

Father Joseph Fischer

Joseph Fischer was born on November 14, 1914 in Milwaukee. He attended Pio Nono High School before beginning his studies at St. Francis Seminary. He was ordained on May 18, 1940 at St. Anne Church in Milwaukee by Archbishop Moses E. Kiley. Father was first appointed assistant pastor at Holy Redeemer Parish in Milwaukee on January 7, 1957. Father then founded Our Lady of Good Hope parish where he remained until he was named pastor of Our Lady of Angels parish in Armstrong on June 27, 1967. After a 13 year tenure Father Fischer resigned and was assigned pastor of St. Andrew parish at Le Roy on September 2, 1980. His first order of business was to comply with the archdiocese directives and introduce the parish council system. The long tradition of past parish administrative practices that were so faithfully administered through the many years of parish history, were now giving way to changing times

The first parish council officers for St. Andrew's in 1983 were:
 Father Joseph Fischer ----- Pastor

- Trustee----- Roger Wondra
- Trustee ----- Peter Quinn
- Council President ----- Leonard Schraufnagel
- Council Secretary-----Jody Krapfl
- Chairperson of Human Concerns-----Joseph Feucht
- Chairperson of Youth Ministry----- Robert Sterr
- Chairperson of Education-----Norbert Weinberger
- Chairperson of Liturgy -----Edgar Bauer
- Chairpersons of Building and Grounds----- Donald Weiss -Ray Collien
- Chairperson of Finance----- Rudolph Bauer

Leonard Schraufnagel served as council president for the first three years and in the meantime represented District 7 (Dodge County) on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council of Milwaukee from 1982 to 1985.

Under Father Fischer's pastorate, the long history of membership assessment came under reconsideration. The policy of public disclosure of parish contributions in terms of dollar amounts would no longer be part of the annual financial report.

A major improvement in 1982 was the construction of the handicap ramp by the Rosenthal Construction Co. at a cost of \$12,487.

Father's unwavering faith and devotion to the Sacred Heart, a total commitment to his parish and hope for all who could attend the weekly Thursday evening Holy Hour and First Fridays was his deep desire. When Father's health was failing, he retired January 31, 1984. He died May 4, 1997.

Years before Father Fischer's pastorate at St. Andrew, Father was very active in youth programs. Father built a youth camp near Dundee, WI. "Camp Vista Wee Yon Wa Untka" meaning, in Sioux, Our Lady of Hope. Father would provide camping for the youth of all creeds, color, and the poor were never refused. Father had a special affection for all youth, especially for the disadvantaged.

Father Frederick Bistricky

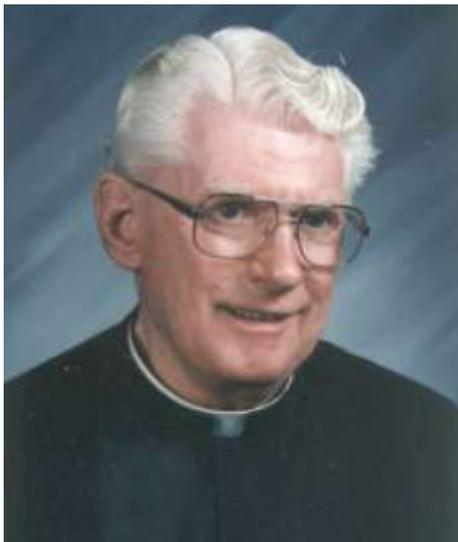


Frederick Bistricky, was born August 19, 1938 at Milwaukee. He was ordained to the priesthood May 29, 1965 at St. John's Cathedral by Archbishop William E. Cousins. Father's first appointment was assistant at Holy Trinity Parish, Racine, July 1965. He became curate at St. Augustine, Milwaukee, June 27, 1967. On June 15, 1976 Father was assigned to Immaculate Conception Parish, Sheboygan, as assistant pastor for the next 5-1/2 years. On December 15, 1981 Father was assigned to be administrator at St John the Baptist Parish, Plymouth. He then took sick leave May 1, 1983 till May 15, 1984 when he was assigned pastor at St. Andrew at Le Roy with a membership of 250 families. Father felt that our cemetery policies needed to be updated to comply with the Archdiocese Cemetery Association. In June 14, 1987 the Cemetery Board is officially constituted. The members of the Cemetery Board for 1987: Andrew Rinzel, chairperson; Joan Nitschke, Secretary; David Schraufnagel, Mrs. Dorothy Fischer, and Eugene Wild. The pastor is an ex-officio member.

Father Bistricky took sick leave July 1, 1990 and later was assigned temporary administrator of St. Peter & Paul, Nenno and St. Anthony, Allenton on June 30, 1991.

On April 12, 1993 Father was assigned as archives assistant, Archdiocese of Milwaukee. On June 30, 1995, Father retired for reasons of health..

Father Robert Berghammer



Robert Berghammer was born on January 25, 1925 at Milwaukee. He studied at St. John's Cathedral High School 1938 - 1940, St. Francis Minor Seminary 1940-1944 and Major Seminary 1945--1949. Father received Minor Orders December 20, 1947 at the Seminary Chapel, and was ordained subdeacon May 29, 1948 and deacon September 15, 1948. He was ordained to the priesthood May 28, 1949 by Bishop Roman R. Atkielski of Milwaukee.

