### Beresford St. Teresa of Avila I Idylwilde St. Boniface



SHORT HISTORY OF ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

On the outskirts of Beresford, South Dakota, there has been completed and is now in use, a magnificent structure. It is a new Catholic church dedicated to St. Teresa of Avila, the Doctor of the Church.

This is the 5th Catholic Church in Beresford bearing the name of this patroness. After many prayers, meetings and planning under the direction of Father Joseph Forcelle, it has become a reality. Unique in that it embodies the wishes and the heritage of a parish over a century old. Stained glass windows, the Kimball Organ, the beautiful statuary and many artifacts from the old Church, have been used in bringing the old to the new. The Church will be consecrated on March 17, 1991, by Bishop Paul Dudley.

St. Teresa of Avila's Catholic Church was an off shoot of the Emmett parish before the Vicariate of Dakota was created. It was served by Emmett pastors. The parish started with eight families. Increase in the numbes of Catholics in the area warranted the building of the first Church in 1885, under the pastorship of Rev. Edward Power. Increase of members made it necessary to build a larger Church in 1895, under the leadership of Rev. George Sheehan. In 1900 a beautiful edifice, considered one of the finest in the state, was built under the guidance of Rev. James McNally. Beresford was swept by a terrible windstorm in 1900, which leveled the structure, leaving St. Teresa's again having to have masses in various places about town. Rev. J.J. O'Neil undertook the building of another church, a beautiful brick building, completed in 1904 and consecrated in 1910, by Bishop O'Gorman. Many of the furnishings of the new church such as stained glass windows, statues and the organ were donated in memory of loved ones.

During the modernization of the Church in the later years many of the original furnishings have found new homes. The Reed Organ which was replaced in 1915 by a pipe organ, is now in the Shrine of Music in Vermillion, South Dakota.

In 1976 Bishop Hoch found it necessary to close the Emmett parish which then merged with St. Teresa's enhancing the parish in many ways.

Father, Wm. Neuroth was the most recent priest ordained from St. Teresa's. Dan Manning was ordained a Deacon on November 24, 1990, in the new church and after his ordination to the priest hood, we are anticipating the celebration of his first mass. This will be held Juen 2, 1991.

The new building houses the Toomey Hall, which provides a large dining hall and modern kitchen. Also the facility provides several rooms for our educational purposes and two offices.

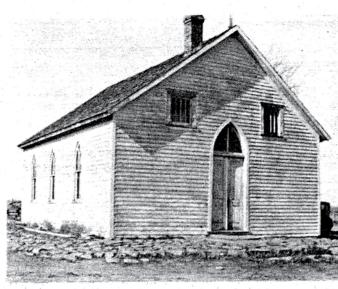
Active organizations in St. Teresa of Avila are the Altar Society, St. Teresa's of Avila Catholic Daughters, Monsignor Delahoid Council of the Knights of Columbus and Rosary Society. There are 201 families in the parish at the present time.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH (IDYLWILDE) Freeman, South Dakota

The first Catholic families to come to this area were the John Heirigs and the Brunner families who came in 1879. In 1880 Christopher Goettertz and Ignatz Dangel and their families made permanent settlements. Other settlers coming in 1881 were Jake Roadinger, Kasper Schweitzer. Peter and John Weier, and Frank Bartsch.

Between 1879 and 1885 Mass was held in the homes. About once a month a visiting priest from Yankton or Walshtown would come to one of the parishioners' homes on Saturday and would spend the night. The John Heirigs, Christopher Goettertz, and Ignatz Dangel homes were host to these Masses. When the priest arrived on Saturday, one of the older children would quickly go around the neighboring families and would announce that Mass was to be held in the morning. Mass was always said in the living room. After Mass, Father held separate catechism classes in the bedroom first for the girls and then the boys. Everyone stayed for dinner and visiting was enjoyed by all into the afternoon. Between 1879 and 1883 mail was received at the Childstown Post Office two miles north of Herbert Weier's farm. This mission was called "Childstown" Mission" by the visiting priests. Our own Post Office, Idvlwilde, was established November 21, 1883 and located in the southeast corner of Section 5. The first wedding in Idylwilde was that of John

Heirigs and Mary Brunner, April 19, 1884. The wedding took place in the new wooden schoolhouse of District #5 located one-half mile north and one-half mile east of the present "Idylwilde" Church. In 1885 the Catholic families of this community built their own church on the northeast corner of Section 15, Salem Township. The land was donated by Christopher Goettertz and the land for the cemetery was donated by John Heirigs. The first person buried in the cemetery was John Heirigs on April 22, 1886.



