Contractors of Joplin, Missouri, doing the work. The contract price was \$54,386.00.

Interior work was contracted by Clyde R. Phillips Studio, Sedalia, Missouri, at the cost of \$13,800.00.

Sacred Heart hosted two Golden Anniversaries in June, 1985, with a mass and reception for Sister Mercedes McNeil of Sisters of St. Agnes order, also Abbot Leo Cornella, S.O.S.B.

Msgr. Hogan introduced United Catholic Stewardship for the first time in September, 1985. The Stewardship was introduced in the diocese.

Several parishoners attended the People Gathered Program in Wichita.

In January, 1986, Sacred Heart and St. Alice parishes held a meeting for a People Gathered Program to set overall goals for the next five to six years. The representatives decided to reach out to inactive Catholics, establish a Pre-School Nursery Program and various committees.

A joint newsletter was composed by both parishes and sent out monthly. The letter was sent to 408 homes. Twelve children received First Communion in 1986. Sacred Heart entered a float in the Centennial parade. Sister Annunicata Paulich celebrated her 60th anniversary with a mass and reception.

The interior of the church was completed in 1986 and in 1987 the church windows were renovated. S & S Stained Glass of Pittsburg did the work for \$12,500.00. Msgr. Hogan formed a handicapped committee. Bishop Gerber approved the installation of an elevator in the church and a bathroom accessible to the handicapped. The remodeling of the church to install the elevator and bathroom was extensive work and would cost \$65,000.00. An architect was employed and plans were completed. However, Msgr. Hogan was transferred to St. Francis Parish in St. Paul, Kansas, before construction could begin.

Father James O'Shea became pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Alice parishes from July, 1987, to September, 1991. During his years here, he completed the installation of the elevator,

bathroom and cry room, added the Perpetual Adoration Chapel which reunited Frontenac and surrounding parishes which have figured largely in its history. On March 17, 1991, the chapel was dedicated during a rosary and benediction service. Over its 100 years plus of existence, Frontenac has served as a center for Catholic life in Crawford County and this tradition continues. Adorers come from Pittsburg, Arma, Capaldo, Cherokee, Chicopee, Mulberry, St. Paul, Farlington, and other surrounding areas to fulfill their weekly commitments to spend an hour with their Eucharistic Lord. Father O'Shea also did other various face lifts to the interior of the church.

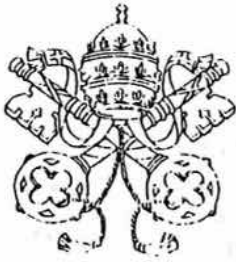
August 3 and 4, 1991, Sacred Heart Church celebrated its 100th anniversary - (the parish itself is now 105 years old.) The festivities began with a mass on the porch at 103 S. Cherokee, where the first mass in Frontenac had been celebrated. The outdoor mass was celebrated by Rev. Robert Wachter followed by a breakfast in the parish hall served by the parish ladies. On Sunday, August 4, a second anniversary mass was celebrated at 5:00 p.m. by Bishop Eugene Gerber, Father Leo Metcko, and Father James O'Shea followed by a banquet and dance at the Tower Ballroom. The Bishop delivered the homily.

Father Leo Metcko retired as Chaplain of Mt. Carmel Medical Center and is presently living at Sacred Heart helping out with the daily and Sunday masses.

In September, 1991, Father Donald R. Thissen was sent to the Sacred Heart Parish. He would also serve St. Alice, Capaldo as a mission and would help with Pastoral Care for Mt. Carmel Medical Center. Father O'Shea left to serve the penitentiary at Eldorado, Kansas.

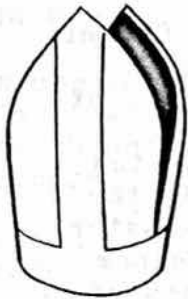
Father Thissen has evaluated the needs of our Mt. Carmel cemetery and appointed two cemetery committees. Through a donation has acquired an additional two and one-third acres of land that will be plotted for grave spaces. A Mt. Carmel cemetery sign has been donated and installed centrally in the cemetery. Mass is to be celebrated each Memorial Day at the cemetery. The biggest and main problem seems to be the water drainage. Through the efforts of Radell Construction, Father Thissen hopes in time to remedy this problem. The Knights of Columbus are raising the head stones, Individual Mausoleum of Parsons will assist.

New air condition units have been installed in the church and the rectory. Landscaping around the parish house and church has been started. The ladies of the parish, in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Altar Society, serve the funeral dinners and keep the church clean, working as a unit. Sacred Heart continues to flourish as a parish, pulling together as needs arise as we have done for 100 plus years. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless us and help us to continue to grow--as one Body In The Spirit.



**POPEs UNDER WHOSE PONTIFICATES  
SACRED HEART HAS RESIDED**

Leo XIII	February 20, 1878 - July 20, 1903
St. Pius X	August 4, 1903 - August 20, 1914 Canonized May 29, 1954
Benedict XV	September 3, 1914 - January 22, 1922
Plus XI	February 6, 1922 - February 10, 1939
Plus XII	March 2, 1939 - October 9, 1958
John XXIII	October 28, 1958 - June 3, 1963
Paul VI	June 21, 1963 - August 6, 1978
John Paul I	August 26, 1978 - September 28, 1978
John Paul II	October 16, 1978 -



**BISHOPS UNDER WHOSE JURISDICTION  
SACRED HEART PARISH HAS RESIDED**

Rt. Rev. Louis Mary Fink, O.S.B.  
Rt. Rev. John Joseph Hennessy  
Rt. Rev. Augustus John Schwertner  
Rt. Rev. Christian Herman Winkelmann  
Rt. Rev. Mark Kenny Carroll  
Rt. Rev. Leo Christopher Byrne  
Rt. Rev. David Monas Maloney  
Rt. Rev. Eugene John Gerber



PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED AS PASTORS

SACRED HEART CHURCH, FRONTENAC, KANSAS

1891-1894:	Father F.S. Hawelka
1894-1895:	Doctor Joseph A. Pompney
1895-1898:	Father A.P. Podgorsek (first resident pastor)
1898-1902:	Father George W. Freve
1902-1903:	Father Joseph Schuetz
1903-1904:	Father B. Schroeder
1904-1912:	Doctor Joseph A. Pompney
1912-1929:	Father Joseph Cipolletti, S.O.S.B. Father Phillip Bartocetti, S.O.S.B.
1929-1939:	Father Julius Becker, O.F.M. Cap.
1939-1947:	Father Ildephonse Roeckel, O.F.M. Cap.
1947-1950:	Father Agatho Brisgal, O.F.M. Cap.
1950-1964:	Father Phillip White
1964-1976:	Msgr. John White
1976-1987:	Msgr. Vincent Hogan
1987-1991:	Father James O'Shea
1991-	Father Donald R. Thissen



ACCORDING TO THE GRACE OF GOD GIVEN TO ME, LIKE A WISE  
MASTER BUILDER, I LAID A FOUNDATION AND ANOTHER BUILT  
UPON IT,

CORINTHIANS 3:8-11



## BRIEF HISTORIES OF PASTORS WHO SERVED SACRED HEART

### FATHER FRANCIS SERAPHIN HAWELKA

Father Hawelka was our first pastor of Sacred Heart Church. He built our first Catholic church in 1891. He was born December 4, 1859 in Luarm Maravia Austrine. He studied in Luarm Vienna Loujain. He was ordained June 29, 1889 in Leavenworth. He was pastor at Hanover, Kansas 1889-1891, Pittsburg, Kansas 1891-1894, Ottawa, Kansas 1894-1896, Axtell, Kansas 1896-1898, Mascow, Idaho up to May 1898, Olmitz, Kansas May 1898.

