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# Sts. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church Centennial Celebration 1909-2009

WARREN, MINNESOTA

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009** 

# "Say Not, I Am Too Young—Say Not, I Am Too Old"

"In July of 2008, Father Emmanuel appointed a Centennial Planning Committee to meet for the purpose of planning activities for a centennial celebration for the Diocese of Crookston and also for the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul in 2009.

With some modification, the theme that was used for the 2008 Youth Rally, was chosen to be included in the Centennial theme also: "Say Not, I Am Too Young" -"Say Not, I Am Too Old". We are never too young, or too old, to serve others and spread the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The committee also chose a project that would involve the whole parish and would be a lasting memory for years

to come. A statue of our Blessed Mother Mary was chosen to be mounted on a cement slab with a brick arch put over the statue creating a Grotto just outside the church entrance. The statue, Our Lady of Grace, was made in Italy and was shipped to our church. Donations were accepted for the whole project, and the support from the parish was overwhelming.

This would not have been possible without the generosity of the congregation and friends of the parish. The Grotto will be blessed at the Centennial Celebration Mass on June 28, 2009 by Bishop Michael Hoeppner."



Our Lady of Grace



Bishop Michael Hoeppner

#### Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church History

Note: Dolli Judovsky compiled and wrote a Parish History that was published in the "Warren-Plains to Plenty" Centennial Book in 1980. A special "Thank You" is extended to Dolli for that Parish History which is included here. Updated history compiled and written by: Phyllis Nowacki,

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#### Fr. Claude Massonat: 1909 or 1910

From 1880 to the time a congregation was formed in Warren, Mass was said infrequently for the Catholic families of Radium and Warren. Around the year 1906, Masses were held at the Nick Schantzen home in Radium. Francis Ferguson was baptized at the Schantzen home. His brother, Charles, was a member of our Parish community from 1901 until his death in June of 1979.

It is believed that the first
Mass celebrated by
the Rev. Claude
Massonet in Warren

was in 1909 or 1910.

G. W. Smith, a drayman, was elected treasurer. The Parish was incorporated on December 10, 1914.

The Protestant people of Warren aided considerably in building this Parish. One of them who deserves special mention is Attorney Julius J. Olson, father of Attorney Sletten Olson. In February of 1915, Attorney Olson formulated a subscription list for the new Church and backed it with a personal gift of \$300 and the lot. It looks as if the ecumenical movement was on the way then.

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## Fr. Joseph Fraling: Nov. 1914-April 1915

In 1914, when Father Joseph Fraling was pastor at Stephen, it became evident to him that a Catholic Parish must be established in Warren to care for the spiritual needs of a considerable Catholic population there. His first Mass was celebrated in the "Unique Theatre" (where Hardware Hank, at 201 East

Johnson is now), on November 29th with 75 people in attendance. After the frame church for the sum of \$4,000. With the help of the parishioners, especially the digging operations of Springmier and Smith, the church was completed that very summer. The church stood on the lot where Eleanor Solberg's home is today at 410 North Fifth Street. On October 10, 1915 Bishop Timothy Corbett of Crookston, dedicated the new building, and on the same day installed the Rev. John P. Funk as its first resident pas-



services were over, an election of trustees was held. Mr. J. O. Herrick, who was the agent at the Soo Line Depot, was elected secretary, and Mr.

tor. Father Funk had the additional charge of Euclid and Oslo, which were missions of Warren at the time. A house on the lot southwest of the

church was purchased as the first rectory.

The first baptism recorded in the new Sts. Peter and Paul parish was that of Katharine Ferguson, which took place in October of 1915. The first nuptial Mass was a double wedding ceremony performed at the church on November 17, 1915 for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walhaupt (nee Emma Stroble) and Mr. and Mrs. William Zblewski (nee Lenora Schantzen). The first funeral was in lanuary of 1916 for Mr. F. Schantzen. Mrs. William Zblewski's grandfather.

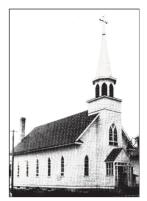
The first financial report of the Church was published in December of 1916, listing the financial position

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Parish and a list of names of the first years' membership. They were: J. Costello, O. Douglas, Hugh Ferguson,

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Mary Ferguson, W. Finch, Mrs. M. Finnegan, Mrs. Charles Franks, Mrs. Healey, Thomas Hannabury, I.O. Herrick, M. Ketter, Mrs. Kilfoyle, N. Kobilka, E.P. Lennon, Mrs. M. Luxemburg, Mrs. M. McGillan, J.M. McDonald, Miss Macy, A. Malm, F. Mlenek, Thomas Ovsak, Sr., Joseph Ovsak, Stephen Ovsak, F.W. Peck, Oscar Peterson, T. Rutz, Michael Rymer, Joseph Rymer, Peter Rymer, Nick Schantzen, F. Schantzen, Ted Schantzen, Joseph Schilling, George Smith, Ira Smith, Adrian Smith, E. Springmier, Mrs. N.O. Stadum, J. Stroble,



Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church 1915

and Mrs. J. Svoboda.

