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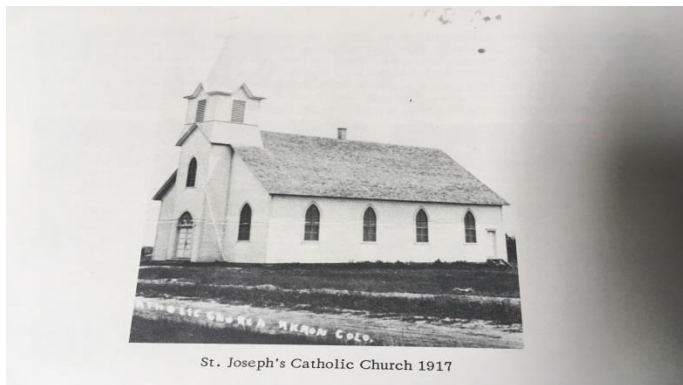
After 31 years of being a Mission, the church in Akron, now with the name of Saint Joseph, became a Parish. Announcement was made by Bishop J. Henry Tihen on February 7, 1918.

On February 21, 1918, the bishop named Fr. Louis Grohman, ordained in 1911, as the first pastor of the Parish.

March 18, 1918 – from Mrs. Corda Beach – parish bought a house to be used as a rectory.

On Easter Sunday, 1919, ground was broken for the *Saint Joseph's Boarding and Day School*.

It was a combined effort and sacrifice of Catholics and non-Catholics to get this school open. The dedication ceremonies were conducted by Bishop Tihen on September 7, 1919. The next day, September 8, 1919 school opened formally. Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary took care of running the School. On the first day there were 24 boarding students, 65 day students and 30 music pupils. St. Joseph's School operated until June 1929. The Depression brought difficult time. It was impossible to keep the school open.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Joseph Parish,

St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council and *Centennial Committee* are working hard to prepare 100th Anniversary Celebration of our Parish. We invite everyone to pray, think and talk about our history and the ways to celebrate it this year. Please share your thoughts with *PPC* or *CC* members

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August 19, 2018 celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m.:

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

We want to make a *History Slide Show* from the pictures you might have in your Family Albums.

You can email: stjcelebrates100years@gmail.com, or hand deliver your pictures to Jen Koch. Originals will be returned to you. Jen will make a slide show.

May God bless everyone.....- Fr. Marek