### DOCTOR JOSEPH A. POMPENY (1862-1940)

Joseph August Pompeny was born in Canton, Ohio, May 5, 1862. His parents Augusta Leander Pompeny and Felicia (Paumeir) Pompeny. Joseph received his early education from district and parochial schools in Stark County, Ohio. From there he went to spend 13 years in Colleges and Universities; St. Joseph's College, Cleveland, Ohio, 1877-1878; Canisas College, Buffalo, NY (received B.A.) 1878-1882; Innsbruck University 1882-1887; Gregorian University 1887-1888; College of St. Thomas, Pontifical Seminary and Roman academy of St. Thomas, where he received Doctor of Canon Law 1888, Phd. 1889 and also Doctor of Sacred Theology. In 1919 he was awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws from St. Mary's College. J. A. Pompeny was assigned to St. Mary's Church in Pittsburg in 1893 where he served the community until 1897. He served Sacred Heart Parish in Frontenac as a mission from 1894-1895. In 1904 he was appointed to Frontenac Sacred Heart Church where he served as pastor for eight years. In 1912 he was then again appointed to St. Mary's in Pittsburg. He served in Pittsburg until 1928. During WWI, he served as a sergeant and Chaplain in the Kansas State Guard. In 1928, Father Pompeny was transferred to Newton. While in Newton, He taught Greek History and Philosophy at Sister's College in Wichita. On June 30, 1931, Father Pompeny was invested with the robes of Domestic Prelate with the title Monsignor. He died while in Newton on October 1, 1940.

### FATHER ANTHONY P. PODGORSEK (1867-1942)

Father Podgorsek, of Slovenian extraction, was born in 1867. He was assigned as pastor of St. John the Baptist parish at Greeley in February, 1893. In September, 1895, he was transferred to Frontenac. Occasionally, at this time Father Podgorsek went to Kansas City, Kansas to assist the Slovenian

immigrants of that place by hearing their confessions and helping them make their Easter duty. The necessity of having their own parish was mentioned by him during these visits and from this suggestion Holy Family Parish was finally organized in early 1907. By 1899, he was sent to the western part of the state and assigned as pastor of St. Rose of Lima, at Great Bend. From this parish, he attended the missions of St. Patrick at Coolidge, Sacred Heart at Dodge City, St. John Evangelist at Hoisington, St. Francis Xavier at Seward and Garden City. In addition he visited stations at Dublin, Lakin, Pawnee Rock, Syracuse and Ulysses. By 1901, with the assignment of additional priests, his duties in this area were reduced. He soon left this area and went to Lincolnville in Marion County in 1902. He was stationed at LaSalle, Illinois in 1904. In 1908 at Pana, Illinois and in 1909 he was at the parish of St. Mark at Venice, Ill. By 1910 he returned to the Wichita diocese being assigned to St. Barbara's in Chicopee arriving on May 21. His stay was brief, as he left on November 15, being assigned to Bellefort. He was stationed at Sacred Heart, Cunningham in 1914, and from 1916-1918, was at St. Catherine's at Dubuque, after this we have no further record concerning him until 1937 when he is reported as retired at Ellenwood. He died there on October 17, 1942.

FATHER FILIPPO (PHILIP) BARTOCETTI, S.O.S.B.  
(1878-1953)

Father Philip, as he was known here, was born June 22, 1878, in the Apennine mountains of Italy. Son of German and Olive (Giorgetti) Bartocetti. He entered the Sylvester monastery December 31, 1892 in the Apennines. He made his simple profession October 25, 1894. Before the year was out, he was sent to the Gregorian University in Rome and was to remain there the next five years, receiving his baccalaureate and licentiate in Philosophy. He left Italy November 1, 1900. He finished his studies at St. Anthony College in Kandy, Ceylon and was ordained July 25, 1901. After teaching for six years, Father Philip was restless and longed for new travels and adventure. Bishop Hennessy's request for a priest to help with the Italian immigrants in the Wichita diocese came. He and Father Joseph Cipolletti quickly responded. They left for America on October 12, 1910. They arrived in Wichita on November 10th and meeting with Bishop Hennessy, they were informed of their destination at Chicopee. They were at St. Barbara's for two years before being transferred to Sacred Heart at Frontenac in September of 1912. During the next 17 years, they were to serve 13 different missions from Frontenac and build churches in Capaldo, Cherokee and Arma. Father Philip was appointed to find a Silvestrine's monastery place in the United States. He left Frontenac traveling to Kansas City, Chicago and Grand Rapids, settling in Detroit. It appeared promising for the Monastery. In May 1929, he was



transferred from Holy Family to Our Lady of Help Parish, Detroit. He was to remain as pastor of this parish the rest of his life. His dream of the Silvestrines was realized, a monastery was erected. There, to this day, stands St. Sylvester Monastery and Cloister, a monument to the determination and faith of Father Philip. In July, 1951, Father Philip celebrated his golden jubilee to the priesthood. July 20, 1953, he died in Detroit.

FATHER GUISEPPE MARIE CIPOLLETTI, S.O.S.B.  
(1879-1938)

Father Joseph's exact birthdate has yet to be obtained. he was a native of Italy, coming from the village of Ficano, now Poggio S. Vicino, in Acona. He had taken the dark blue habit of the Silvestrine Benedictines at the age of 15, at about the same time as Father Philip. He studied at the Gregorian University in Rome and it is presumed there his friendship with Philip began, as they were fellow students. About 1900, he returned to St. Sylvester's Monastery at Monte Fano, and taught in the intermediate school attached to the monastery. In this capacity, he was once more joined by Father Philip in about 1904. During this time, he became the secretary and counselor to Abbot Antonio Antonelli. Fulfilling his duties with much dedication by 1910, showed a certain weariness and a desire for change. Thus, when Bishop Hennessy's request became known, Father Joseph was immediately Father Philip's choice for the endeavor. He was appointed superior of the new mission. After the long journey to the United States, he was dismayed at the conditions that he found upon arrival at Chicopee. But mustering his deep faith and commitment, he, with Philip, began to sow new seeds of belief among these new charges. The seeds were to grow and multiply. As has been stated, he transferred to Frontenac in September, 1912. There for the next 17 years, they spread the faith throughout the coal fields. In December, 1923 he was appointed to the Council of Vigilance of the Faith. He remained at Sacred Heart, in charge, until Philip had established a permanent setting in Detroit. Then, in 1929, he turned to the Frontenac parish, along with its mission field, over to the Franciscan Capuchin order and joined Philip and the others in Detroit. He also, was to serve as pastor of Our Lady of Help, in Detroit. Following the erection of the monastery there, he became the Master of Novices. He died in 1938 at the age of 59 at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit.

FATHER ILDEPHONSE ROECKL, O.F.M. Cap.

Father Ildephonse was born in Trautenberg, Bavaria, July 27, 1888. He came to the United States in 1904. After spending two years with the Benedictine Fathers of St. Vincent's Archabbey, Latrobe, Pa. as a brother candidate and novice, he

began his ecclesiastical studies with the Capuchin Fathers in St. Fidelis preparatory seminary, Herman, Pa. He studied philosophy in St. Fidelis Seminary, Victoria, Kansas and completed his theological studies in Sts. Peter and Paul monastery, Cumberland, Md. He was ordained September 22, 1918 in Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. His first appointment was as assistant priest in Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Cumberland, Md. In 1921 he was transferred to Charleston, West Virginia to take care of the missions in the coal fields. In 1923 he went to Merienthal. Three years later, he was made superior and pastor of the Marienthal parish; in his pastorate a new school was erected. For one year he served as superior and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ness City, and then he traveled east to Pittsburgh, Pa., to act as chaplain and business manager of Toner - an institute for homeless boys. In 1933 he returned to Kansas being made superior and pastor in Ellis. In 1936 he was appointed pastor of St. Fidelis Parish in Victoria, Kansas and in 1939 became superior and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Frontenac, Kansas. In 1940, the Frontenac church was destroyed by fire. Before the year ended, a beautiful new church was erected, the present church. Untiring in his efforts, Father Ildephonas cleared the debt in December 1942. Fr. Ildephone is deceased.

**MONSIGNOR JOHN WHITE**  
(1911-1982)

He was born July 22, 1911 in County Westmeath, Ireland. He was ordained a priest June 23, 1935 at All Hallows College in Dublin. Mosignor White served Kansas churches in Newton, Cunningham, Fredonia, Yates Center and Anthony. He served as a Chaplain in the Army from July 11, 1942 for 20 years. He came to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac July 1, 1964 retiring July 1, 1976. He died November 2, 1982 in Long Beach, New York.