The first organ was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ovsak, Sr. The first organist was Mrs. Ingolf Petersen, and the first choir director was Mrs. Cora Hatfield. Through the years, several of the Ovsak children played the organ; also Elizabeth Miller, and possibly others; but the organist who stayed for any length of time was Mrs. Earl (Ann) Kaliher. The Kalihers were here from 1949 until 1967, and during those 18 years, Ann played for both Sunday Masses, plus daily Masses, never missing a day unless she was sick or they were on vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Novak were married and joined the parish in 1965. In 1966 when Mrs. Kaliher asked for additional organists, Bernadette Novak volunteered. She was the head organist after the Kalihers left. Through the years she had help from Mrs. Norman Bruneau, Mrs. Felix Bienek, John Pryzbylski, Mrs. Tom Yutrzenka, Sue Bye, Darlyne Votava, Norita

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Fr. Joseph Qillien: 1917 (for a few months)

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Fr. Thomas Merrill: Sep. 1917-Feb. 1919

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### Fr. Patrick Lyons: Aug. 1919-1924

Beaudry and Sarah Roley. Presently, the organists are Gayle Gulbranson, Sr. Marguerite Streifel, and Beverly Karr. Sister Marguerite has been giving thirteen year old, Dara Narlock, piano and organ lessons. Dara is very talented, and a promising young organist. She assists Sister Marguerite at the organ and piano, and we are so thankful

that she is using her talents for our church.

Father Thomas G. Merrill came in September of 1917. While here, he began work on the new rectory but was transferred in February of 1919 before its completion. Father T.J. Heavey replaced him but was only here for a few weeks when he burned to death in a fire at the old parish house. On July 29, 1919 Rev. Patrick Lyons became pastor. He completed and took up residence in the new parish house. This is the house presently owned by Mr. and Mrs.

Fr. Joseph Mulvey: Aug. 1924-1949

Father Funk celebrated his last Mass in the Parish On April 22, 1917. He was succeeded by Father Joseph Qillien who remained but a few months. Charles DuBore at 404 North Fifth Street. During the time he was here he also had charge of the Oslo and St. Vincent parishes. While Father Lyons was here the first Confirmation was held. The class was confirmed on August 7, 1921 by Bishop Timothy Corbett of Crookston.

Father Joseph Mulvey succeeded Father Lyons on August 2, 1924 and remained as pastor until 1949. Despite the difficult times of the Depression, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish saw considerable activity during Father Mulvey's tenure. He built a garage in 1925 and bought cemetery grounds in 1928 from J.D. Lawrence for \$200. On January 7, 1933, Father Mulvey invited the parishioners to take part in the burning of all the notes held against the church.

The upkeep of the Church and its heating during the long cold winters was a struggle during those years when financing anything was hard. Nevertheless, in June 1933, the parish

undertook remodeling the interior of the Church. On July 11, 1935, a thousand pound bell was donated by Thomas Ovsak, Sr. and his children - Thomas, Joseph, Michael, Mary, Anna, Barbara, Stephen and Rose - in memory of Mrs. Mary Ovsak, wife and mother, who died on September 25, 1934; and their four deceased infant children. The blessing and dedication of the new bell was held August 4, 1935. It was christened ST. VICTOR in memory of the church Mr. Ovsak belonged to in the old country.

In 1936 Father Mulvey purchased a new cemetery across from the city cemetery and the next year was able to remove the bodies from the old plot which was outside of town. He sold the old plot for \$50 to Raymond Jensen.

The summer of 1938 saw an important new addition to the church with the building of a new sanctuary and sac-

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#### Fr. Nicholas Stumps: July 1949-1952

risty. This allowed the body of the church to be enlarged to accommodate about fifty more people. The final addition to the church during Father Mulvey's pastorate was a new porch added in 1945.

In 1946, under Father Mulvey, St. Mary's of Radium was formed as a mission of Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Until they got a church, the people of Radium held Mass in the upstairs rooms of the old Radium Hall with Father

Mulvey presiding. The Pentecost

Argyle with Father Rousseau and Father Reise offering Mass.

