

From our history... (Part 2)

Catholic population of Akron continued to be a Mission Church with the guidance of several missionary priests:

- 1902 – 1904 - Rev. D.C. Robertson
- 1904 – 1911 - Rev. B. A. Froegel
- 1911 - Rev. Dribbel
- 1911 – 1918 – Rev. J.L. Juily

On September 28, 1907, Akron area Catholics hosted for the first time ever the bishop of Denver, Bishop Nicholas C. Matz. It was a great day for our community. The Bishop confirmed 30 people; 20 boys and girls received the First Holy Communion. On that day the church building was dedicated and received the name *Saint Joseph*.

On August 23, 1913, following a dream of having a church, school, and rectory close to each other, parishioners of St. Joseph bought lots on the 3rd block of Bent Street. A new church was built. Parishioners donated most of the labor and material. They raised funds needed for the project. The Board of Trustees sold the old church building for \$500 to John S. Arnold.

On May 17, 1914, Bishop Nicholas C. Matz came again to Akron; this time to dedicate a new church building.

In 1916, Mr. Conrad Heer, a parishioner, donated an acre of land east of town for use as a Catholic Cemetery.

On August 17, 1918, Mrs. Anna M. Jost became the first person buried in Saint Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Joseph Parish,

To help the *Parish Pastoral Council* in preparing the 100th celebration of Saint Joseph Parish, we formed the *Centennial Committee*. Both groups are working together, and I am asking everyone to support us through your prayers and helping hand. We are following in the footsteps of parishioners who wrote our history, and we continue to write the history of our beloved parish. Please feel free to contact *Pastoral Council Members* or members of the *Centennial Committee* with your ideas and support. Consider sharing your own time and talents with the parish family as we prepare for a celebration in August 2018.

Pastoral Council: Terry Kuntz: 554-1279; Terry Hart: 554-1536; Kay Fuller: 345-2464; Deacon Joe Benjamin: 554-1154; Marjie Hottinger: 554-116; Noel Weis: 554-0924; Jordan Willeke: 630-2849.

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We are asking for volunteers to help:

- To contact Media, and inform people of our Anniversary
- To compile our history pictures to Slide Show
- To work with Peggy Willeke /554-1990/ on making a commemoration book and DVD from the August Celebration.

August 19, 2018 celebration will have 3 parts:

1. Cemetery – prayers for deceased Parishioners and blessings New Signs
2. Holy Eucharist – in Church
3. Reception

We will keep everyone informed. -Fr. Marek