Early St. Boniface Catholic Church built in 1894 In the summer of 1894 the stone church was

replaced by a wooden church. The old stone church was torn down and some of the stones were used to make the new sidewalk around the new structure. One of the early customs during Mass, was for the ladies and girls to sit on one side of the sanctuary and the men and boys on the other.



Present St. Boniface completed in 1935

In the summer of 1934 the first wooden church was moved four miles south to what is now Pearson's City. It was made into a store and living quarters

and is still located in the northeast corner of Section The present church is the last of three buildings.

In the fall of 1934 construction was started and Mass was held in the basement. In April of 1935 the new frame building was completed.

Betty Weier Pulkrabeck was baptized in the basement on November 28, 1934 and Maureen Dangel Birgen was the first baby baptized in the completed church on April 7, 1935. Josephine Heirigs and Laurence Andersen were the last couple married in the old church, June 14, 1934. Lena Schweitzer and Ernest Moeller were the first couple united in marriage in the new church May 22, 1936. In 1955-1956 Idylwilde was enlarged to twice its original size and thereby accommodated 47 families. Stained glass windows, which were purchased from Heart Convent in Yankton, were installed. In January 1968 the old altar was removed and replaced with the present altar. The steeple was removed in

the spring of 1966. In 1975 a new entry was built on the southeast corner and bathrooms were installed. About 70 families are now members of Idylwilde. The present Council members are Henry Goettertz, Larry Andersen, Jr., Gary Blue, Gerald Wek, Jerome Weier, and Herbert Weier. The Ladies' Altar Society had its beginnings some 50 years ago with Kate Georgeson as President. Today Mrs. Edward Massey serves as President, Mrs. Dennis Herrboldt as Secretary and Mrs. Lyle Rechnagel as Treasurer. They are very active and annually hold bazaars, fall festivals, and church suppers.

A very significant event occurred on September 14, 1975. The congregation was privileged to

celebrate its 90th Anniversary Priests who served St. Boniface are Mgsr. George Sheehan (1882-1885), Jacob Schirra (1883-1885), Phil Albrecht (1887-1888), George Hepperle (1888-1895), Lawrence Link (1896), Nicholas Dahlmanns (1895-1896), Thomas W. Kearney (1896-1899), Lawrence Kerley (1899-1901), Lawrence Link (1901-1902), Charles Byrne (1901-1906), Ernest F. Cunniff (1906-1909), Anton Kippes (1909-1926), James J. O'Brien (1926-1935), B. F. Cahill (1936-1939), P. J. O'Conner (1939-1954), Fabian Chartier (1954-1955), Milton Eggerling (Assistant), Joseph Deragisch (1955-1962), Leo Fox (1962-1963), Charles Duman (1963-1966), Joseph Power (1966-1968), Richard Schmidt (1968-1973). Wilfred J. Schiltz

### Wakonda St. Patrick

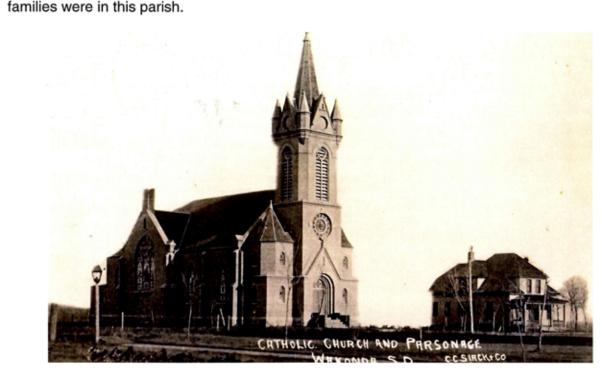
### **History of St. Patrick's Church**

The first settlers arrived in the northern part of Clay County in the late 1860's and at that time the nearest Catholic churches were in Jefferson, Dakota Territory and St. Helena, Nebraska.