Father's first assignment was assistant pastor of St. Anne, Parish Milwaukee, June 29, 1949. On June 21, 1957 he was assigned to St. Robert Parish in Shorewoo, and on July 7, 1960 Father became a member of the faculty of Messmer High School, Milwaukee. On August 31, 1973, Father was appointed pastor of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish in North Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. There he served till his appointment to the pastorate at Holy Trinity / St. Bridget Parish at Kewaskum on July 13, 1982. On June 26, 1990 Father was appointed pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Le Roy. In behalf of St. Andrew Parish, Trustee Roger Wondra and Mary

Beth Youngbeck and Parish Council Officers Edgar Bauer, Gerard Feucht, Helen Bauer, Mark Simon, Monica Adelmeyer, David Schraufnagel, Milton Hurlbert and Vernon Kehmeyer welcome Father to St. Andrew.

Father's first concern was the number of small saving accounts, most of them less than one thousand dollars. He asked that they be transferred to the restoration fund. When this was implemented, the general account totaled over \$60,000. Father called for parish registration 18 years or older so they could be computerized.

On September 30, 1991 Father reported St. Andrew had no debts and held about \$70,000 in savings certificates. It was at this time the finance committee began long range plans for redecorating the church.

In 1993 the parish had slightly over \$100,000 in the restoration fund. Unforeseen and unanticipated expenses soon surfaced when the lighting and wiring needed repair and replacement. Four contractors were contacted before one electrical vendor was interested in this type of church wiring. The Witzke Electric Co. from Oshkosh was awarded the contract for \$57,844.77 and Lighting Solutions of Milwaukee supplied the fixtures at the cost of \$26,895.28. Crescent Electric Supply Co installed the dimmer system at \$15,741.00 which brought the total costs to \$100,481.05 Other major improvements in 1993 included the new school furnace at a cost of \$11,413.00.

With the ongoing deterioration of the interior of the church and wall structure, the Langer Roofing Co. was called to repair the problem temporarily at a cost of \$ 1,200.00. One year later the Building and Grounds Committee evaluated the bids for church roofing and flashing repair. M.W. Tighe was awarded the contract. Total costs, including scaffolding, roof material, copper flashing and labor, came to \$ 60,782.16.

Having looked forward for some years to redecorating the church, we were once again disappointed when the church furnace needed immediate attention. Weekly repair visits were common and very costly as the old furnace became unreliable. The old steam system with the 95- year old steam pipes had to be replaced with new energy saving boilers. Sig's Inc. of North Fond du Lac installed a- three boiler hot water system for \$32,275.81

St. Andrew took another step forward in 1994 when St. Andrew, along with St. Mary, Lomira and St Theresa, Theresa, hired Mrs. June Strobel as Director of Religious Education. Mrs. Strobel's supervision and assistance helped the overburdened volunteers in the religious education program.

As the time of the Sesquicentennial Celebration drew near, serious planning for church redecoration became a top priority. An agreement between St. Andrew Parish and the Conrad Schmitt Studios Inc. of New Berlin was dated September 25, 1996. This agreement stipulated the restoration starting date as April 1, 1997 for the estimated sum of \$ 150,000. This 21- page agreement spelled out in detail all operations such as scraping, plastering, cleaning, washing, fiberglass, priming, painting, trim and gold leaf.

While the scaffolding was in place several parishioners were involved with church repair work not covered in the contract. Prior to the erection of scaffolding, parishioners Arthur Krapfl and Kenneth Bauer reconstructed all the heavy crossbar anchor mounting on the walls supporting the two large stained glass windows. This was a corrective procedure to prevent the penetration of frost to the interior of the church.

Below: Parishioners of all ages, sparked with energy and spirit, cleaned and painted the parish hall in preparation for celebrating Mass in the parish hall during church restoration.



Early in 1997 the Christian Women proposed painting the parish hall, as plans to celebrate Mass in the hall during the restoration period developed. Within a few days, a crew of men and women under the leadership of Judy Bauer and Kim Weinberger, the hall painting was completed in addition the 40-year old drapes were replaced. A 'Drape Fund' had accumulated enough money in three weeks to cover the cost of this undertaking .

In a coordinated move by the Waas Boring Co. and the Art Krapfl construction crew removed the old east sidewalk and replaced it with a wider, more attractive and safer walk.

During the restoration period, while the scaffolding was in place, the following repairs were completed. Repair of the broken dome grid, installation of the indirect sanctuary lighting, securing of the reredos to the sanctuary wall, painting and cabinet graining in the sacristy, reupholstering of the speaker cover by Dale Zangl, cleaning and adjusting of the lights, refurbishing the sanctuary angel lamps plus many hours of clean up work. We also want to mention the awning at the handicap entrance donated by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sabel. The entire cost of the church renovation project, including the church interior, refurbishing the statues and grottoes, repairing and repainting of the nativity set, and refinishing of the tabernacle and candelabra totaled \$ 168,551.50.

In the 1995 financial report, Fr. Berghammer wrote the following on the subject of volunteerism:
"I should like to write a few words about this. There are presently two individuals on the parish payroll, myself and our Director of Religious Education. Setting aside the grass cutting of our property, the amount of voluntary effort and time is very notable. Consider all of the following is done by volunteers:

- Snow removal.
- Cleaning and care of the church.
- Maintaining the classrooms / hall.
- The cleaning of the rectory.
- Painting of the doors to the church and school.
- All our teachers and aides in our religious education program.
- Cleaning and care given to our kitchen (utensils, roasters, plates, pans, etc.)
- The care of the tables and chairs.
- Maintenance given to the boilers.
- The semi-annual work given to parish grounds
- Planning and marking of burial plots.
- Arranging the funeral dinners.
- Those assisting in the R.C.I.A. programs.
- The rebuilding of the church ramp.
- The replacing of the burnt out bulbs
- The choir.