In 1949, shortly before he was transferred, Father Mulvey celebrated his 25th Anniversary in the Priesthood. He didn't like a lot of fuss and refused any offer of a celebration, but the Parish got together and presented him with a gift.

Father Nicholas Stumps succeeded Father Mulvey on July 22, 1949. He was an avid poem writer, and later became chaplain at St. Vincent's Rest Home in Crookston. In a hockey player, and every winter would have a skating rink in good shape for the youth of Warren to skate on. He was also instrumental in starting a tithing program in our parish for the funds for the new church building. While here, Father observed his 25th Anniversary in the Priesthood. The Parish helped him celebrate by holding an Open House for him Sunday afternoon, March 12, 1961. The parishioners presented him with a gift of \$1,000.

Father Lemen performed the funeral rites on July 11, 1953, for the first war casualty in the Parish. Pvt. John Poolman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Poolman, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Poolman donated the first \$100 toward a new organ for the church in his memory. In 1955, a new organ was purchased by Father Lemen to replace the old pump organ.

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taught a few grades himself. Back in the 40's an attempt was made to start a Men's Club, but nothing really materialized until Father Monroe arrived. He formed the Men's club that was active for many years. The first president was Daniel Myszkowski and the secre-

tary-treasurer was Dave ludovsky. Father Monroe died suddenly March 3, 1965 at the age of 52, of a cerebral hemorrhage while teaching catechism to the children. He was buried in the Parish cemetery. Preacher at the funeral Mass was Father W.F. Lemen, former Warren Pastor. A stone altar and cross were erected near his grave. These beautiful structures were donated by his sister, Mrs. Grace Miller, of Illinois. She also contributed the stained-glass windows in the Baptistery and a considerable amount of money for rectory furnishings, all in his memory.

Father Eugene R. Connelly was assigned to our Parish March 18, 1965 and served until August 10, 1969. In addition to serving as priest for our Parish, he was also Superintendent of Schools for the Crookston Diocese.

During his pastorate a new brick church and rectory were built to replace the old wooden structure. Blessing of the ground and construction of the buildings began on May 1, 1968. On February 12, 1969 the parish vacated the frame Church and rectory at 5th Street and Fletcher Avenue and moved into its new quarters. The 12,500 square foot structure cost \$231,000, exclusive of furnishings. It has a seating capacity of 400. Over half the money required for the construction of the church was donated by parishioners. The building committee included Leo Fournier, chairman; Paul Edman, Norman Bruneau, Loius Diedrich, David Judovsky, Emil Pribula, Ralph Plencner, Aaron Deslardins, Lawrence Marek, Kenneth Kroll and Floyd Stancyk.

#### Fr. W.L. Lemen: June 1952-1963

Church of Warren was then purchased and moved to Radium. This church stood where Florence Kuznia's home is today at 316 East Colvin Avenue.

Father Mulvey had made plans to redecorate the interior of the Church, which was done in the Fall of 1947. He also assigned the first ushers the church ever had;

they were Louis Diedrich and Charles Ferguson. They served for 1950 Felix Bienek's grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Warczak, died. Because her grandson was a member of our Parish, she left the church \$1000 to be used to purchase new vestments. While Father Stumps was here a serious furnace explosion damaged the Church.

Father W.F. Lemen succeeded Father Stumps on June 28, 1952. Father Lemen began immediately to make necessary repairs in the buildings and property. He remodeled

Fr. Henry Monroe: July 1963-Feb. 1965

many years until the present day system of rotation started.

In 1948 St. Mary's of Radium, became a mission of

the basement of the church and the kitchen, built a new garage, and added needed Parish office space in the Rectory. Father Lemen was quite

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#### Fr. Eugene Connely: March 1965-July 1969

The finance committee included Stanley Danielski and Harry Kuznia co-chairmen; William Mischel, Leonard Plencner, Nick Plencner, Ivan Johnson, Charles DuBore, L.J. McKinnon, Walter Waldorf and Carl F. Johnson.

The Men's Club organized and served its first St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner in March of 1969 in an effort to help raise money for the needs and finances of the new church.

> The dinner consisted of ham with raisin sauce, along

wedding was performed May 3. 1969 for Ronald Vanek and lune Edgar. The first funeral was that of Byron D. Fournier of Hallock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fournier, held on November 19, 1969.

Shortly after moving into the new church, another organ was purchased from Mrs. Maxine Slusar. It was selected by Mrs. Leonard Novak and Mrs. Rodney Nowacki.