In what was to become St. Patrick's parish, Mass was celebrated for the first time in 1870 southeast of Wakonda and the next Mass in 1874 northeast of Wakonda. Following that Mass was said whenever a priest visited the community, usually in the largest house in the neighborhood.

The very first church was built in 1877 on 10 acres of land donated by Philip McCarty, three miles south and two and one-half miles east of Wakonda. The church was known as St. Patrick's, Lodi. St Patrick's South Cemetery is located at that site and is still in use. Father J. Ahearn became the first resident pastor in 1880 after a parish rectory was built directly across

The following people are recorded by a later pastor to have been outstanding figures in the pioneer days of St. Patrick's church: John Morrison, Philip McCarty, Dominic Dillon, Patrick Keeley, John Cronin, Thomas Hart, Fred Mart, Ed McMunigal, James Collins, James Devine, Hugh Devine, William Dwyer, James H. Dwyer, Matt Gill, James Wagner, Barney Burke, James Commaford, Dan McCarthy, Edward Burke, John Burke, John McKilhop, and Sharkey families. St. Columkille, known as the North Church was constructed in 1882. The church was located one-mile east and three and one-half miles north of Wakonda near the cemetery still in use. The Young, Kilbride, Loughran, Crawford, Turner, Bullman, Flynn, Ryan, and Donnelly



After a period of controversy, the church was moved into town in the latter part of 1897 during the time that Father John O'Hora was pastor of St. Patrick's. The structures of Sts. Columkille and Patrick were joined to form the church in town. The present brick edifice was erected in 1904 during the tenure of Father E.J. Egan (1899-1926). The mortgage was burned in 1913. In succeeding years the following priests served: Fr. W. R. Lehecka 1926-1929; Fr.

Anton Kippes 1929-1942; Fr. Brian O'Malley 1942-1956; Fr. Patrick Duggan 1956-1959; Fr.

Jerome Holtzman (assistant) 1958-1959; Fr. Joseph Presinell 1959. A pipe organ donated by the John McMunigal family was installed in 1917. The beautiful instrument (still to be rebuilt) is a treasured fixture for liturgical services. Previously, a pump organ with Mrs. John Donahue (Ella Dwyer) as organist provided the music. The venerable organ now resides at the Hansen Funeral Home, Irene.

From 1917-1960 Katie McMunigal Schaefer served as organist with Mrs. James Donahue as her assistant in the latter 40's and 50's. During this era an eight member choir sang the traditional Latin Mass liturgy for Sundays and Holy Days. The church would be packed for Christmas Midnight Mass with the locals and visitors from surrounding communities to hear the outstanding four-part harmony.

Father Marvin McMahon served as pastor 1959-1986. Under his supervision the church interior was painted in 1965. High school students sang for funeral Masses and Forty Hours Devotion. Organists during this time were: Mary Kay Collins, Dorothy Buckley, Peggy Glidden, Marcia Morrison, Elizabeth Glidden, Jackie Schaefer, Julie McMunigal, and Linda Peterson. In 1979, Mrs. James Donahue assumed the organist position and introduced congregational singing. At present, various groups, including Joe Sokolowski and Cindy Nelson as a guitar duo

rotate on a weekly basis. Aspiring young musicians are Andy Ganschow and Katie Sokolowski. Father Joseph Holzhauser succeeded Father Marvin McMahon from 1986-1988 during this time he supervised the building of a parish center dedicated as a memorial to Fr. McMahon who served for 27 years. Father James McCormick served from the late 1988 to early 1989, replaced by Father Paul Tharaniyil of India until Father Charles Duman was appointed in 1992.

