

# History of St. Joseph Parish continued.

1925 – 2003

## Father Michael J. Brown 1934 - 1942



hen Father Michael J. Brown became pastor of St. Joseph in 1935 in the later Depression years, he was faced with a debt of \$60,000.00, a huge sum in those years. Before becoming a priest, Fr. Brown had spent some years in the business world, so his first task, as he saw it, was to reduce the debt. This was no small task at a time when money was in short supply for most folks. At this time the parish consisted of about 100 families, but apparently everyone pitched in, encouraged by Father's frequently repeated exhortations, "Remember our Lord is never outdone in generosity," and "all for the greater honor and glory of God." Father called the fund-raising, which followed his Five Year Plan.