Father Louis E. Proulx, a native of Argyle, became pastor in August of 1969. He loved to fish and spend time at his cabin at Long Point Re-



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On June 26, 1971, Father Edward Nistler was appointed Pastor. In the early fall of 1971 we received four Franciscan Sisters. Two worked under the name of Area Christian Services. Two worked for

the care of the sick and two worked in education. They served the parishes of Dorothy, Euclid, Oslo, Tabor, and Warren for three years.

In September of 1971, it was decided to build a brick bell tower "The Men's Club organized to house and preserve the bell that the **Thomas** 

Ovsak Family had previously donated to the old church in 1935. Rose Kranz and the Ovask Family made donations for the project, and the plans included a mechanically operated hammer to be mounted inside. The bell tower was completed in

February of 1973. A few years later, in 1977, an electric bell ringer was installed to ring the large bell.

On September 12, 1971, an election was held for the selection of members for the first Parish Council in the his-

> tory of the church. In October, the first Parish Council meeting was held, and the members chosen consisted of six men, six

women, two trustees, and two youth. The first Parish Council president was Daniel Mysz-

kowski. The first council members were: Mrs. Howard St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner Lamberson, Mrs Richard Fitzsimons.

> Emil Pribula, Mrs. Don Bauer, Daniel Myszkowski, Mrs. Milan Sorenson, Mrs. W.L. Lamb, Mrs. Dennis Brekke, Sylvester Narlock, Joe Raymond, Richard Fitzsimons, Anthony Kozojed, Leo Fournier, Paul Edman, Linda Plencner, and Dean Danielski.

#### Fr. Louis Proulx: July 1969-June 1971

with baked potatoes and baked beans, corn, coleslaw and dessert. The meal was complete with an Irish theme of shamrocks, green hats and aprons, lime Kool-Aid for the beverage. The dinner proved to be a huge success. The St. Patrick's Day Ham Dinner became an annual event for

the church, the community of War-

sort north of Warroad. The altar servers, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David Judovsky as chaperones, were invited to his lake cabin for some fishing and recreation.

On April 12, 1970, the first class was confirmed in the new church by Bishop L.A. Glenn, and on June 14, 1970 Father Duane Pribula was ordained to the Priest-



## Fr. Edward Nistler: July 1971-June 1981

ren, and the surrounding area.

The first baptism recorded in the new church was that of Caroline Jean Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Cook. on May 11, 1969. The first

hood. In the early spring of 1971, two men of our Parish were appointed by the Bishop to serve Holy Communion. They were Sylvester Narlock and Emil Pribula.

St. Mary's Church of Radium was again switched back to the Warren parish under Father Nistler. In 1978, St. Mary's closed its doors and its parishioners became members of Sts. Peter and Paul. St. Mary's of Euclid then became a mission of Warren.

On Saturday, June 9, 1979, Father Nistler celebrated his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. A concelebrated Mass, with a dinner following in the Social Hall, was held in his honor. The Parishes of Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Mary's of Euclid, presented him with a gift of a new Ford station wagon. Father Nistler also directed

some much needed repairs, and im-

would have had to have been in the Library otherwise. Father Bernauer also had the open patio off the rectory covered with an insulated roof; a new window put in, and new floor covering installed in the rectory living room.

The parish celebrated Father Bernauer's birthday at the parish picnic held at the Marshall County Fairgrounds on June 29, 1986.

Father Mulvey, a former Pastor who served from 1924-1949, returned to celebrate his 62nd Anniversary of the Priesthood. The parish presented him with a plaque to commemorate the occasion on October 20, 1986.

In January 1987, Father Ed Glanzmann was assigned here



First Council—Members of the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Warren chose the first Parish Council in the history of the church in an election on September 12, 1971. Members of the Council are pictured here as they met in a regular business session on Wednesday, September 15, 1971. Seated around the table, going clockwise are: Mrs. Howard Lamberson, Mrs. Richard Fitzsimons, Emil Pribula, Mrs. Don Bauer, Daniel Myszkowski, Rev. Edward Nistler, pastor of Sts. Peter & PaulZ Church; Mrs. Milan Sorenson, Mrs. W. L. Lamb, Mrs. Dennis Brekke, Sylvester Narlock and Linda Plencner. Standing, left to right, are: Dean Danielski, Joe Raymond, Richard Fitzsimons, and Paul Edman. Council members missing were Anthony Kozojed and Leo Fournier. Council officers are: Mr. Myszkowski, president; Mr. Kozojed, vice president; Mrs. Bauer, secretary; and Mrs. Lamberson, treasurer.