**MONSIGNOR VINCENT HOGAN**

Monsignor Hogan was born September 2, 1916 to John and Mary (Loughnane) Hogan, Chicago, Illinois. He attended elementary school of St. Aloysius, Chicago, Illinois. Entered the Passionist Seminary at Normandy, Mo. August 1930. He attended Passionist Seminary at Louisville, Ky and Detroit, Mi. He then studied at Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo. and was ordained there at Immaculate Conception Abbey on September 23, 1944 for service in the diocese of Wichita. Msgr. Hogan's first assignment was temporary Chaplain, St. John's Hospital, Iola, Ks., October 1944. Subsequent assignments were: St. Mary Cathedral, Wichita, Ks., November 1944; St. John Parish, Kiowa, Ks., January, 1947; St. Ignatious Parish, Neodesha, Ks., October 1949; St. Mary Parish, Moline, Ks. Moline, KS., November 1955; St. Michael

Parish, Mulvane, Ks., May 1963; St. Margaret Mary Parish, Wichita, Ks., June 1964; St. Patrick Parish, Chanute, Ks. July 1966; Sacred Heart Parish, Frontenac, Ks., November 1976; St. Francis Parish, St. Paul, Ks., June 1987. Msgr. Hogan had a brother, Fr. William Hogan, C.P., a Passionist priest, who died September 1, 1989 in Chicago, Illinois.

#### FATHER JAMES R. O'SHEA

Father O'Shea was born in Galway, Ireland October 25, 1931 to James and Jane O'Shea. He was ordained a priest June 2, 1956 in Ireland. His first assignment was at St. Mary's Parish in Wichita, Kansas, 1956-60.

He has also served Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pittsburg, Ks., 1960-1964; St. Theresa's Parish Hutchinson, Ks., 1964-1966; Mother of God Parish, Oswego, Ks., 1966-1981; St. Joseph's Hospital Wichita, Ks., 1981-1987. In 1987 father O'Shea came to this parish, Sacred Heart, Frontenac, Ks., and in 1991 he went to serve at the State Department of Detention Council, El Dorado, Kansas. Father has five sisters living in Ireland.

#### FATHER DONALD R. THISSEN

Father Thissen was born September 29, 1944 to Cornelius and Clara Thissen in Kingman, Kansas. After finishing grade school at St. Patrick's in Kingman, he entered the Seminary in 1958 and began the journey to the priesthood. He attended three seminaries 1958-62, Trinity High School, Sioux City, Ia., 1962-66, Conception College, Conception, Mo., 1966-70, St. Thomas, Denver, Co. Father was ordained on May 30, 1970 at the Cathedral in Wichita. His first assignment was to Blessed Sacrament, Wichita, Ks, 1970-75. He has also served St. Francis of Assisi, Wichita 1975-78, then returned to Blessed Sacrament 1978-82. In 1982 he served All Saints in Wichita until 1984 and from 1984 until 1991 he served at St. Leo's Parish, St. Leo, Kansas. He came to be our pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, Frontenac, Kansas, September 1991. Father was the 10th child of 12 children. Two of the twelve children are now deceased. There is one other priest in the family, Father Kevin, O.P. at St. Thomas Aquinos, Houston, Tx. and a sister became a nun, Sister Rita Marie C.S.J. at Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, Ks.



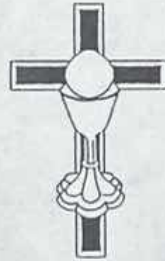
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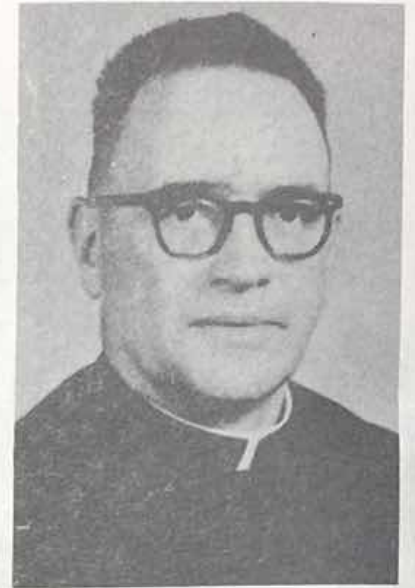
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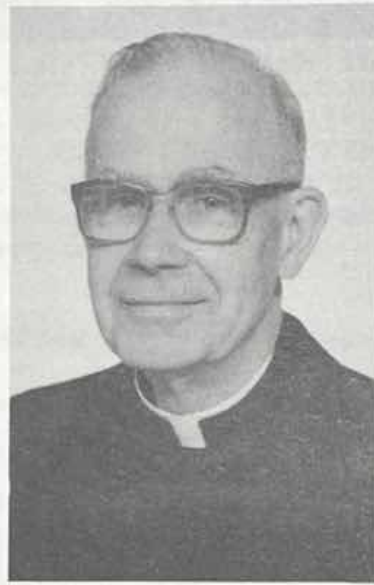
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**FATHER JAMES R. O'SHEA**

PRIESTS, VOCATIONS FROM SACRED HEART PARISH  
FRONTENAC

ABBOT LEO CORNELLA, S.O.S.B.

Abbot Leo Cornella is probably the only native of what is today, the Diocese of Wichita, who was a member of Vatican II. Born in Pittsburg, Ks. in 1912, the son of Cornelius and Augusta Cornella. He also lived in West Mineral and Capaldo before moving to Frontenac at the age of eight years old. He graduated from the Sacred Heart grade school and the Frontenac High School. In 1928 he became the first American to join the Sylvestrine Congregation of the order of St. Benedict whose priests -- Fr. Phillip Bartocetti and Fr. Joseph Cipoletti served in Frontenac from 1912 to 1929. Abbot Leo made his novitiate at St. Sylvester's Monastery near Fabriano, Italy and studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Following his ordination, July 7, 1935 in the church of Sts. John and Paul, Rome, he returned to America and served in Detroit, Mi. at Our Lady of Help and St. Scholastica parishes. Besides parish duties he was Master of Novices Prior and Major Superior for his order. He also taught the Italian language at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit. During the Sylvestrine General Chapter in 1959, he was elected Abbot General of the Order for a six-year term. Since as Abbot General he was required to reside in Rome, his term of office coincided with the Second Vatican Council and he was privileged to attend every meeting of the four Vatican II sessions. After the completion of his term, Abbot Leo returned to the United States in 1966 and resided at St. Sylvester Monastery, Detroit. He remains active as a weekend associate to three Detroit area parishes. Abbot Leo celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a priest June 23, 1985 at our Sacred Heart Church, Frontenac. Abbot Leo has a brother, also a Sylvestrine Benedictine priest, Father Neil Cornella, retired at St. Michael's Rectory, Fernandine Beach, Fl.

FATHER NEIL (GIDIO) CORNELLA, S.O.S.B.

Father Neil was born October 2, 1914, in Frontenac, Kansas to Cornelius and Augusta Cornella. He was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome, Italy, October 31, 1937. His first assignment was as Assistant Pastor in Detroit, Michigan. During WWII, he served as Military Chaplain in the Army, retiring with rank of Major in 1949. He then served as Pastor and Prior in Australia, N.S.W., 1950-1962, Pastor in Detroit, MI 1962-1967; Chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital in Flint, Michigan 1967-1984. He retired October 31, 1987. He is presently living in Fernandian Beach, Florida, at St. Michael rectory. He has a brother Abbot Leo Cornella, also a Sylvestrine Benedictine, retired at St. Sylvester Monastery in Detroit, Michigan.



**BROTHER JOSEPH MARIE FRISKEL, O.S.B.**  
1922-1984

Brother Joseph Marie Friskel, O.S.B. was born May 27, 1922 to John C. and Marie Schultz Friskel in Frontenac, Ks. His baptismal name was Philip, given to him in honor of his pastor who later became the founder and first pastor of the Benedictine Order's first parish in the United States. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School and St. Joseph's Academy, Hays, Ks. Phil, as family and friends from here called him, entered the Sylvestrine Benedictine Monastery of Detroit, Mi and professed his vows June 8, 1943. He took the name of Joseph, as his professional name, the name of the pioneering companion of Father Philip, who had died a few years before Brother's initiation into the religious life. He spent 41 years visiting and administering to the sick in the Detroit and Oxford, Michigan areas. He spent most of his years at the Oxford Monastery; there he also tended an apple orchard and had a cider mill which he named "Old Monk's Mill". It was written by a fellow monk, "We got a lot of mileage in good will and sound publicity out of Brother Joseph's work and savvy".