The recording of all contributions.
 The payment of our bills and keeping track of parish investments.
 Completing diocesan reports.
 Paying and keeping records of all religious education bills.
 The scheduling of ushers, servers and Eucharist ministers.
 The ushers, servers, and Eucharist ministers.
 The typing and copying of the weekly bulletin.
 The money counters.
 The Cemetery Board.
 The year around church environment arrangements.
 The senior Mass servers at parish funerals.
 And some I may have forgotten due to the time and efforts of parish volunteers.”

Recorded in the 1995 financial report:

A-----	DONATION AMOUNT		NUMBER OF PEOPLE
	GIVING	NOTHING	-----
B	\$ 1.00	- 100.00	61
C	101.00	- 200.00	24
D	201.00	- 300.00	13
E	301.00	- 400.00	4
F	401.00	- 500.00	1
G	501.00	- 600.00	3
H	601.00	- 700.00	1
I	701.00	- 5.000.00	5

At the annual parish meeting on March 1,1998, major improvements were discussed including a new roof on the parish hall and rectory, the conversion of the school boiler from steam to hot water, parking and cemetery blacktop, and the covering of the church floor with carpet.

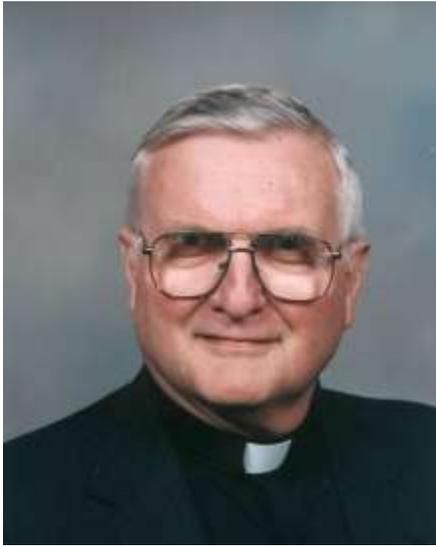
On April 20, 1998 Archbishop Rembert Weakland,OSB, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Andrew, Le Roy. Father Berghammer hosted the parishes of St. Mary, Lomira, St. Mary, Mayville, St Matthew, Neosho, St. John, Rubicon, St. Mary, Woodland, and the home parish, St. Andrew. One hundred and three Confirmation candidates and their sponsors representing the seven parishes filled the newly redecorated church. Assisting the Archbishop was Master of Ceremonies Father LenVan Vlaenderen. Concelebrants were The Very Rev. Charles Wester, Rev. Robert Berghammer, Rev. Vincent Holubowicz and Rev. Russell Stommel.

Father Berghammer announced his retirement effective July 1, 1998. Beginning July 1, 1998, St. Andrew and St. Mary, Mayville, will be administrated by one pastor. Upon retirement, Father Berghammer continues to celebrate Sunday liturgy and daily Mass at St. Andrew on a voluntary basis.

Below: July, 1998. Poblocki Paving Corp. applied 1.257 tons of asphalt on the parish parking lot and cemetery drive.Approx. costs, \$68.000.



The Very Rev. Charles H. Wester



Charles Wester was born August 7, 1933, Milwaukee. Charles was the eldest son of parents Charles J. Wester and Loretta Wester. He has two brothers, Richard and Dennis, and one sister, Sr. Carol Wester, O.P. of the Racine Dominicans. Charles Wester attended Holy Angels grade school Milwaukee, Thiensville State Graded School and St. Francis Minor Seminary. He was awarded a BA from St. Francis a MS in Guidance and Counseling, UW-Whitewater, 1974.

Charles Wester was ordained at St. John Cathedral, Milwaukee, May 30, 1959. Father was then assigned as assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception, West Bend, 1959-1966, and associate pastor at St. Andrew, Delavan, 1966-1969. He served in Campus Ministry, UW Whitewater, 1969-1975, and as Director of Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee 1972-1974. From 1975-1977 he was associate pastor at St. Catherine, Milwaukee. He became pastor at St. Joseph, Waukesha, 1977-1980; Holy Redeemer, Milwaukee, 1980-1987; St. Edward, Racine, 1987-1993; St. Mary, in Mayville, 1993. On July 1, 1998 Trustees, Roseann Schraufnagel and Sue Weinberger welcomed Father to St. Andrew as a sister parish of St. Mary, Mayville.

From the Sunday bulletin June 28, 1998 Father writes;

“This is the first joint bulletin for St. Mary and St. Andrew. Effective, Wednesday, July 1, our two parishes are officially being served by a single Pastor. I am certain all of us enter this new phase of parish life with some fear and uncertainty. But I am also certain that God is walking with us. Remember Jesus’ promise before He died? “I will not leave you orphans” Therefore, we can begin this new journey with much confidence I want to publicly thank Father Berghammer for the help and support he has given to me personally, and to our parishes, as we prepared for the transition we are undergoing. All of us wish him God’s blessing and peace as he begins his retirement. We welcome his continued presence among us.”

