

Save the Date

Spring Gala Formal Dinner and Dance
Saturday, April 30, 2022

Featuring:

Above and Beyond Catering
 Award Winning Entertainer Devin Henderson
 D.J. Frank Ancona

Emcee Jon Carpenter
 Clay County Commissioner and Saint Charles Graduate

Tickets will go on sale in February!
 Stay tuned for further details.



Celebrating our Past...Celebrating our Future!

1951 - 1955

1951: Father Ralph Siebert is assigned as first associate pastor.



January, 1951: Ground is broken for the convent, and it is completed in August. School enrollment is 120.



1952: Linden, Missouri, is renamed Gladstone (Happy Rock), Missouri.

1952: Six students are in the first graduating class of Saint Charles School. The first lay teacher, Mrs. Davis, is employed at the school. The first-floor rooms in the chapel are used for a "Little Folks" nursery school.



June, 1952: Construction begins on a school facility.



March, 1953: Saint Charles School building is dedicated. Student enrollment is 170, and 300 families are registered in the parish.



October, 1954: The Legion of Mary is established at Saint Charles.

1955: Bill Spiegelhalter and Father Wogan establish the Saint Charles Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop 180.



September 4, 1955: Ground is broken for the present church. The church is built in a contemporary style, with red colonial brick and Carthage limestone characterized by horizontal lines. Cost: \$300,000



1955-56: Four rooms are added to the rectory to accommodate additional priests. Changes are made to the convent as well.

Pastor: Father Maurice Wogan (1947-63)
 Associate Pastors: Father Ralph Siebert (1951-53)
 Father Jerry W. Mahoney (1953-58)

1956

March 11, 1956: The cornerstone of the new church is laid.



The sanctuary of the church is in Gladstone; the nave of the church is in Oakview.

March 17, 1956: Tri-County (Clay, Platte, Ray) Council 3414, Knights of Columbus, receives group commission.



Clockwise from top:
 Bishop Charles LeBlond
 Bishop John Cody
 Archbishop Edwin O'Hara

August, 1956: Due to poor health, Charles LeBlond resigns as Bishop of the Saint Joseph Diocese on August 24. The Diocese of Saint Joseph (founded March 3, 1868) and the Diocese of Kansas City (founded September 10, 1880) are combined to form the Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph on August 29. Bishop John Cody, who had served as coadjutor of both dioceses, is appointed Bishop of the Kansas City-Saint Joseph Diocese after the sudden death of Archbishop Edwin O'Hara on September 11, 1956, in Italy.

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