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#### Fr. James Bernauer: July 1981-Jan. 1987

provements to the church. New carpeting was installed, a hard surface put unto the church parking lot, and insulation was added to the Social Hall walls, and new storm windows were purchased. Father Nistler served our Parish until June 1981.

Father James Bernauer was assigned to our Parish from July 1981 until January

1987. During that time, an order was received that the



for only six months as an interim priest, but during that short stay he implemented new ideas of music for the Sunday liturgies. Under his direction, in May 1987, a contract was signed for a new



tabernacle should no longer sit behind the altar, and should be moved to a side room. The tabernacle did get moved, but only to the side of the church because it Rogers Pipe Organ. It was delivered on July 10, 1987, just ten days after Father Glanzmann left for a new assignment.

April 17, 1987, former

members of the Bishop Corbett Council of the Knights of Columbus in Argyle, the Knights of the Warren and Oslo parishes formed a new council. The charter was drawn for the Monsignor A. I. Merth Council #9552. Larry Murphy served as the first Grand Knight with 106 members listed on the charter. In 1991, the new Knights of Columbus organization served its First Annual Fish Fry, which is held on the Friday after Ash Wednesday each and every year. The fresh walleye, delicious salads and mouth watering pies are real crowd pleasers. The Knights of Columbus, and the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary are very active organizations, helping to serve the needs of our church, providing scholarships for our

young people, and assisting in charitable work within the community.

The Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Benedict opened a dental clinic in Warren in 1987. Dr. S. Anita Whalen and her staff served Warren and the surrounding area for 21 years. Sister Anita retired in December 2008, and their dental office closed.

Father Raymond Palcisko served as our parish priest from July 1987 until June 1992. He was an avid golfer and he enjoyed a good game of golf with friends from the community whenever possible. On Sunday, June 25, 1989, the Parish gathered for a Unity Celebration and for the burning of the Knights of Columbus \$100,000 mortgage used to finance the construction of the church. The theme for the celebration was "Our Church - A Family United".



#### Fr. Raymond Palcisko: July 1987-June 1992

Mass was celebrated in the church, and then everyone gathered at the Marshall County Fairgrounds in the Centennial Building for a potluck parish picnic and the mortgage burning ceremony. Raymond Burwell acted as emcee for the short program which consisted of prayer, hymns, remarks by Father Palcisko, and the main speaker for the event lan Lamb. The original members of the Finance and Building Committee, that were present for the celebration, par-

ticipated in the burning of the mort-gage.

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to accommodate the equipment. The commercial dishwasher brought the task of dishwashing up to code.

Father Mike Sullivan was assigned to our Parish from July, 1992 until June 2000. Father Mike was a younger priest and was well liked by

ish work, under Father Mike's guidance, while preparing for the priesthood. He was ordained a Deacon on May 27, 2000 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Father Bob's Ordination to the Priesthood was held on lune 18, 2001. Father Bob always referred to Sts. Peter and Paul as his "home parish". and as a thank you for the support given to him by Father Mike and Sts. Peter and Paul parishioners, Father Bob con-celebrated his first Mass in Warren on June 24, 2001 with Father Mike Sullivan.

The Parish hosted a going away party for Father Mike on June 25, 2000. Many people attended from the community also, to say goodbye and wish him well.

Father Larry Weisler served as the parish priest of our church from July 2000 until lune 2001. Father Larry also traveled back and forth to Venezuela working there in a church and in mission work. He loved working with the little children and telling about his work there. Our Parish's Altar Society sent donations to be used in his mission work, and Father Larry always replied with correspondence and pictures of the people and children of his mission.

The Altar Society is a membership of all the women of the parish, organized many years ago. In the early years, the Altar Society served dinners to raise money to help the church with financial obligations. Later on, in the place of the dinners, they organized Spring and Fall Bake Sales

with all the ladies donating crafts and baked goods to be sold. As the years went by, fresh home-made donuts were added to the list of goodies; and now every Spring and Fall a group gathers in the kitchen the day before to make over 200 dozen donuts for each bake sale.

The Altar Society is also very active providing food and working for funerals and other social events; as well as welcoming new parish families. The group also contributes to the education of our young people with donations to the Religious Education Program and provides scholarships for graduating seniors, and helps with many other needs of the parish and community gatherings.