Father Wester relocated his residence to the St. Andrew rectory and maintained the parish center office at 14 Naber St., Mayville, as a communications center. A good plan for transition and communications was in place as changes unfolded smoothly into ongoing schedules.

A bulletin insert stated: “Both St. Andrew and St. Mary will retain their separate identity. Each parish is a separate corporation with the Archbishop as president, the pastor as vice-president, two trustees-the secretary and treasurer, and the Vicar General of the Archdiocese. In addition, canon law requires each parish to maintain a separate Finance Committee. We will, however, begin working toward a joint parish council along with the rest of the committees such as Worship, Human Concerns, Christian Formation working together. Buildings and Grounds, as well as the Cemeteries, will keep their separate identities.

The most immediate change the parishioners would experience was the change in the Mass schedule. The Saturday evening Mass would be celebrated at St. Mary at 4:30 P.M.. On Sunday, Masses would be celebrated at 8:30 A.M. at St. Andrew and 10:30 A.M. at St. Mary. Other service’s and events schedules were listed in the weekly bulletin.

How did St. Andrew parishioners respond to the influx of St. Mary parishioners? From all observations, the most noticeable problem was the over-crowded parking which quickly corrected itself. The guests from St. Mary who chose to attend the 8.30 Mass were first to arrive and their attendance was most welcome. The 500-seat capacity church served all who wished to worship. Almost unnoticed, the two parishes blended in fellowship and cross invitations were extended to each parish for liturgical and social events. As some parishioners commute to either parish to satisfy their needs, the balance seems to be in order as both parishes played a role in demographic adjustments.

Under the pastorate of Father Wester some administrative changes were made. The individual parish councils merged to accommodate the two parishes. The weekly St. Andrew stewardship envelopes were discontinued effective July 1999. Beginning with the new fiscal year, a monthly stewardship envelope was sent to all parishioners. Contributions were given a choice of capital improvements, school support, tuition, and stewardship. The selection to be designated on a tear-off slip and entered into the envelope with the contribution.

July 18, 1999 it was announced that Willis Heideman had begun his part-time ministry as Pastoral/ Administrative Assistant. Willis is currently attending St. Francis Seminary in the four year certification program.

On August 1, 1999 Kathy Ritger became the Director of Christian Formation.

St. Andrew School Opens

On

March 12, 1998 The Mayville News carried a article on the opening of St. Andrew School.

In stated in part "St Mary School Expands to Le Roy." St. Mary announced plans to expand their school to the building that once housed St. Andrew School in Le Roy. The building will be used for St. Mary daycare, preschool, kindergarten, first and second grades.

In anticipation of St. Andrew school opening, Building and Grounds committee stepped up maintenance. The classroom lighting was updated. Parishioners from both parishes assisted in school-house cleaning. Classroom and hallway painting under the daily supervision of Norbert Weinberger that freshened up the atmosphere. In addition, the boiler system was converted from steam to hot water.

St. Andrew Campus

Approaching the 1998-1999 school year, on Thursday, August 27, St. Andrew's school opened its doors to welcome the following staff ;

The Very Rev. Charles H. Wester.	Pastor
Helen D.Gilles	Principal
Mrs. Karen Cypher	Preschool
Mrs. Kara Fehring	K 5 Kindergarten
Mrs.Kristin Ries	Grade 1
Mrs. Mary Simon	Grade 2

Lunch Servers: Angeline Wondra, Helen Bauer, Ann Sterr, Alice Wondra, Katherine Quinn, Gerorge Lechner, Joan Nitschke Norma Lechner, LaVern Hinkes, Debbie Wondra, Arlene Hoffman.

Playground Supervisors: Stella Bauer, Arlene Bauer, Patty Clark, Kathy Mittelstadt, Linda Rader, Judy Harned, and Penni Hurst

Personnel Serving Both Campuses:

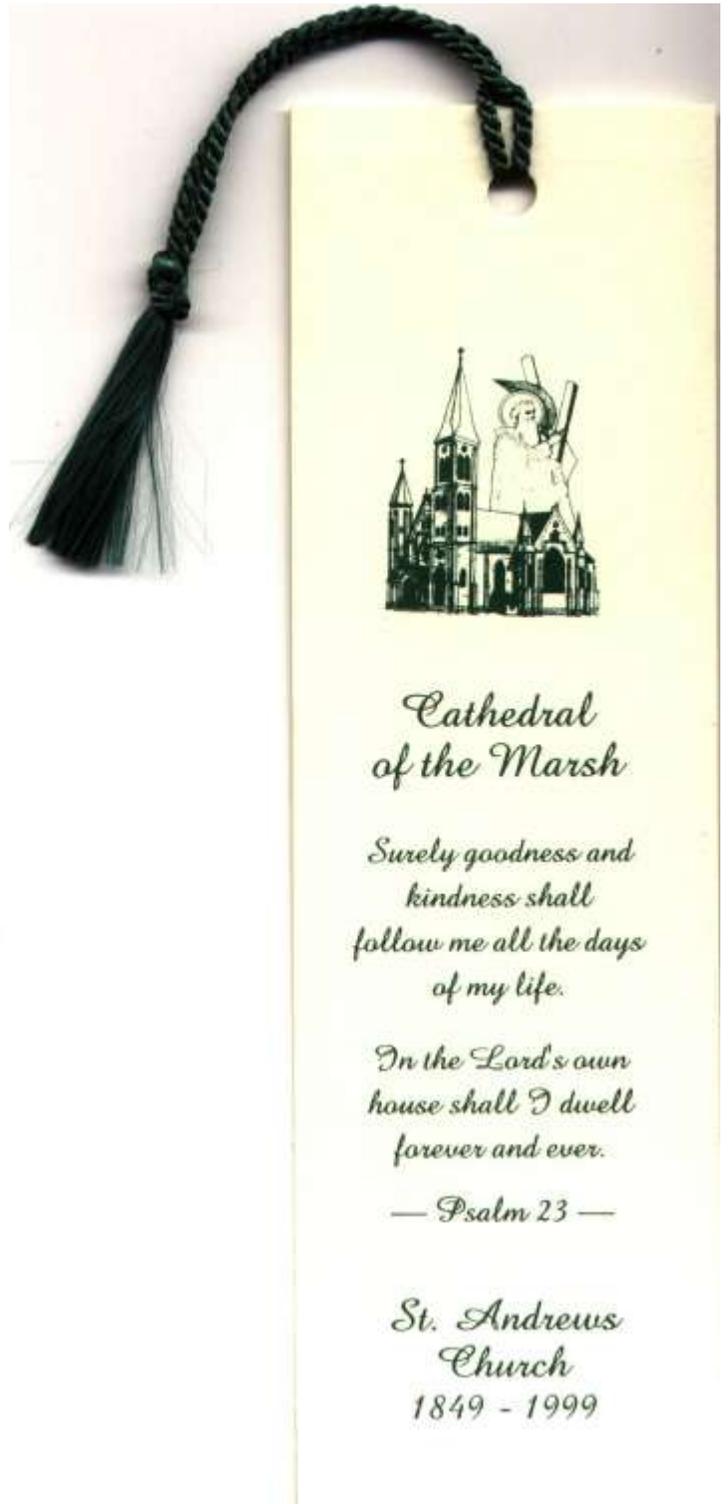
Secretary: Mrs. Rhonda Allard, Child care Director: Mrs.Cindy Flasch, Phy.Ed: Mr. Bruce Vredeveld, Food Service: Mrs Dorothy Stortz, Art: Mrs. Charlene Haertel, Music: Mrs. Barbara Panzer, Custodial Engineer: Mr. David Rader.



Recess enjoyed on the new playground equipment donated by Marie Woller in April 1998

THE 150 YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATION

As time drew near for the Jubilee Celebration, preparations were going on in many areas. Newspaper articles gave various historical accounts. The Christian Women Society sponsored the Parish Pictorial Album and parish memorabilia as shown.



Program of the Jubilee Liturgy

A Celebration of 150 Years of Faith

**ST. ANDEW PARISH
LEROY, WISCONSIN**



The Cathedral of the Marsh

**Archbishop Rember G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Presiding**

**2:00 PM Mass
Sunday, November 21, 1999**

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS HINWOOD



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scept - er, his the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thro' the Lord of lords, we
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on

1. throne, Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to -
2. own, Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Ma - ry, Earth thy foot - stool,
3. Night, Al - le - lu - ia, to the Sav - ior Who has won the

1. ry a - lone; Hark! The songs of peace - ful Si - on
2. heav'n thy throne; Thou with - in the veil has an - nounced,
3. vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it,

1. Thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
2. Robed in flesh our great High Priest; Thou on earth both
3. Fort of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia!

1. ev - 'ry na - tion hath re - deem'd us by his blood
2. priest and vic - tm In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast,
3. Al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

Text: Rev. E.B. Wilkin Da. 1827-1899, and others; Music: Rowland H. Primard, 1911-1987

Everyone is invited to the parish hall to continue our celebration of thanksgiving.

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Gathering Hymn:

THE KING OF KINGS, CHRIST JESUS REIGNS JOH-GLAUS AN GOTT

K 983 - G 478 VERSES



1. The King of Kings, Christ Je - sus reigns The Lord of
2. E - ter - nal King, Christ is God's Word From end - less
3. O - ris - en King, you light the way To heav - en's

1. ev - 'ry na - tion; In lov - ing wis - dom he or - dains The
2. a - ges spo - ken; En - fleshed on earth, his voice was heard And
3. glo - rious par - tal; If in our hearts your truth has away, We

REFRAIN

1. course of all cre - a - tion! } Christ, we a - dore you! Christ,
2. Sa - tan's might was bro - ken! }
3. too have the im - mor - tal! }

we im - plore you; Christ, keep us ev - er be - fore you!

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Welcome

Greeting

Penitential Rite

The General Intercessions

The Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Hymn at Preparation of Gifts.

AS WE CELEBRATE Carey Landy

REFRAIN



As we cel - e - brate this day, so we cel - e - brate your
life with us, your love for us, your light in our world.

VERSES

1. You are the Christ; in you we find our un - i -
2. You are the Christ; you are for us the Bread of
3. You are the Christ; through faith you dwell with - in our
4. You are the Christ; you walk with us, you speak with

to Refrain

1. ty, com - mun - i - ty, our joy and our peace.
2. Life, the Bread of Hope, true Bread for the world.
3. hearts, your ris - en life brings light to our lives.
4. us, you strength - en us, you com - fort our hearts.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is a central part of the Mass. It is a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to God for the gift of Jesus Christ. The prayer is led by the priest and is a time of deep reflection and communion with God.