He died in Michigan July 17, 1984 as the result of a car accident.

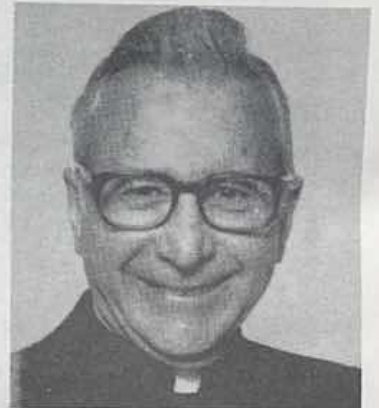
Brother Joseph is survived by a brother, David Friskel of this parish; also survived by brothers, Dr. Arthur Friskel, Paul Friskel and Bob Friskel and one sister Mary Winifred (Tip) Hutsey of our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pittsburg. Another brother, Joe Friskel, of this parish, died in December, 1984.



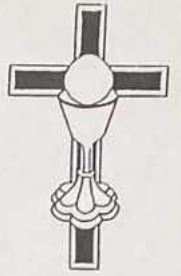
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FATHER NEIL CORNELLA, S.O.S.B.



FATHER LIONEL JOHN ASHBACHER, O.F.M., Cap.  
(1916-1969)

Father Lionel was born in Frontenac, Kansas, December 25, 1916 to George and Mary Ashbacher. Father entered St. Fidelis Seminary in Herman, Pa. after he completed the 8th grade at Sacred Heart School in Frontenac, Kansas. He served his novitiate in Cumberland, Md. He was ordained into the priesthood at the Cathedral in Kansas City, Mo. on May 24, 1942. His first mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Frontenac, Ks. May 31, 1942. His first assignment was in Utecudo, Puerto, Rico in 1942. He remained in Puerto Rico until his death in 1969. He served many parishes in Puerto Rico. He started out as a missionary in the mountains traveling by horseback or motorcycle. He served parishes in Utecudo, Arecibo, San Juan Pance, Rio Piedcas and many other parts of the island. He was instrumental in building many chapels. Served a Provincial of the Capuchins in Puerto Rico. Father Lionel has a brother, Andrew Ashbacher and a sister, Regina Martin, parishoners of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Arma, Ks. Another brother is deceased.



DAY OF FATHER ASHBACHER'S FIRST MASS  
May 31, 1942



RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS FROM SACRED HEART PARISH  
FRONTENAC

SISTER MARY ISIDORE C.S.J.

Minnie Bludnick  
1893 - 1975

Sister Mary Isidore was born March 22, 1893 in Frontenac, Ks. to Michael and Mary Bludnick. After attending Sacred Heart elementary school in Frontenac. Sister entered the Mount St. Mary's Convent in Wichita, and took her final vows July 31, 1910. Sister taught for 60 years in the Kansas parochial schools. In many cases Sister had taught two generations of the same family. After she retired, she worked five days a week in the pediatrics ward of St. Joseph Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Wichita helping the youngsters keep up with their teacher's instructions. She was the first member of her family to embrace the religious life. Two of her sisters followed her into the sisters of St. Joseph's Order, Sister M. Eusebius and Sister Anna Marie. Sister died September 25, 1975 in Wichita. She had five brothers and three sisters, all of whom are deceased. Sister has a niece, Anna Marie Krusic and a nephew Isidore Fuertsch of this parish.

SISTER MARY EUSEBIUS C.S.J.

Annie Bludnick  
1890 - 1978

Sister Mary Eusebius was born February 4, 1890 in Frontenac, Ks. to Michael and Mary Bludnick. After attending Sacred Heart elementary school in Frontenac, Sister entered Mount St. Mary's Convent in Wichita and took her final vows on July 30, 1911. She had been a member of the Sister of St. Joseph Order for more than 70 years. Sister taught elementary parochial school for awhile and later went on to work as a cook at Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Pittsburg, Ks. for several years. From Mt. Carmel Medical Center she went to keep house for the Sisters at Melven and Cherryvale, Ks. She retired from Mt. St. Mary's in Wichita and was the third member of her family to embrace the religious life. Two of her sisters were also nuns in the St. Joseph's Order. She died November 23, 1978 in Wichita. She had five brothers and three sisters all of whom are deceased. She is survived by a niece and nephew of this parish.

SISTER ANNA MARIE C.S.J.

Katie Bludnick  
1896 - 1972

Sister Anna Marie was born February 7, 1896 in Frontenac,

Ks. to Michael and Mary Bludnick. She attended Sacred Heart elementary school in Frontenac. Sister entered the Mount St. Mary's Convent in Wichita February 1916, and took her final vows August 18, 1921. She graduated from St. John's nursing school in Iola, Kansas. Sister had spent the greater part of her religious life in hospital work, specializing in surgical supervision. Sister retired from active nursing after 47 years but continued in her care of the sick by daily visiting all the patients in the Ponca City Hospital. She had charge of the chapel. She retired from there to Mt. St. Mary's, Wichita. Sister was the third member of her family to embrace the religious life. Two of her sisters also entered the Sister of St. Joseph Order. Sister died December 23, 1972 in Wichita. She had five brothers and three sisters, all of whom are deceased. She is survived by a niece and nephew of this parish.

SISTER MARY ANNUNICATA, C.S.J.  
MARY PAULICH

Sister Mary Annunicata was born in Frontenac, Ks. December 21, 1908 to George and Rachel Fuertsch Paulich. She attended Sacred Heart elementary school, Frontenac. Sister entered Mount St. Mary's convent September 3, 1925 in Wichita, Ks. and received her habit and name Annunicata March 19, 1926. Her first mission was teaching grade school at St. Mary's Cathedral school in Wichita 1928-29. She taught 47 years in the ministry of education in catholic schools of the Diocese of Wichita, 9 years at various parochial schools in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. She was librarian at Colgan High School 1981-1988, retiring in 1988 at Mount St. Mary's convent, Wichita, Ks. Sister has a sister Mildred McClure of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pittsburg, Kansas, a sister in Leavenworth, Ks. and a brother in California. Two of her sisters are deceased.

SISTER MERCEDES McNEILL C.S.A.

Sister Mercedes McNeill was born in Frontenac, Ks. May 15, 1915 to Patrick and Ida Beseau McNeill. Sister attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Frontenac High School. She entered the Congregation of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin February 14, 1933. Sister taught elementary school 44 years, six of those as principal. She has been in the profession for 57 years. After retiring from teaching, sister took up ministry to the sick and elderly for 13 years at St. Peter Claves Parish, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Presently, Sister is ministering to the elderly in a low-income project in the inner city of Milwaukee. Sister has taught in Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York and Indiana. Sister has a brother, Pat McNeill and a sister Alberta McNeill of this parish, and a brother Henry McNeill of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. Three brothers and one sister are deceased. Donald McNeill, deceased, was of this parish.

SISTER MARIE CELINE  
Lelia Eichhorn

Sister Marie Celine was born in Frontenac, Ks. January 4, 1916 to Fred and Barbara Haderlein Eichhorn. Graduated from the 8th grade Sacred Heart Parochial school and attended two years at Frontenac High School. In 1932 she entered the Community of Sisters of St. Francis of Millvale in Pittsburgh, Pa. In 1933 was invested in the Franciscan Habit and received the name of Sister Marie Celine. In 1934 graduated from Mt. Alvernia High in Pa., later received a degree of BS of Science in Education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. and has dedicated almost 60 years of the religious life to teaching, seventeen of these years were spent in missionary work in Puerto Rico and 13 years with the Wichita Diocese Mission in Barrio, San Francisco in Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Retired in 1980 from the Mission in Barquisimeto and has spent 12 years at St. Therese Catechetical Center in Johnstown, Pa., where she presently resides. Sister has a brother, Fred Eichhorn of St. Alice parish, Capaldo, Ks., a brother William Eichorn of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Pittsburg, Ks. Four brothers and two sisters are deceased.

