

At the advent of its new pastor the congregation was still encumbered by a debt of \$3,300. In August a most successful lawn fete was held netting as the year previous over a thousand dollars. This sum was spent in painting the exterior of the church and rectory, in purchasing a new hot air furnace for the school and new roof gutters for the church. In September the Forty Hours Devotion was introduced.

1923: A wood building was built for the purpose of giving school plays at Christmas, and also for plays and dances given by the young people of the parish. It was located near the rectory where the school kitchen is now. In the first play given by the young group were Gesina Reinert, Alma Fender, Dorthy Ellison, George Tiemeyer, Barnadine Tiemeyer, Peter Sandfoss, Marie Smith, Louis Holtz and Art Holtz, now Rev. Arthur Holtz. The play was *My Wild Irish Rose* and played to a packed house for two nights. After this success the plays were given for many years.

1926: It was found necessary to enlarge the Parish hall in order to accommodate the ever increasing crowds which attended the dramatic entertainments the young people of the parish were giving. The old tabernacle was replaced by a eucharistic tabernacle safe. In the fall of the year the first mission was given by the celebrated Franciscan missionary, Father Andrew Henze. He gave praise to the zeal of the people during this time of grace.

1927: Electric light and power was obtained: also automatic water pumps were installed. The total cost was about \$1,400. A cistern was dug near the school and a concrete road bed from the pike to the yard was constructed together with other necessary walks about the property.

1928: A lot of 60 feet by 200 feet was brought on the east side of the church. The front of the interior of the church was entirely remodeled and four more rows of pews were added. The school windows were removed and replaced by such as would match the other windows of the church. The four new windows were paid for by two generous parishioners. A sacristy was built to the rear of the church for \$600.00. Two septic tanks were constructed in the yard. In this busy year a fine Kilgen Pipe Organ was installed at a cost of over \$3,400, together with blower pump and necessary encasings. This made it possible to inaugurate congregational singing, greatly adding fervor to the Divine Service.

1930: The schoolrooms and Sisters quarters received an ornate coat of wall painting. The old furnace at the rectory had been defective from the beginning; a new one was procured at the cost of \$145.00. Weather stripping and caulking of windows and doors was badly needed, so that the house could be properly heated. Now it was warm with a minimum amount of fuel. The cistern near the rectory had to be rebuilt and enlarged.

1931: Sacred vestments were bought and vestment cases were made for the sacristy. A concrete water gutter had to be made along the pike and school. Another successful Mission was held by Father Alexander, O.F.M.

1932: A stoker was bought for the school furnace and new castings for the church furnace.

1933: A set of fine new stations was placed in the church at the moderate price of \$420.00. The church walls were washed and newly painted. Beautiful medallion paintings were fixed to the walls, the fine work of Leon Lippert of Newport. The people could now say with the Psalmist: "How beautiful are Thy Tabernacles, O Lord God of Hosts."

1934: Another strip of land south was acquired for a playground.

1935: JUBILEE YEAR. "This is the day, or rather, this is the year that the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." Yes, let us sing the Te Deum at the Jubilee celebration to be held on Sunday, September 1, and give heartfelt thanks to God the Giver of all good gifts for all that has been accomplished here these many years for His greater honor and glory and the salvation of souls.