Fr. Paul's supervised the repainting of the church, pews refinished, altar rail removed and carpet installed over the hardwood floors. During that time Sunday mass was celebrated in the McMahon Center. Fr. Paul retired to his native India in 1992 and is recently deceased. Upon his retirement, Father Duman served until 1996 and was succeeded by Father James Engbert who was chaplain at the Newman Center at USD. Following his departure, Father Mark Lichter, also a two-year pastor, was succeeded by Father Joe Forcelle in 2000. He resides in Vermillion at the Newman Center.

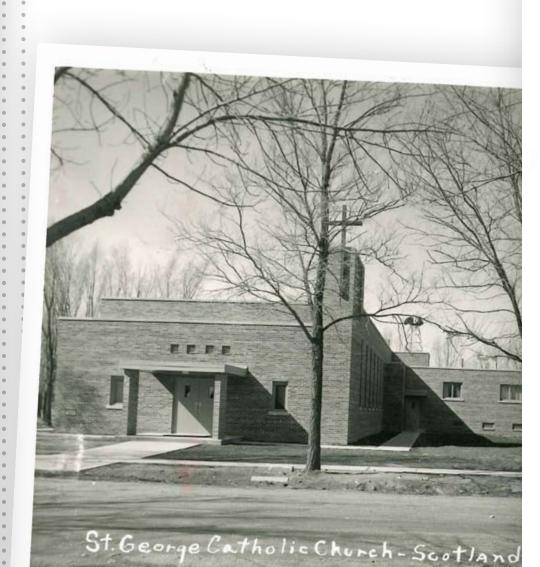
As we mark the 100th anniversary of St. Patrick, we can only marvel at the hard work and labor of our Irish ancestors in building this outstanding brick Gothic style church. One can only imagine the teams of horses and stubborn mules hitched to large scoops to excavate the earth. It must have taken weeks to complete. Nowadays it is just a matter of a few days. All men of past and present generations have contributed in painting, re-roofing, cement work, tree trimming, and various other maintenance chores. The newly organized Knights of Columbus now keeps "tab" on those repair jobs.



Congratulatory words also to the ladies' who in the past cooked chicken dinners and sponsored basket socials as fund raising prospects. Their descendents are still planning special events, like funeral dinners and church cleaning duties. They also staff the CCD classes. in addition to raising their families and working outside the home. They emulate Martha who waited on Our Lord. God bless them. In closing, we acknowledge the "Wall

Street expertise" of Father McMahon - who "bank-rolled" our much needed parish center which bears his name. May he rest in peace. St Patrick pray for us.

## Scotland St. George



HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Scotland, S. Dak. 11-10-89

St. George's Catholic Church began construction on the 1st of October, 1884 and was completed in April of 1885. General Campbell drew up the plans according to the Pennsylvania Dutch Church of that time. The contractor was

Fred Cach of Scotland. The greater portion of the structure was built from chalk rock which was obtained from land east of Scotland. The church was located on the northeast end of the present church property. It was quite small (30 x 60 feet) and very poorly heated. There were only 20 to 30 people attending mass at that time. The cornerstone was laid by the Rev. Martin Marty, assisted by Father George Will and Father Collins.

There were no parish priests at this time. A priest would come once a month from Sioux City, Iowa by train.

In 1890, John F. Schmidt, bought the west end of the block for the church's future use. From Approximately 1895 to 1903, the church was having financial problems and had to be closed. Mass

was now held in a store building that was located across from the grade school. In 1906, the Parish House was built and church was open in use again.

The first parish priest at Scotland was Rev. Henry J. Lovig, an Irishman who came here with his entire family from Kentucky. Mass was held in the church just twice a month. The other two Sundays the priest went to Delmont and Tripp. The priest always traveled by train, leaving on Saturday and returning on Monday. The second priest, a German, named Rev. Michael Sask, was here from 1912 to 1920. In 1920, the parish attempted to build a new church, but failed due to bad economy. In 1921, the Rev. Bernard J. Bowning came to serve.