MOTHER MARY JOSEPH F.C.C.  
Josephine Riffel  
1920-1986

Mother Mary Joseph ws born April 9, 1920 in Frontenac, Ks. to Frank and Louise Bozick Riffel. After attending Sacred Heart elementary school in Frontenac, she moved to California with her family. Sister Mary Joseph entered the Poor Clares St. Joseph Monastery, Aptos, Calif. on June 27, 1950 and made her solemn profession on March 19, 1964. At the time of her death, she had been Mother Abbess of the Monastery for several years. She died February 14, 1986 after a short illness. She had five brothers and two sisters all living in California. The Riffel family of this parish are cousins.

SISTER MARY VERA  
Theresa Sannipoli  
1920-1946

Sister Mary Vera was born in Frontenac, Ks. July 27, 1920 to James and Mary Sannipoli. She graduated from Frontenac High school in 1938. Sister entered the Sisters of Mercy Order in Webster Grove, Mo. in 1939. She served at Mercy Hospital in Fort Scott, Ks. and later served at St. Louis Hospital where she died October 26, 1946. She is survived by a sister, Anita Bilello of this parish and a brother Henry Sannipoli of the St. Joseph's parish, Arma, Ks., and a sister in Haysville, Ks.

SISTER AGNES JOSEPH C.S.J.  
Teresa Marie Wachter

Sister Agnes Joseph was born June 10, 1925 in Frontenac, Ks. to Peter and Josephine Kroener Wachter. After attending Sacred Heart elementary school in Frontenac. Sister entered the Mount St. Mary's convent, Wichita, Ks. She received the religious habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the name Sister Agnes Joseph on March 19, 1943. She taught and was a principal in schools in Council Grove, Winfield, and Wichita. She was registrar at St. Mary's of the Plains College in Dodge City, Ks., Director of the Associate Program. In 1987-88 Sister took 2 units of Clinical Pastoral Education of St. Joseph's Hospital, Halstead, Ks. Sister has enjoyed the change in ministry from the field of education to caring for the spiritual and emotional needs of hospital patients. Sister will celebrate 50 years of religious life in 1993. She has a brother P. J. "Bud" Wachter of this parish, two brothers, Paul and Joseph of Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Pittsburg, Ks., and a sister in Wichita, Ks. One brother Andrew Wachter, is deceased.





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SISTER M. ANNUNICATA, C.S.J.



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## SAINT ALICE PARISH, CAPALDO

### FRONTENAC LINKAGE: 1924-1950

There is much historical linkage between Capaldo and Frontenac. Not only did both towns evolve from small mining communities, but during two-thirds of its existence, St. Alice Parish has been a mission of Sacred Heart Church in Frontenac. It was the Sylvestrine Benedictines residing in Frontenac who founded the parish in 1924 and who nurtured its beginnings until 1929. Then from 1929 to 1950, the Capuchins from Sacred Heart Parish served the Capaldo Catholic community. Finally, after 26 years as a mission of Franklin and Pittsburg, St. Alice Parish once again became the sister parish of Sacred Heart in 1976 and remains its mission.

Thanks to a gift of \$1,000.00 from the Catholic Church Extension Society and the donation of the land by Antone Menghini, the Sylvestrine Benedictines were able to build St. Alice Church, which opened for services May 4, 1924. The total cost of the project was \$1,579.41.

The June 21, 1924, issue of The Catholic Advance gave a complete account of the festive dedication of the church by Bishop August J. Schwertner on June 12. According to the article, the Bishop had expressed delight at the beauty of the church; the people had exhibited their joy with roses, lavishly decorating the altars and arches; and a 150-member children's choir had sung their jubilation in Italian, English, and Latin.

The congregation, totally Italian, demonstrated on this occasion that the old faith, though dormant, needed but a propitious opportunity to revive it to a flourishing growth. This was indeed the hope of the Sylvestrines.

Good results were seen shortly after the opening of the church in an increase in communions, a class of 53 first communicants, 16 baptisms, and 72 parishoners were reported for St. Alice November 17, 1924.

The Capuchins replaced the Sylvestrines in 1929. Father Vergil Kuhn, O.F.M. Cap., served as pastor of St. Alice Parish until May, 1931. He was succeeded by Capuchin Father Kenneth Fee, who served until October 1935. During his tenure, the exterior of the church was painted in 1931. From June 9 to 30, Sisters of St. Joseph Esther Blubaugh and Daniel Downey conducted a religious education vacation school for 16 boys and 30 girls.

While Father Lambert Brookman, O.F.M. Cap., was pastor from 1935 to 1937, the parish petitioned the light company for free service, since the annual flat fee of \$9 far exceeded the amount of power used by the church. Apparently, this request was made in December 1935.

In 1937 Father Kenneth Fee returned to serve the Capaldo Catholic community. He was followed by two Capuchins, Father Casimir Debeff, pastor from 1939 to 1941,

and Father Leander Yoest, who served from 1941 to 1942. On August 1, 1942, the parish received a new pastor Father Agatho Brisgal, O.F.M. Cap., who remained for five years. In the fall of 1942, Father Agatho had the church painted and remodeled. Two rooms were added on either side of the sanctuary. A confessional was installed, the chimney replaced, and a new rug and draperies were purchased at a cost of \$109.74. The statues were redecorated, a new cross added and a reed organ brought from Girard was made ready to use at St. Alice. Father Edward Stoehn, O.F.M. Cap., of Pittsburgh, Pa., gave a mission for the parish September 19 to 22, 1942.

The Capuchin Order's service of the Capaldo parish closed with the ministry of Father Celestine Rohr, who was pastor from 1947 to 1948, and of Father Leander Yoest, who served from 1948 to 1950.

#### THE INTERIM; 1950-1976

Following the withdrawal of the Capuchins, Father Peter Kaub, chaplain of Mt. Carmel Hospital, Pittsburg, and Father Clifford Landis, pastor at Arma, served temporarily until September, 1950, when Capaldo became a mission of Pittsburg with Msgr. Alex Stremel as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. One year later Capaldo became a mission of Franklin with Fr. Vincent Brown as pastor. From September 14, 1951 to April 22, 1971, St. Alice would share pastors with Franklin.

On March 20, 1953, Fr. Brown had the St. Cronin Church from Fleming moved to Capaldo so that it could be used as a hall. This parish hall was destroyed by fire in 1969.

From July, 1971, to November 1976, Capaldo was a mission of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg.

A big event during these years was the Golden Jubilee of St. Alice Parish which was celebrated on June 15 and 16, 1974. The 25 family parish prepared for the festivities by installing the church bell, dated 1888, to the front yard of the church. The bell had occupied a tower on the 1924 church but roof repairs had necessitated the removal of this tower. At one time the bell had been stolen but was later recovered.

Saturday activities included a covered dish picnic attended by 250 people at the State Park shelter. Beginning at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the cherished old bell rang every 15 minutes during the morning's observances. At the Mass of Thanksgiving, 12 children carried 50 flowers noting the 50 years of parish history. Celebrant and homilist for the day was the pastor, Father Edward Steinberger.

After the Mass, a parish reception attended by 150 people was held at Sacred Heart parish hall in Frontenac. On display were old photographs, letters and church bulletins. Copies of the history of the parish were distributed. Former pastors attending the event were Father

Charles Middleton and Robert Watson.

### FRONTENAC TIES RENEWED; 1976 to Present

In 1976, the historical linkage of Capaldo and Frontenac were re-established. When Msgr. Vincent Hogan was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish on November 18, 1976, he was also given responsibility for the Catholic community in Capaldo and St. Alice once again became a mission of Frontenac.

One year later in November, 1977, the parish undertook such a complete renovation of their 53-year old church that Msgr. Hogan remarked, "the only thing that is not new is the skeleton of the church." Especially edifying was the fact that almost all the work was donated by parishoners and friends of St. Alice under the watchful eye of the parish counsel; Robert Golob, James Grant, Aaron Kreutzer, and Don Johnson. On the job every day was retired plumber, Perry Burger.