Father Gary LaMoine was appointed to serve here as Pastor in July 2001. He made many necessary improvements and repairs to the church while here. In 2002, he suggested that the parish chapel be converted into a multipurpose room suitable for family members to gather for funerals, and for extra classroom space. New carpet and furniture made for a comfortable family room setting that was very much needed in the church. He also had the tall, overgrown, Evergreen shrubbery removed from the west side of the church, as it was causing water drainage problems for the roof in that area. Father Gary was also instrumental in the remodeling of two restrooms to make them handicapped accessible.

On November 10, 2002, Kelly Lund donated her house to the Sts. Peter and Paul church. The house and prop-

#### Fr. Michael Sullivan: July 1992-June 2000

A going away party and potluck dinner was held on June 28, 1992 in honor of Father Ray, to thank him for his service to the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish.

During the 1990's, new equipment was purchased for the kitchen. The Altar Society replaced the old stoves with a large six burner gas range. The new stove fea-

tured a grill off to the side and large everyone in the parish and the community. While he was here, a memorial to the unborn was erected in the Calvary Cemetery in 1993. It was fashioned out of the former granite baptismal font that had been donated by the Mike Sabol, Sr. Family some 24 years earlier. Air conditioning was also installed in the church under Father Mike's leadership. While serving here as our parish priest, Father



#### Fr. Larry Weisler: July 2000-June 2001

double ovens. Later on, a used commercial dishwasher was purchased from the Sisters of Saint Benedict in Crookston. Some remodeling was needed in the kitchen

Mike was presented a new Ford Winstar Van in appreciation for all he had done for the parish.

Also during this time; Bob Stone worked here doing par-



## Fr. Gary LaMoine: July 2001-June 2006

erty were sold and the proceeds were put into a fund to use for the cemetery upkeep and other expenses.

During the summer of 2004, new doors with automatic openers were installed at the front entrances of the church making an easier access for the elderly and handicapped. The parking lot was given another layer of asphalt sealer, and some of the trees were removed from the crowded tree line on the south side of the parking lot; and others trimmed to grow more uniform

The oldest member of our parish, Mae Gorman, who was celebrating her 100th birthday, was honored with a special Mass and reception on Sunday, June 24, 2004.

On May 8, 2006 the parish held a Silver Jubilee Celebration for Father Gary's 25th Anniversary in the Priesthood. In early conversations about the upcoming anniversary, Father Gary said that he didn't want any party; but to his pleasant surprise, his family was present and seated in the front pews for

a special Mass. A short program fol-

sented to him in the form of a very large check, that had been made by parish member Betty Conely, depicting the total amount of the cash gift.

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was appointed as our priest. Father Emmanuel was ordained in Kanya Kumarie, South India on February 7, 1988. He has devoted his life to help people discover and develop their own unique qualities of greatness. He has served among the tribes in West Bengal, India, as Headmaster in a Bengali medium high school. He holds a Masters degree in Social Work from Loyola College, Madrao. He has served as a Chaplin for



Corey & Stacy Wentz had their daughter Taylor baptized on April 19, 2009
"Taylor was born on

very first Parish as resident pastor.

February 4, 2009

Soon after Father Emmanuel had arrived here, new carpeting was installed in the church during the Christmas season with donated funds received from Walter Luxemburg and the Altar Society. To save money on the project, the old carpet was removed and hauled away by some men, women, and children of the parish all working together to help get the job completed.

2008 was a busy year for Father Emmanuel and the parish. Father Emmanuel's Incardination into the Diocese of Crookston was held on January 16, 2008. The Parish gave him a formal

welcome at a Saturday evening Mass, followed by a potluck supper.

A new sound system was installed in the church, and Father Emmanuel and Greg Myszkowski launched the Sts. Peter and Paul Church new website:

www.stspeterandpaulchurch.o rg. To celebrate his 20th Anniversary of the priesthood, Father Emmanuel, presented a power point presentation of his First Ordination that was held in India. Also, Jordan Ranstrom spoke to the young people of the parish about his personal interest in possibly pursuing the life of a priest.

It was also during this time that Nick Plencner donated the construction of the new Cemetery Directory next to the sign marking Calvary Cemetery, which he had also previously donated. The directory will provide very useful information pertaining to the locations of graves in the cemetery.