In 1923, the church was remodeled by James Sedlacek and the bell was donated by the Frank Podzimek family. Father Walter Liesch came to Scotland in 1924 and stayed 13 years. At that time Vodnany was the Mission Church. In 1933, the Scotland Parish celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church. Priests from more than

30 neighboring towns were present. Bishop Bernard J. Mahoney and Tom Berry, Governor of South Dakota, spoke at the banquet.

In 1937, Rev. William Power began serving St. George's parish. He was here for 18 years. In June, 1956, the blessing and laying of the cornerstone for the new Catholic parish was held with Father Ladislaus Dudek officiating. The copper box which contained a history of the parish, its members, a list of doners to the building of the church, copies of the South Falls Argus Leader, Scotland Journal and coins

Following Father Dudek as priests were Rev. Joseph Deskievicz, Rev. Charles Duman, Rev. Radar, Rev. Walter Durazynski, Rev. Edward Larkin and Rev. Phil Leinfelder.

Presently serving Saint George's Catholic Church is Rev. Glen Latterell.

### Centerville Good Shepherd

The first Roman Catholic Liturgy was celebrated in Centerville in 1886 by one of the great pioneer priests of our diocese, Father George Sheehan. It is very significant that this priest later on was assigned to the Elkton parish and while there, baptized our present Bishop, Lambert A. Hoch.

Father Sheehan would offer Mass in a school building which was located directly east of the present baseball diamond in Centerville. The property for the site of the present rectory and old Church was donated by one Hugh Langdon. Under his leadership, a number of the early Catholic settlers in the Centerville area built a parish house which was completed in 1888, and this served as the place of worship as well as providing a residence for the priest for over a period of 10 years. While residing at Centerville, Fr. Sheehan, and his early successors cared for the Church that had been erected at Swan Lake, Hur-

The first Catholic baptism was recorded in the Centerville parish on July 3, 1886, one Mary Ellen Dwyer. During part of the 1890's, Centerville lost its resident priest, and was made a mission of Beresford, the priest usually making the trip to Centerville on horse and buggy. Early records show that the parish was originally called St.

ley and Davis, none of which exist today.

Barbara's.

The old Church building was completed in 1899 and named, "Our Mother of Mercy." The basement of the Church was added by the Altar Society in the late 1920's. Under the fruitful 10 year pastorate of Fr. L. Donald Grace, many improvements

The parish of Centerville has been served by 25 priests over a span of 80 years. They include: Fathers George Sheehan, R. Fitzsimmons, Charles

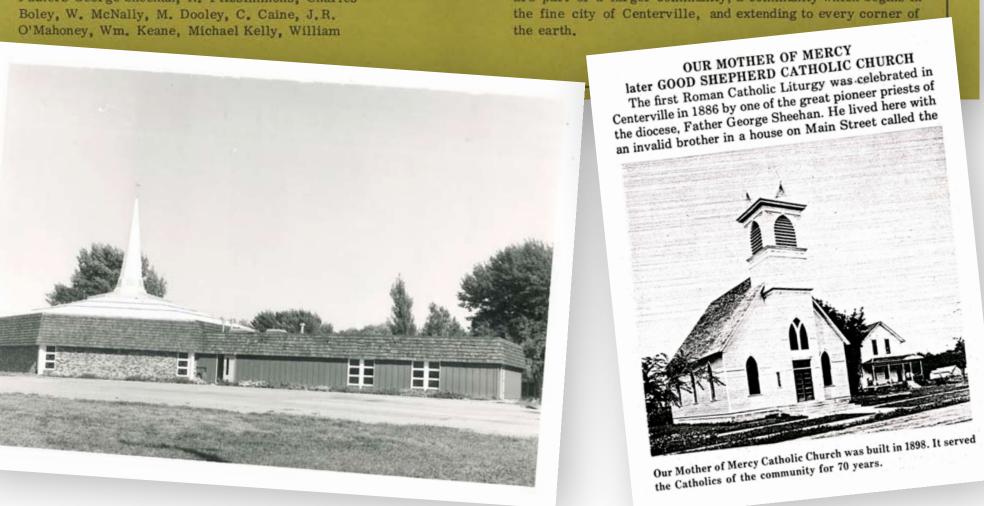
as well as the remodeling of the Church were accomplished.