NOVEMBER 21 1999

The Jubilee Mass

The Jubilee Mass was celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King, November 21, 1999. The Mass opened at 2:00 P.M. when for the first time since 1982 the old bronze bells in the tower rang out in full glory for 3 minutes to ring in the 150 year milestone. (The electronic bell system was canceled for this historic event.)

Archbishop Rembert Weakland presiding, concelebrating the Mass were Father Charles Wester, pastor of the parish, Father Robert Berghammer, retired former pastor of St. Andrew, Father Melvin Breit and Father Michel Wild, sons of St. Andrew. Father Len Van Vlaenderen assisted the Archbishop. Reverend Eugene Kinney and Reverend William Key also attended.

Weakland commented on St. Andrew's beautiful and large church and hoped the church would be filled every Sunday. He encouraged the youth of the parish to remain strong in their faith as exemplified by those before their time. He pointed out the sacrifices of our yesteryear parishioners as he focused on the large stained glass windows and read the inscription on the window of the Ascension 'Zum Andenken an Familie Andreas Weiglein' and turning to the window of the Nativity, he continued to recognize the generosity and the sacrifices of all those who contributed to this beautiful church, a reflection of the strong faith of our forefathers. 'Happy Birthday' was his greeting to the parish on this 150th anniversary. Once again, he reminded the youth to stay strong in their faith and look forward to St. Andrew's 200th jubilee. Compared to European churches, Weakland said "Your parish is young. In Austria, I have celebrated Mass in a church 1200 years old" He also reflected on the years of the past. He pointed out the many sacraments that were administered, the many Baptisms, the Confessions that were heard, the First Communion and Marriage celebrations.

The attending parishioners listened and pondered on his remarks.

Archbishop Weakland went on to recognize the Dominican Sisters of Racine for their 101 years of teaching service at St. Andrew.



Concelebrated Mass L-R; Archbishop Weakland, The Very Rev. Charles Wester, Father Robert Berghammer, Father Michael Wild, and Father Melvin Breit

Daughter of St Andrew's Parish Sister Philomene Schraufnagel of the Racine Dominicans was accompanied by Dominican Sisters who formerly taught at St. Andrew. The parishioners were delighted to renew acquaintance with Sr. Audrey Affholder, Sr. Rita Vander Velden, Sr. Catherine (Kostka) Wildenberg, Sr. Dorothy Ann (Myron) Greiber, Sr. Paula Marie Jarosz, Sr. Mary Ellen Paulson, Sr. Rita E. Martin, Sr. Agnes (Magdala) Ballweg, and Sr. Zita Kripavicius. Daughter of St. Mary's parish , Mayville, Sr. Bernadette Weinberger was delighted to meet with many friends and relatives.

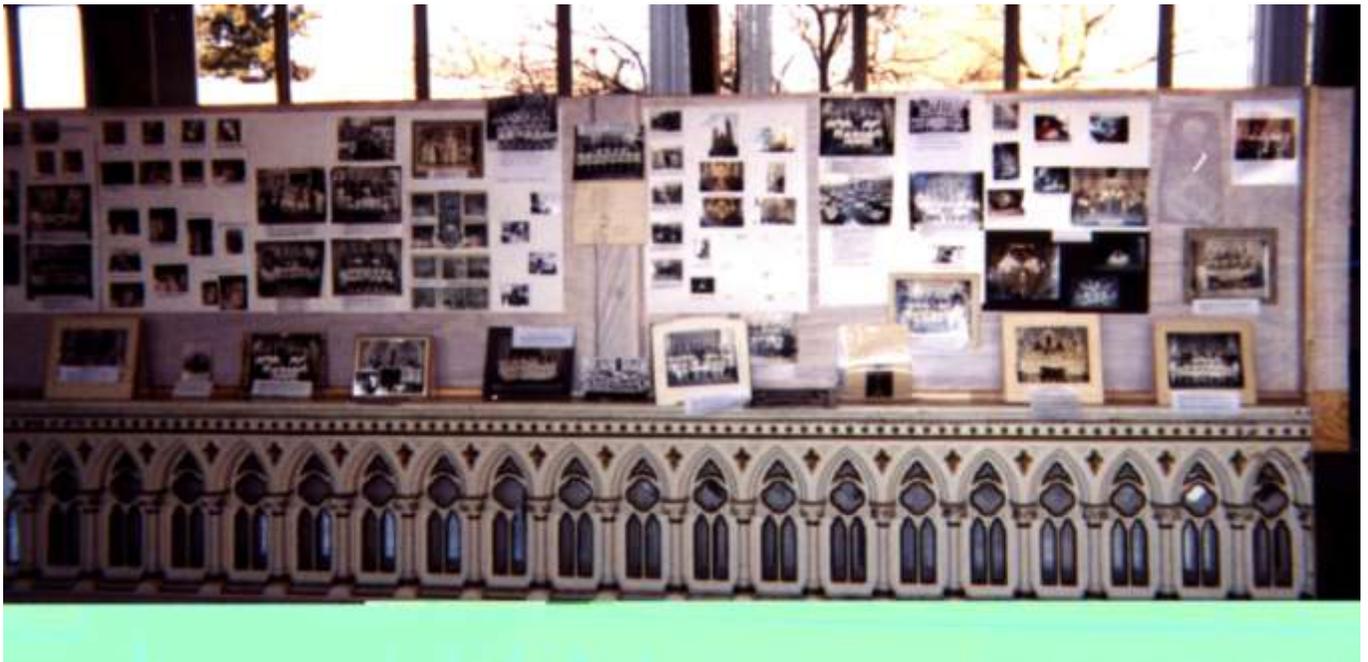


Raymond and Elizabeth Vollmer (center) Fr.Charles Wester,

Helen and James Weinberger

A special word of recognition to the above men as St. Andrew Senior Mass Servers. Ray and Jim have served Mass at parish funerals since the closing of the school in 1969. Andrew Rinzel, a third member of this ministry also served when needed.