Also in 2008, our parish had the opportunity to help IoAnne Ranstrom in arranging for the needs associated in hosting for the first time ever, the Diocesan Youth Rally, on October 16th in the Warren, Alvarado, Oslo High School. JoAnne and her committee had started a year in advance to prepare for this huge event by telling the parish that everyone's support and prayers were needed. They did a great job planning and making sure all the preparations were

Fr. Emmanuel Sylvester: July 2006 to present

lowed the Mass, and a parish dinner and reception were held in his honor. He was given a monetary gift, which had been "secretly" collected from the parishioners during the prior weeks. It was preseven years for migrant Bengalis in Mumbai. Father Emmanuel came to the United States, first to New Jersey, and then he served at other parish appointments before being assigned to Warren, his



A new sound system was installed in the church, and Father Emmanuel and Greg Myszkowski launched the Sts. Peter and Paul Church new website: www.stspeterandpaulchurch.org.

ready. The theme: "Say Not, I Am Too Young"! Over 500 youth came from all over the Diocese of Crookston to spend the day with friends. They were challenged by some great speakers during the program for the day. In the late afternoon, a Mass was held with 18 concelebrating priests present to show their support for all the youth and adults attending the Rally. Young

the Rally. Young and old left the Rally that evening truly touched by the Holy Spirit.

Over the years, Father Emmanuel has written several books on socially relevant issues, and has pursued higher studies while serving our parish. He will be making a return trip to India to take exams, and visit friends and family in May

In July of 2008, Father Emmanuel appointed a Centennial Planning Committee to meet for the purpose of planning activities for a centennial celebration for the Diocese of Crookston and also for the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul in 2009.

With some modification, the theme that was used for



the 2008 Youth Rally, was chosen to be included in the Centennial theme also: "Say

Not, I Am Too Young" -"Say Not, I Am Too Old". We are never too young, or too old, to serve others and spread the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The committee also chose a project that would involve the whole parish and would be a lasting memory for years to come. A statue of our Blessed Mother Mary was chosen to be mounted on a

cement slab with a brick arch put over the statue creating a Grotto just outside the church entrance. The statue, Our Lady of Grace, was made in Italy and was shipped to our church. Donations were accepted for

the whole project, and the support from the parish was overwhelming. This would not have been possible without the generosity of the congregation and friends of the parish. The Grotto will be blessed at the Centennial Celebration Mass on June 28, 2009 by Bishop Michael Hoeppner.

In 2005, when Adaire Ranstrom had begun to cantor for the Sunday liturgies, Sr. Marguerite Streifel suggested to Adaire, that she and two other young people should start a youth band. The youth are the future of our church, and our parish has been truly blessed by the youth for the dedicated service they provide. The Sunday liturgies, led by the Youth Band and a new, promising young organist, are examples of that; the giving of themselves to serve God and their Church.

The following was written



by Adaire telling how the "band" began:

HESED is a Hebrew word for loving kindness: overwhelming, unexpected kindness when you completely give yourself to someone else. This was the first name we chose for our parish youth band, or "The Band" as our parish so fondly refers to us. The name is fitting today, looking back and reminiscing on God's kindness towards us.

Our band began to form in the spring of 2005, at Sr. Marguerite's suggestion. I remember after Mass one morning when I was songleading, a couple of my friends came up to talk to me after Mass. Sister Marguerite said that I should play guitar and sing, along with Meghan Davis and her brother, Joe Bauer. "You guys could start a band," she said with excitement.

"Yeah," we responded, half-heartedly, looking at

each other with little smiles on our faces. We were all thinking the same thing, "No way would we be able to do that!" But the Holy Spirit had a different plan. Sister asked if we knew of anyone who played drums...well, laren Novacek did. Joe and I played guitar, and Meghan and Ally Sorenson sang. We decided to give it a try. We started practicing nearly every day at each others' houses, usually in Jaren's basement, where he kept his drum set. By summer, we were leading music at Mass once a month. The original "band" consisted of Jaren Novacek on drums, Joe Bauer on guitar, Ally Sorenson and Meghan Davis, vocals, and me, Adaire Ranstrom, guitar and vocals. We decided that we needed a band name, and we came up with "HESED," a Hebrew word for loving kindness: overwhelming, unexpected kindness when you completely give yourself to someone else.

Word soon spread around the community that we had put this band, "HESED" together, and we actually started getting "gigs"! We were soon asked to play at UNQUENCHED, a community praise and worship night put on by the youth, along with various prayer services at different churches throughout the community. Jaren, Ally, and myself agreed to help lead music once a week in the summer for a Catholic event called XLT, or EXALT. XLT took place at the Sacred Heart High School in East Grand Forks. Students from all over the diocese would gather together to pray, sing worship songs, listen to a speaker on the Catholic faith,

and have a special time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It was through events such as these that we began to form community with the entire youth of our diocese, making long-lasting friendships.