Improvements included a new roof and deck, side-wall paneling, new windows and doors, re-plastering and insulation of the interior and for the first time in history - wall to wall carpeting. The confessional was re-constructed; and the statues, some donated by pioneer miners, as well as the stations were re-decorated by Steve Longerot. The altar, a memorial to Gaetano and Carmella Merando, was retained since it was practically new. Memorials were: Lectern, Sam Caruso, a parish founder; altar crucifix, Paconi and Grant families; sanctuary chairs, Mary Deloney. New vestments were made by Jo Marie Golob and Betty Grant. The renovation was completed with the installation of dark oak pews on July 13.

Former parishoners came to share in the joy of the congregation upon the completion of the renovation at a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by former pastor, Father Edward Steinberger, who was then dean of the Pittsburg Deanery. A reception on the church grounds followed the Mass. These events took place on September 3, 1978.

The people missed their parish hall not only on their Golden Jubilee and celebration of their newly renovated church but especially when they attempted to have gatherings of parishoners. Thus, the parish, now consisting of 30 families, began plans in 1984 for a community hall. A great boost for the project came through a grant of \$25,000.00 from Alex Geldhof to honor his parents, Anita Geldhof and the late Frank Geldhof.

Ground was broken for the 40' by 60' metal building August 12, 1984 and the new St. Alice Community Center was completed December 11, 1984, and dedicated April 28, 1985, by Bishop Eugene J. Gerber following the mass. Con-celebrating with the Bishop were the pastors Msgr. Vincent Hogan, Msgr. Irvin Lampe, former pastor Father Charles



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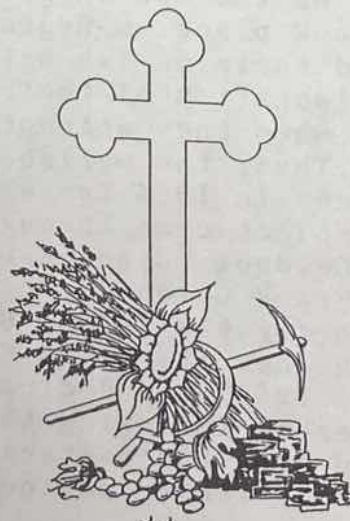
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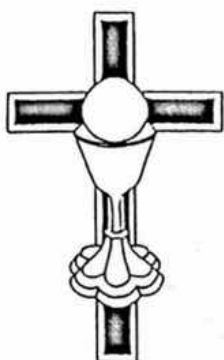
Middleton, Fathers Ivan Eck, Leo Metcko and Dwight Birket. Parishoners expressed the belief that the building of the hall was made possible through the total effort of the parish family, the parish council and the altar society which worked to purchase the equipment. Upon completion, the parish debt amounted to \$23,000, which has been retired.

Father James O'Shea replaced Msgr. Hogan as pastor from June 16, 1987, until September 1, 1991. The present pastor is Father Donald R. Thissen.



ST. ALICE CHURCH, CAPALDO





## PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED

### SAINT ALICE PARISH, CAPALDO

Pastors according to Diocesan and Capuchin Archives

- 1924-1929: Father Boniface Lucci, S.O.S.B. (Mission from Frontenac, 1924 to 1950)  
1929-1931: Father Vergil Kuhn, O.F.M. Cap.  
1931-1935: Father Kenneth Fee, O.F.M. Cap.  
1935-1937: Father Lambert Brookman, O.F.M. Cap.  
1937-1938: Father Kenneth Fee, O.F.M. Cap.  
1938-1941: Father Casimir Debef, O.F.M. Cap.  
1941-1942: Father Leander Yoest, O.F.M. Cap.  
1942-1947: Father Agatha Brisgal, O.F.M. Cap.  
1947-1948: Father Celestine Rohr, O.F.M. Cap.  
1948-1950: Father Leander Yoest, O.F.M. Cap.  
1950- : Father Clifford Landis (From Arma pro tem during summer)  
1950-1951: Father Alex Stremel (Mission from Pittsburg, 1950-1951)  
1951-1954: Father Vincent Brown (Mission from Franklin, 1951-1971)  
1954-1957: Father Charles Middleton  
1957-1958: Father Frank Heyer  
1958-1960: Father Joseph Donohoe  
1960-1963: Father Michael O'Malley  
1963- : Father John F. Walsh  
1963-1964: Father Robert Watson  
1964-1967: Father Marino Calderelli  
1967-1970: Father Neil F. Diver  
1970-1971: Father Salvador Robles  
1971-1976: Father Edward Steinberger (Mission from Pittsburg, 1971-1976)  
1976-1987: Msgr. Vincent Hogan (Mission from Frontenac, to Present)  
1987-1991: Father James O'Shea  
1991- : Father Donald R. Thissen



SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF WICHITA  
WHO SERVED AT SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL  
Frontenac, Kansas  
1895 - 1968

Sister Lawrence Meagher	Sister Borromeo Donohue
Sister Colette Kipp	Sister Maurice Porz
Sister Teresa Mackin	Sister Rose Dignan
Sister Benedict Lague	Sister Modesta Bradshaw
Sister Fabian Hayes	Sister Thomas Arnest
Sister Damian Brogan	Sister Miriam Harris
Sister Mercedes McNeill	Sister Inez Savote
Sister Lambertine Reinnert	Sister Emilena Diskin
Sister Norbert Hyland	Sister Stanislaus McMahan
Sister Evarista O'Halloran	Sister Allicia Hartman
Sister Bernardine Riordan	Sister Celestine Murphy
Sister Virgilius Fleming	Sister Clarissa Marks
Sister Georgiana Metzinger	Sister Angelita Howe
Sister John Joseph McDermott	Sister Mark Lutz
Sister Malachy Ryan	Sister Ephrem Linnebur
Sister Clare Woods	Sister Lucy Metzinger
Sister Rosalia Gurry	Sister Rachel Seiwert
Sister de Ligouri McDonnell	Sister Mildred Blaes
Sister Eina Harold	Sister Nicholas Hahn
Sister Carmelita Coyle	Sister Basil Schmidt
Sister Alberta Wren	Sister Terence Gronniger
Sister Delores Clarahan	Sister Lucille Jarmer
Sister Amelia Nagle	Sister Clara Pfeifer
Sister Fidelis Ridgway	Sister Perpetua Bauer
Sister Xavier Doherty	Sister Flavia Blaes
Sister Luke Vohs	Sister Martin Curran
Sister Justin Coomes	Sister Viola Heichelbeck
Sister Cleophas (Patricia) Kelly	Sister Henrietta Kimpler
Sister Agnes Clare Strasser	Sister Helen O'Mara
Sister Rose Mary Monahan	Sister Norberta Buehne
Sister St. John O'Connell	Sister Jerome Murphy
Sister Agatha Kennedy	Sister Mary Eda Rodenkirk
Sister Andrew Sheehan	Sister Bertina Korphage
Sister Mary Margaret Westhoff	Sister Consuela Salazar
Sister Rose Rita Kinkelaar	Sister Harriet Moore
Sister Frances Rita Bernard	Sister Carol Ann Smith
Sister Cletus Mayer	Sister Alice Marie Simon
Sister Helen Joseph Knoeber	Sister Mary Jane Bohrer
Sister Gabriel Jarboe	Sister Agnes Marie Roets
Sister Beatrice Boeker	Sister Emerentia Kane
Sister Romana Helfrich	Sister Henrita VanLeeuwen
Sister Elizabeth Ann Engels	Sister Michelle Sevart
Sister Rose Duschene Roberts	Sister Joseta Roeta