A collection of many historical exhibits on display mounted on the old communion rail.



St. Andrew Parish Celebrates 150th Year Of Its Founding

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, LeRoy celebrated the 150th year of its founding on Sunday, Nov. 21, with Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland presiding at the 2 p.m. Jubilee Mass followed by Open House at the parish hall.

The Very Rev. Charles H. Wester, pastor, and members of the parish family set forth plans for the 150 year Jubilee Celebration in commemoration of the significant milestones and accomplishments St. Andrew's achieved in its 150 year history.

St. Andrew congregation was founded April 23, 1849 when Casper Sterr and wife Regina donated 10 acres of prime farm land to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for the exclusive use and benefit of the Roman Catholic Congregation by the name St. Andrew in township of LeRoy, Dodge County, Wisconsin. Missionary priest Father Charles Schraudenbach

signed the Warranty Deed on behalf of Archbishop John Martin Henni accepting this generous parcel of land.

In this Sesquicentennial period of time, St. Andrew's Parish was shepherded by 25 missionary and resident priests. In addition, 100 years of Catholic education to the parish children was provided by 117 Dominican Sisters of Racine. Continued Catholic education is now provided with certified volunteer CCD teachers and a religious education coordinator.

In the 15 decades of St. Andrew's existence, seven men and nine women answered to the call of religious life. In 1997 St. Andrew's joined with St. Mary's, Mayville to carry out religious education under the Parish Collaboration Program. St. Andrew's full time school, closed since 1969, and was opened again in 1998, teaching the lower grades at St. Andrew's and the advanced grades

at St. Mary's in Mayville.

In the early years before St. Andrew's was established, visiting missionary priests offered Mass in homes of German immigrant settlers. Soon after the deed was signed in April 1849, Father Charles Schraudenbach built a humble log church which served the congregation until 1862. The log church was later converted into a school. St. Andrew's third missionary priest, Father Casper Rehrl, documented the first known sacramental records at St. Andrew's.

In 1862 Father Nicholas Pickel built a new brick church. Soon thereafter in 1868, Father Leander Schaffer built the first rectory and became St. Andrew's first resident pastor.

On May 31, 1869, parishioner Joseph Schmitzer sold his tavern and bowling alley to the Archdiocese under the pastorate of Father Michael Deisenrieder for

the converted purposes of a two room school and the tavern to be remodeled into a convent. The purchase of this combination building served the parish until Father Joseph Fessler built a large four room brick school in 1882. From 1882 until 1904 the Sisters occupied the two east rooms of this school as their residence.

During the pastorate of Father Weyer the second rectory was built in 1895. Father Weyer was succeeded by Father Ferdinand Raess in 1896 and served St. Andrew's until 1899. In June 1899 Father John Blum arrived at St. Andrew's with a special mission. With the ever increasing parish growth the 37-year-old church was too small and the projected parish growth was evident. Plans for a new church were formulated, and it was decided to build a church large enough for generations to come.

The building was set in motion, and the cornerstone was laid in 1900. (Hence, the congregation will also celebrate the 100 anniversary of the building of their present church). When the church was completed, consecration of the church was celebrated September 27, 1901.

Father Blum left St. Andrew's late in 1901 for another assignment. Father Francis Pichery was appointed to St. Andrew's



LOOK AT THE PICTURES

Andrea Hansen

Sister Audrey Affholder and Sister Catherine "Kostka" Wildenberg look at a photo album with old pictures from St. Andrew's Church. St. Andrew's celebrated its 150th year with a Jubilee Mass and open house on Sunday, Nov. 21. Affholder was a first and second grade teacher at St. Andrew's from 1951 until 1955. Wildenberg taught at St. Andrew's from 1958 until 1960.

on January 1902. Under Father Pichery's pastorate, the second brick church was dismantled and bricks and lumber was used to build a new convent.

Through the years, St. Andrew's parish continued to grow, and it became necessary to build a new school in 1955 under the pastorate of Father Francis Eschweiler. At this time St. Andrews had a listing of 405 households. In June 1957

Father Anthony Gundrum took charge as pastor, and within a few years the school debt was retired. A new rectory followed in 1964 to replace the 64 year old building. Due to the shortage of teaching sisters, the parish school was closed in 1969.

Recently retired Father Robert Berghammer, who assumed pastoral duties in 1990 to 1998, was very active in maintaining the spiritual and

temporal welfare of the parish. New roofs were placed on the school, church and rectory. New boilers were installed and new church lighting replaced the 50 year old lighting system. A complete redecoration of the church was among some of the needed improvements.

The Very Reverend Charles Wester, Dean of District 7 and pastor of St. Mary's of Mayville since 1993, also assumed the duties of pastor at St. Andrew's July 1, 1998. First order of business, Father Wester proceeded to reopen St. Andrew's school to a full time educational facility. Father also elected to relocate his residence to St. Andrew's rectory in the village of LeRoy. During his first year of tenure, Father received the assistance of a lay administrator, and called for stewardship changes.