Mulloney, J.J. McGrath, E.J. Cuniff, M.J. Enright, P.J. Creel, Leo Husman, R. Fitzpatrick, Myron Martin, John Reuland, L. Donald Grace, John R. Kasch, Casmir Mociun, Andrew Foley, Joseph Deskiewicz, Robert Bargen, Thomas Mechtenberg, and James Michael Doyle.

The present parish of Centerville now numbers over 90 households. Parishioners also come from the areas of Davis. Hurley and Viborg. Nearly 100 children of the parish participate in an active catechetical program held weekly for all 12 grades. Also active in the parish are the Altar Society, the Knights of Columbus and the CYO. Since the renewal of the Catholic liturgy brought about by the Second Vatican Council, much effort has gone into making the liturgy a communal celebration of all the people. In addition to acolytes and ushers, the use of men in the parish as commentators (to read the scriptures and direct the people in prayer) has been introduced. Under the guidance of a dedicated organist and choir, the parish has also made considerable progress in congregational singing. We are supremely hopeful that the new Church will be a great benefit in helping us practice an inspiring and meaningful worship according to the direction of the renewed liturgical movement of today.

The present parish, now named, "Good Shepherd Catholic Church" is gratefully mindful of all the parishioners that have preceeded us down through the years. The new Church building is a living monumnet of their sacrifices as well as those of today's parishioners.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church of Centerville opens its doors for the 1st time to a world equally as challenging as pioneer times. It is an age not without tension, but having a future that is filled with promise. In such an age, we dare not become immersed in ourselves. The parishioners of Good Shepherd Catholic Church are determined to remember that we are part of a larger community; a community which begins in the fine city of Centerville, and extending to every corner of



# Mayfield St. Columba

**OUR HISTORY...** 

The first church at Mayfield had its beginning on January 16, 1882. The parishioners met at the Murray School for the purpose of building a church at Mayfield, Yankton County, Dakota Territory. The Murray School was located in Section 34, Mayfield Township, South Dakota, southwest of the present location of St. Columba Church. Michael Hogan donated ten acres in Section 28, Township 96, Range 55, for the building of a church and cemetery which was located one and one-fourth miles west and one half mile north of the present location of St. Columba Church. This land was deeded to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Kyran on April 1, 1884.

In 1892, there were 29 Irish families in St. Kyran's which was a mission of St. Brigid's, Walshtown. The church building was approximately 20 x 40 feet and the cemetery was located southwest of the church building. Soonafter, this church was moved because it was in a poor location due to flooding that occurred each spring.

The Mayfield Church of St. Columba, which is located in Section 34, Township 96, Range 55, was built in the early 1900's while Rev. Charles Byrne was pastor. The first church burned down and another church was built at the same location. The cornerstone on our present church reads: "St. Columba's Church 1902." The five acres in Section 34 were purchased for \$425.00 in April of 1903 from Patrick and Anna Fitzgerald. There are two bells in the bell tower, one is from St. Brigid's Church of Walshtown and the other is a tolling bell which is used for funerals.

St. Columba was attended by Yankton until the rectory was built south of the church in 1912. Other early church property also included two barns which were built west of the church. The barns were used to house the parishioners horses during church services.