SACRED HEART GRADE SCHOOL GRADUATES



1895

KATHRYN McCALL

1897

LORETTA McCALL

1904

ANNIE BLUDNICK

1906

JOHN C. FRISKEL, NORA DELANEY, MINNIE BLUDNICK

1910

ROSE MONAHAN, MARGARET MONAHAN, ANN FRISKEL,  
PATRICK DELANEY, KATE BLUDNICK

1912

NORA MONAHAN, LOIS MULLIKIN, EARL MULLIKIN, KATE O'HARA,  
GRACE BOZICK, ANNA FISHER, HILDA FISHER, WILLIAM DELANEY

1915

JOE LAVERY SR., AGNES MONAHAN, EUPHEMIA MONAHAN,  
MAYME YARTZ, SARAH McCALL, AGNES DELANEY

1917

PHIL VESSADINI, JOE LAIDLER, ALICE KELLY, ESTHER DELANEY

1920

LEW MORICONI, ANN MARIE MORAN, ROSEMARY MURPHY  
ANITA PURGATORIO, EMMA HROMEK, MARY ANN KERN, JOE LAIDLER

1921

MARGARET O'DONNELL, ARTHUR DRUART, JOE SKUBITZ, JANE  
MONAHAN, THOMAS KELLY, MARVELLE ELLIOTT, CLARA UTZ, MAMIE  
LAVERY, NAOMI HUGHES, EDWIN SCHRAMM, DAVID PAOLI, REGINA  
VESSADINI, ANN CONSOLINI

1922

LEO STAHL, MARY SUPANCIC, FRANCIS McGINLEY, MARY TURLIP,  
EMMA HROMEK, ROSE KREUS, CHARLES BENELLI, GEORGE BRESNIKER,  
VERA LAVERY, GEORGE KRUSICH, BESSIE TOMANY, JOE MULLIGAN,  
VIOLET COMINETTI, AGNES BEITZINGER, NELLIE MAROON, TOM ELLIOT,  
LEO LAVERY, LOUIS DEMPHSER, MARY KRUSICH, JOE YARTZ, JOE  
ZORTZ, LENA MARKOVITCH, NELL CASTELLANI, MARY CASTELLO,  
NORMA NEET, ANNA UTZ, VELIA PUCCI

1923

HENRY RUDMAN, LOUISE BICKEL, ALBERT LISPI, JOSEPHINE PRETE,  
EARL MURTY

1924

ARTHUR SCAVEZZE, GOLDIE LIPASEK, FRANCIS WACHTER, ADAM  
TROYAN, ANNA BELLE HEINLEIN, FRANK ZORTZ, MIKE DEAN, JOE  
HARVEY, JOE KRUES

1925

URSULA ZORTZ, MARY RUBEL, JACK McCALL, JEAN KELLY, COLETTE  
WACHTER, URSULA LAIDLER, MARY ANN DEAN, LARRY DELLESAGA,  
MARTHA PHILEY, MARY PAULICH

1926

ANNA PINAMONTI, JACK HADERLEIN, HELEN STAHL, ANDREW GRUBER,  
WILLIAM WINNIE, AUGUSTUS KOTZMAN



ANN WACHTER, MARGUERITE HAMILTON, JOSEPHINE POUCHE,  
ANNA RUBEL, LAWRENCE PONCHUR, LEO CORNELLA,  
ROSE BOSETTI, MARGARET STAHL, WILLIAM MENGHINI,  
AGNES HARVEY, JOSEPHINE KELLY, ADOLPH COMINETTI,  
DELORES TRIANI, JAMES MOREY, KATHERINE KOTZMAN  
1927

P.J.(BUD) WACHTER, ALICE BLENKINSOP, JOHN KRUES,  
MARGARET "PEG" O'HARA, MARY CLAIRE JONES, ADAM TROYAN,  
CARL KRANER, JOE TOCCI, JOE GRUBER, LEO BEZIGUY,  
AGNES KRUSICH, ALICE LAVERY, EDNA SUSNIK, JOE EICHHORN,  
FRANK ALBERTINI, JOHN PAULICH, TERESA PAULICH,  
CHARLES (PETE) MOREY, LORENE LAVERY, FRANCIS MURPHY,  
MARTHA BEITZINGER, HELEN MENGHINI

1928

HELEN KOTZMAN, MARY WACHTER, JOE CINOTTO

1929

JOE DRENK, JEROME MULLIGAN, GERTRUDE RUBEL,  
EDNA HROMAK, VIRGINIA KOTZMAN, ELIZABETH KOMAC,  
CLARA MAY MOREY, JOE JONES, LAWRENCE GRUBER,  
EDWARD PITUCHA, ALBERT BOSETTI, HUGH FRANCIS MURPHY,  
MARY CANZEL, ROSALEEN NEARY, EGIDIO CORNELLA,  
MICHAEL TROYAN, JOHN ZORTZ, ANGELO ALDRIGHETTI,  
JAMES O'HARA, FRANK RIFFEL, HEDWIG STAHL,  
ELIZABETH LORETTI, REGINA FUERTSCH, JOHANNA YARTZ,  
MARGARET LAIRD

1930

JOHN ASHBACHER, JOSEPHINE BEITZINGER, LELIA EICHHORN,  
ISIDORE FEURTSCH, HELEN KERNS, EMMA KOLAR,  
KATHERINE KOTZMAN, JAMES LAVERY, HELEN HAIGH,  
MARGARET DARRAUGH, MERCEDES McNEILL, FRANCIS NEARY,  
LORETTA NICHOLAS, ALOYSIUS JONES, ERMA PAULICH,  
PHILIP RAESER, ERMA STARCHICH, CECILIA RUBEL,  
CATHERINE RUBEL, EILEEN TRESSEL, ROSE VEDIZ, MARY ZORTZ

1931

OWEN "COBB" O'HARA, EMALINE JONES, JOHNNY KOTZMAN,  
MARGARET KRUSICH, MATTHEW KOMAC, JOSEPH CANZEL,  
ANDREW WACHTER, EVA MORA, LEONARD LAIRD, RUDOLPH RIFFEL,  
CHRISTINE MOREY, LEROY ALBERTINI

1932

LENO ALDRIGHETTI, CARL GRUBER, JOSEPH FUERTSCH,  
THOMAS TROYAN, REGINA ASHBACHER, MARGARET HICKMAN,  
HELEN PINAMONTI, WILMA PIRNAT, ANN RIFFEL,  
MARGARET O'HARA, ANN ZORTZ

1933

CHARLES DELLASEGA, JOHN KNOLL, JOSEPH RIFFEL,  
CATHERINE BADALACK, ANN KRUSICH, MARY FERNETTI,  
FEDENCIA MORA, MARGARET JANE HAIGH, PEARL PINAMONTI,  
BERNADINE HUTSEY, MARGARET ANN RUBEL

1934

ARTHUR FRISKEL, ANDREW HADERLEIN, MARGARET HUTSEY,  
JOSEPH LAVERY, ANDREA MORA, WILLIAM MOREY,  
ELIZABETH (BETTY) MOUSER, PATRICIA O'HARA,  
MILDRED PAULICH, DANIEL RIORDAN, PAUL WACHTER



1935

BERNARD DELLESAGA, JOSEPHINE RIFFEL, JULIA FERNETTI, GENEVIEVE DETRIE, RITA ANN LAVERY, WILLIAM STARCHICH, HELEN ZORTZ, ELIZABETH ANN MOREY, JAMES M. BLENKINSOP, ANDREW ASHBACHER, MARY ANN TROYAN, OLIVER ALBERTINI, MILDRED ANN PIRNAT, ELIZABETH JEAN TURLIP

1936

PHILIP FRISKEL, WILLIAM DAVIS, ROBERT HADERLEIN, WILLIAM RIFFEL, MARGARET ZIEGLER, IRMA PINAMONTI, MARY PINAMONTI

1937

KENNETH BROCK, MARVIN DARRAUGH, FRANCIS FUERTSCH, JOSEPH KOTZMAN, ROBERT MEEHAN, FRANCIS PIRNAT, FRANCIS WOLOWNIK, WILLIAM YETZBACHER, JOHN ZIEGLER, MARIAN DETRIE, JOSEPHINE FERNETTI, ANN MARIE FUERTSCH, FRANCES HUTSEY, CORA KOMAC, MARY EILEEN LAVERY, GLORIA MACK, VIRGINIA MOREY, MARY NEARY, ANN RITA URSIC, JULIA ZORTZ, LEONARD KOTZMAN