After a very busy summer, we acquired a couple



Pictured left to right:

Jaren Novacek, Jordan Ranstrom,
Ally Sorenson, Adaire Ranstrom.

new band members: Tyler Golden and Jordan Ranstrom, who filled the shoes of Meghan Davis and Joe Bauer when they left the band. Tyler played guitar and Jordan sang and played bass. It was a nice addition to get a man's voice in the mix! With our new change of sound, we decided to change our band name to "THRIVE".

Because of our involvement with the Crookston Diocese's XLT, we were asked to play for a special Mass in Crookston twice a month. This Mass was called LIFETEEN, a Mass on Sunday nights geared towards the youth of the parish and their families. Lifeteen Mass is known for its youthful, contemporary style of songs, and "interactive" homilies from Fr. Robert Schriener, a beloved priest among the youth of the Diocese of Crookston. I believe I speak for all of the band members when I say that Lifeteen Mass has truly changed our lives. It has set

our hearts ablaze for our rich Catholic faith, and has given us the opportunity to connect with other Catholic youth from the diocese. Tyler, Jordan, and I are still doing Lifeteen today, four years later.

Other involvement in the community and diocese includes a couple years for the Relay for Life, Diocesan Jr. High Youth Rallies, worship nights at other churches in the diocese, such as Argyle, Stephen, and Ada, worship on the UMC campus in Crookston, and two baccalaureate services for the WAO seniors, the most current being last spring-2008, when Jaren, Ally and I graduated. We still enjoy getting together to play when we can, and this past Christmas, we had the opportunity to play for Mass in our church, at a lock-in in Ada, and a Christmas praise and worship evening with Adoration in our parish. We were joined by over fifty friends from throughout the diocese: Bemidji, Crookston, Warroad, Ada, Greenbush, Karlstad, Moorhead, and others.

Even though "Hesed" is no longer the name of "The Band", this word perfectly describes its history. God has showered our band with his joys and blessings, because we surrendered our talents to him. God's kindness towards us has truly been overwhelming, and we thank him for all of the blessings he's bestowed upon us, our families, and our band. Whether we are called "The Catholic Band", "The Youth Band", "Hesed", or "Thrive": or whether we are asked to continue our mission playing for bigger events in the diocese, or whether we are



Pictured left to right:

Jaren Novacek, Jordan Ranstrom,
Adaire Ranstrom, Tyler Golden.

someday asked to play for the Pope himself; we will always simply be "The Band", as our parish so fondly refers to us."

The following is an edited version of a detailed report Adaire presented about her mission work in the summer of 2008. After her return from lamaica. Adaire gave an interesting talk, and a visual presentation of her work and experiences of the mission. Our parish members and its organizations supported Adaire whole-heartedly with love and financial donations. Her entire trip was nearly paid for through the generosity of the parish.

Adaire attended a Mission trip to Jamaica, June 21 -29, 2008. The trip was organized by Catholic Heart Work Camps, a nation-wide organization for service both in the United States and underprivileged countries. She was one of the 16 members from Minnesota to join 90 more participants from all over the United States to work on ten different projects for the Jamaican people throughout St. Ann's Bay.

Adaire's main mission was to love the people of Jamaica through her service, and that is what she did every day. While there, they visited a place called the

Infirmary. It was a home for the physically and mentally disabled, as well as the elderly and bed-ridden. She visited with a man named Edward, who was almost blind, and he told her his life story and his love for lesus. He had nothing, yet he was filled with joy and contentment, because he had lesus in his life. Another project they took on was at the Grace Community Center. The Catholic Heart Work Camp started a thrift store with items that had been donated; such as clothing, shoes, diapers, and kids toys. They also did landscaping at the Center, along with spending time with the school children there, reading and playing. Adaire's work camp accomplished a lot in the week they were there. They built three houses, dug three latrines, moved rock, painted, and purchased and delivered food for the needy.

Adaire wrote, "Serving the people of lamaica last summer was the most incredible, life changing experience I have ever had. I now have a desire to serve more here in the United States, in my own community, and among my friends and family. Again, thank you to everyone who donated towards my trip, and more importantly, for your prayers. Please keep Jessica Korynta and me in your prayers as we will be going to Jamaica again this summer, June 21-29th, 2009. Let us 'empty ourselves' so that we may be filled with the love of Jesus Christ in our service to others."

It's been 100 years since that first Mass was celebrated in Warren. Over the years our church has grown, and

with God's continued blessings and love; we will enjoy another 100 years. The changes have been many, but we hope the people are better and stronger in their faith because of them.

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