In January of 1936, because the rectory and barns were no longer used for church purposes, it was decided to offer the barns, household items, and other miscellaneous furniture for sale at auction. The first barn was sold and moved one mile south of the church and in September of 1936, the second barn was moved south of Viborg, South Dakota. The house was moved earlier in the year in late April of 1936. The exterior appearance of St. Columba's is the same as when it was first built except for a new

and larger entrance, steps and concrete walk which were added in 1934. The following is taken from a Yankton Press and Dakotan article dated November of 1934: "A solemn high mass and banquet was held Thursday of last week which concluded the renovating of St. Columba's Mayfield. The project, sponsored by the parish and financed by a loan from the Better Housing Plan, was begun about five weeks ago under the supervision of Mr. Pete Lynum of Irene,

purchased from the Central Lumber Company of Irene. The whole structure from basement to steeple has had its share of attention, and at present, stands in comparison with the loveliest and best of its kind.

assisted by Rev. J.J. O'Brien and Joseph Healy. All unskilled labor was donated and the material was

The exterior of the church has been shingled, painted, and a new vestibule and concrete walk and steps were added which present a most pleasing appearance from its prominent location on the hill. The interior is finished in a gray-brown wallboard with a metal ceiling of ivory; the altar consists of oak and gold, which are the major improvements, with no details begin overlooked."

In the 1940's under the supervision of Rev. P.J. O'Connor, the pine trees were planted around the church yard and cemetery in memory of the World War II servicemen. There is also a bronze plaque with the names of the parishioners who were World War I veterans which hung in the back of the church for many years. In June of 1956, Stations of the Cross were added to the north and south walls of the church and were blessed by Bishop Brady during confirmation that year.

The 1960's brought Vatican II and many changes in the church which included the main and two side altars being remodeled and the communion rail was removed. The main altar was made smaller and moved closer to the west wall to make room for the altar table so the priest faces the people during Mass. The tabernacle was changed so that the sanctuary light is always burning to symbolize the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The two side altars were also made smaller and a rosary made by the late John Osterberger is draped around the canopy of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The sanctuary walls were covered with wood paneling and banners used to symbolize the various occasions. The organ and choir were moved from the balcony to the south, front area of the church. Later, in 1989, the organ and choir were moved back to the balcony. To encourage more active participation in the church as requested by Vatican II, the Mass was changed into English, congregational singing was encouraged, guitar music, Eucharistic ministers, lay readers, and parishioners taking part in the offertory procession. The Vatican also brought changes in our religious education program. From many years, catechism was held for a few minutes after Mass. The Baltimore Catechism was used as a text. Today, preschool through high school seniors meet for one hour each Wednesday night of the school year. The Sunday Visitor series is used as a text.

In 1967 the basement, was extensively remodeled forming a dining room, modern kitchen facilities and bathrooms. A niche was built in the east wall of the dining room for a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Removable wallboard partitions were made so the dining room could be used for CCD classrooms. They were replaced by draperies in 1976.

Rev. Joseph Rimlinger served us from August of 1968 until June 1, 1974. It was through him that the board of education, parish constitution, altar society constitution, and the cemetery association were formed. In 1976, the reconciliation room was built in the rear, northeast corner of the church where the statue of St. Anthony stood. The statue was then moved to its present location between the swinging, entrance doors and the confessional. In the fall of 1987, the roofs on both sacristies were replaced and some extensive repair work was done to the north side of the church. The steps into the north sacristy retained moisture causing considerable rotting of the sill. It was decided to remove the steps and also the door to repair this damage and improve the appearance of our church. The stained glass windows, that were above the Altar prior to the renovation of the church in the 1960's, had been covered up with wallboard so it was decided to remove them. One of these windows was used in the space where the north sacristy door had been. A dream of many of the parishioners was realized on May 22, 1988. Fr. Joseph Holzhauser, who served us from June of 1986 until May of 1988, returned to dedicate a memorial in the cemetery. This memorial consists of two steel beams made into a cross, which were

painted black, upon which the Corpus of Italy was placed. A cement base completes this memorial. There are between sixty and seventy families in the parish. Presently, Fr. Paul Tharaniyil is our priest. Active organizations in our parish are the parish council, altar society, board of education, cemetery board, CYO and CCD. Over the years, many fund raising events have been sponsored, such as basket socials, plays, raffles, dances, 4th of July picnics, chicken suppers, ice cream socials, card and bingo parties, magazine sales, Stanley parties, sale of Rawleigh products, bake and craft sales, parish breakfasts, serving lunches for parishioners sales, and in 1985 a barbecue was organized and since that time, has been held each August.