1938

MARGARET LAVERY, JOSEPHINE NONBELLO, SARAH NEARY, ALBERTA NICHOLS

1939

RAYMOND BULOT, RUDOLPH FERNETTI, JOSEPH FRISKEL, EDWARD KOTZMAN, EARL H. MOREY JR., ALDEN STOCKINGER, JOSEPH KORNER, KATHERINE ANN BOLLOCK, CORINE BOGATIE, FRIEDA COTTOLICA, BERNADINE DETRIE, ELLEN MARIE HUTSEY, MARY MORA, MARCELLA MOUSER, KATHLEEN MULLIGAN, VERONICA O'HARA, DOROTHY TURLIP, TERESA M. WACHTER, MADELINE ZORTZ

1940

DARIO MORA, PAT MULLIGAN, MARTIN LAIRD, LAWRENCE LAIRD, THERESA SCAVEZZE, ROSEMARIE O'DONNELL, THELMA DETRIE, BETTY JUNE McNEILL

1941

RAYMOND FUERTSCH, JOSEPH WACHTER, PAUL HUTSEY, JOHN NONBELLO, RALPH MODLIN, LORRAINE O'DONNELL, MARY MARGARET DAVIS, ROSEMARIE MOREY, NADINE PIRNAT, VIRGINIA ZUECH, THERESA ZORTZ

1942

MARY WINIFRED FRISKEL, BECKY MOUSER, MARY INEZ MORA, PATRICIA ANN MODLIN, MARIAN LEE CHERBLANC, JOHN LEO OSTERFELT, THOMAS LAVERY

1943

JOHN D. TURLIP, MARGARET JANE ZORTZ, MARY ANN LEPOGLOW, MARGARET JANE LEPOGLOW

1944

JOANN BROCK, DONNA BROCK, MARY LEE COLEMAN, CLEO MORA, DAVID EICHHORN, VIRGIL TOCCI, BILLY DON McNEILL, ROBERT LAVERY, EDWARD COOK, GRETA GADWOOD, JOANN KOMAC, COLETTA URSIC, ELIZABETH KELLY

1945

VIRGIL ALBERTINI, PAUL FRISKEL



1946

ROBERT FRISKEL, VERNON TITMUS, ERNEST ZUECH JR., MARGARET CARLTON, REGINA HUTSEY, AGNES ZORTZ

1947

PAUL ASHBACHER, JAMES LAVERY, PAUL RUBEL, DONALD ROSS, GEORGENE VACCA, MATHILDA MORA, DONNA MAE ZUECH

1948

JOANN CARLTON, JOHN BELL, JOSEPH CICERO, JOSEPH CUSSIMANIO, PHILLIS DeCASTRO, PATRICIA McNEILL, JACK DRUART, JAMES GADWOOD, PATRICIA MENGHINI, PHILIP MACELI, WILLIAM MERANDO, SHARIE SMITH, CHARLES YOUVAN, ERNEST A. ZUECH.

1949

ROBERT BEITZINGER, CAROLYN BRUNET, BETTY DRENIK, VIRGINIA LERO, IONA MAE ROSS

1950

ALICE CABODIE, JOYCE COFFEY, FRANCIS VACCA, JOLENE MERANDO, MARY KAY NONBELLO.

1951

MARILYN CICERO, TERENCE DAVIS, JOYCE DeCASTRO, DAVID FRISKEL, GEORGE SMARDO, JAMES ZORDINI, JAMES CUSSIMANIO

1952

MARVIN CICERO, NORA ANN DAVIS, ALAN DRENIK, ILENE GINARDI, MARGARET KRUSICH, NANCY MENGHINI, NORMA REINBOLT, MEL MARIE WACHTER

1953

JOSEPH BARTELLI, CARL DRUART, KARL KRANER, LEONA LERO, BONNI ROSS, JUDITH TERLIP, MICHAEL F. SPRITZER, GLORIA ZORTZ

1954

DAVID CARLTON, JOAN DRENIK, MARY KRUSICH, A.J. MENGHINI, JAMES SQUILLACE

1955

RONALD BENNETT, RICHARD CICERO, MADELINE GINARDI, THERESA MOROSIN, RONALD PLOUVIER, MARY JO REINBOLT, JOSEPH SCHAUB, JAMES SPIGARELLI

1956

KAREN MERANDO, KENNETH BARTELLI, JAMES COFFEY, ELEANOR STEFANONI, WILLIAM ROSS, CONSTANCE (CONNIE) CINOTTO, JOHN MORICONI, MARY ELLEN DRENIK, AMELIA MODLIN, JOHN BRUNET

1957

WILLIAM CUSSIMANIO, AGNES GALLINETTI, NORBERTA WACHTER, JOHN KNOLL, BETTE DeCASTRO, SHARON SQUILLACE, BRENDA SAIA, GEORGE ROBERT MUSSAT, BARBARA SAIA, THOMAS GALLAGHLER, MARILYN KRANER

1958

MARY SCHAUB, BOBBY SPRAGG, RICK ZORTZ

1959

THERESA ALBERTINI, NANCY CARTER, ROBERT CUSSIMANIO, JOHN KOTZMAN, STEPHEN MACELI, CHARLES MARINO





NORA LOU MORICONI, FRANK PAPISH, KAY SEGAT, FRED SPIGARELLI  
1960

CAROLE TERLIP, BETTY KOTZMAN, ALFRED MORICONI,  
KRIS SPIGARELLI, GLORIA ALBERGUCCI, SUSAN BAIMA,  
JIM MUSSAT, CHARLES MORICONI, MARGARET FALLETTI,  
KAREN KRANER, STEVE KNOLL, MARY MARGARET JONES  
1961

KATHY JONES, JOANN GALLINETTI, GARY CINOTTO,  
JACK DEVENEY, LINDA PLOUVIER, JENNIE GEORGE,  
STEVE MERANDO, CONNIE SCAVEZZE, BERNARD GRANT,  
GENEVIEVE SCHAUB, BILLY PINAMONTI, DAMONA WACHTER,  
JAMES KRUSICH, SHARON DARROUGH, ARMANDO CORPOLONGO  
1962

DAVID JONES, JOSETTA CICERO, BILLY GEORGE,  
MARY SNOW CUSSIMANIO, BOB STEFANONI, JUDY RESTIVO,  
STEVE CROSETTO, PAMELA KRANER, RONALD GINARDI,  
SUSAN PUCCI, RAYMOND BULOT, BERNADETTE DEVENEY,  
GARY PAPISH, MARY ANN VEDIZ, JOE BROCK, BOB LAVERY  
1963

PERRY BURGER, MARY CAROL CINOTTO, LARRY CORPOLONGO,  
BENEDICT GEORGE, GARY GRANT, JAMES T. KNOLL,  
STEVE LAVERY, LARRY PENNINGTON, ELAINE PICKLER,  
MIKE SPIGARELLI  
1964

NANCY BAIMA, DANNY BRIDWELL, CONNIE BRUNETTI,  
ANNE MARIE CARUSO, KENNETH COILLOT, PEGGY CUSSIMANIO,  
MARLENE DARRAUGH, MARVENE DARRAUGH, BOB GEORGE,  
BOB GOODMAN, DORIS HERMAN, TERESA KUSEL, MARY McLUCKIE,  
KENNY REINBOLT, TIM FRISKEL  
1965

DIANE CINOTTO, EVELYN COILOTT, DEBRA DOBRAUC,  
DAN FRISKEL, ALAN HERMAN, MICHAEL HOGARD  
1966

KAREN CARUSO, MICKEY CUSSIMANIO, ROSE ANN MERANDO,  
PENNY KNOLL, MIKE PENNINGTON, CARLOTTA PINAMONTI,  
DIANA POMATTO  
1967

JUDY BULOT, VICKI DOBRAUC, SUSAN KRANER, ROSANN MENDICKI,  
STEVE MOORE, MARILYN PALLUCCA, JANE PENNINGTON,  
KATHY SPIGARELLI  
1968

DANNY BRUNETTI, LINDA BRUNETTI, PAUL JONES, PATTY KNOLL,  
LONNIE LIPOGLAV, DAVID SPIGARELLI

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We apologize to all those omitted.