St. Andrew is located 2 1/2 miles east of the cen-

tral border line of the National Horicon Marsh Wildlife Refuge. The National Fish and Wildlife Service controls 6,313 acres of the LeRoy Township or 26.4 percent. Because of St. Andrew's close proximity to the marsh, Father Gundrum coined the phrase, "Cathedral of the Marsh".

The beautiful 500 seat gothic Catholic church with its 150 foot towering steeple in the midst of the moderate rolling farmland can be seen for miles around, symbolizing a welcoming message to all.

This abbreviated parish history was excerpted from approximately 200 pages of St. Andrew's history. The study, research, and documenting was the work of a retired parishioner which took three years in the making. The book will be completed after the jubilee celebration November 21, 1999.

Leonard Schraufnagel
Parish historian



ADMIRING ST. ANDREW'S HISTORY

Tanya, Jenny and Dennis Oechsner look at a 100-year-old scroll that was found at St. Andrew's Church. The scroll was just one of the many items that was on display during the open house at St. Andrew's for the Church's 150th anniversary. The Oechsner's wedding photos were displayed as one of the items from the past.



ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Andrea Hansen

St. Andrew's parish in LeRoy celebrated its 150th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 21 with a Jubilee Mass at 2 p.m. The mass was celebrated by Archbishop Rembert Weakland. After the mass, an open house was held in the school. Pictured with the sign acknowledging the milestone are Father Charles Wester of St. Andrew's and Archbishop Rembert Weakland.

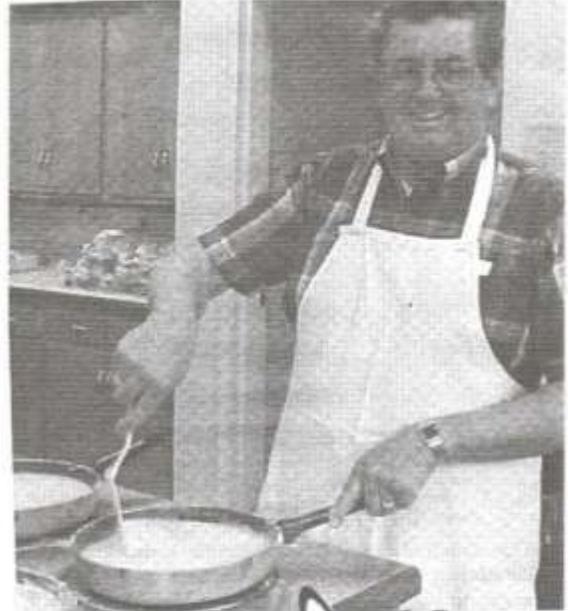
Parish Activities

The annual breakfast brunch under the leadership of James Weinberger and Jon Krapfl with the help of their peers held at the parish hall April 11, 1999 satisfying 550 guests. 'The Country Weekly' covers this event as follows: (quoted in part) "There are plenty of hands in the kitchen at St. Andrew's parish hall in Le Roy to prepare the breakfast buffet. Volunteers filled the griddles, ovens and stove tops with enough food to feed what, at times, must have seemed like an army of hungry diners, arriving by the carloads. Jim Weinberger and Jon Krapfl organized the crew cooking the all-you-can-eat menu for the 600 diners they expected. Every one had at least one job to do. The line was often long, but there was more than enough to eat, with trays of ham, sausage, chicken, pancakes, French toast, applesauce and sweets, along with other items. St. Andrew's members have been organizing and serving the breakfast for over five years. Proceeds from the brunch will be put in the church's restoration fund."



Filling the grills

Greg Krapfl, right, turns some of the pancakes and French toast on his griddle, while Jim Weinberger, one of the organizers, empties more water into a coffee pot at the St. Andrew Parish kitchen in LeRoy. The all-you-can-eat buffet prepared and served by volunteers from the congregation raised funds for the church restoration project.



Country Weekly photo.

Above: Jack Hurlbert stirs one of several pans of scrambled eggs.

Right :Jon Krapfl, kitchen crew supervisor



Seniors Day

St. Andrew social activities are scheduled on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month for a gathering of seniors in the parish hall for cards and a lunch at about 4:30. A monthly committee provides the refreshments as they host people from the parish and neighboring communities.



Right :Tony Feucht, Center, Fr. Robert Berghammer, Right, James Weinberger.

Below: Rosina Waas, Evelyn Rinzel, Elizabeth Sabel, Virginia Kluenger, and Lorrell Feucht.



Above :Helen Weinberger, Virginia Klueger, Norman Sabel, Andrew Rinzel, Mary Wondra, . and Theresa Vollmer

1999 Anniversaries

St. Andrew community extended congratulations to:
The Very Rev. Father Charles Wester 40th anniversary of the priesthood.
Father Robert Berghammer, 50th anniversary of the priesthood.
Armond and Rosina Waas, 67th wedding anniversary.
Raymond and Elizabeth Vollmer, 60th wedding anniversary.
Norbert and Beatrice Zangl, 60th wedding anniversary.
Albert and Gloria Valle 50th wedding anniversary.
James and Helen Weinberger, 50th wedding anniversary.
Leonard and Marie Schraufnagel, 50th wedding anniversary.
Eugene and Arylene Bauer 40th wedding anniversary.