

PARISH HISTORY SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL 1912-1997

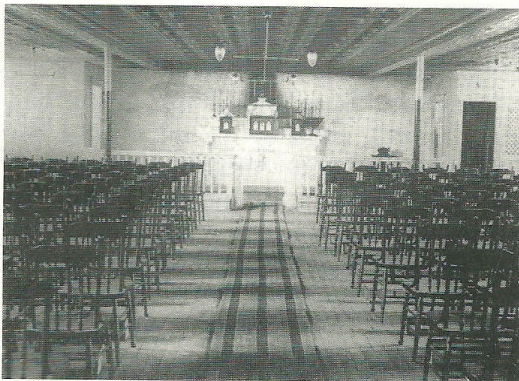
"Bishop Fitzmaurice, please send us a priest", 1912

The history of St. Michael the Archangel Parish all began back at the turn of the twentieth century. The two Catholic churches, St. Catherine and St. Joseph, were hardly able to handle the growing number of parishioners due to the influx of the many immigrants from Poland and Czechoslovakia. Some of the people of Polish and Slovak descent felt the need for a third church to serve their ethnic, cultural and religious needs. Under the leadership of Joseph Margiewicz and Stanislaus Tomasik, a meeting of 310 interested adults was held on May 2, 1909, and by unanimous vote, it was agreed to make plans for a new church under the patronage of Saint Michael the Archangel. At this first formal meeting, Stanislaus Tomasik, Emery Pollack, Adelbert Mirecki, and Wladislaus Luszczi were elected president, treasurer, recording secretary, and financial secretary, respectively. Family members of the new church were assessed twenty-five dollars yearly, while the unmarried were to contribute fifteen.

The beginnings were difficult and most troublesome, but in one year's time enough money was collected from the Poles and the Slavs in DuBois, Falls Creek, Shaffer No.1 (now DuBois Mall area), Shaft No. 2 (now Brady Street Car Wash area), and Eriton (now West Liberty area) to purchase an old home and two lots from Mrs. Huggins for the sum of \$2,400. This is the plot of land where our Church and rectory now stand.

The plans for the new parish were drawn up by W. H. Overdorf, a DuBois architect. The ambitious plans called for a large church, a grade school with eight classrooms, and a public hall on the corner of Reed and Robinson Streets along with a Sisters' Convent on Robinson Street. Due to the economics of the people and the times, the plans were altered. The church would be smaller, the convent became a rectory, and the grade school was deleted entirely.

With these altered plans intact, the new parishioners "hand dug" the foundation for their new church without any cost to the parish. The foundation for the church structure was completed in the spring of 1910 by J. A. Kohlhepp and Sons of DuBois.

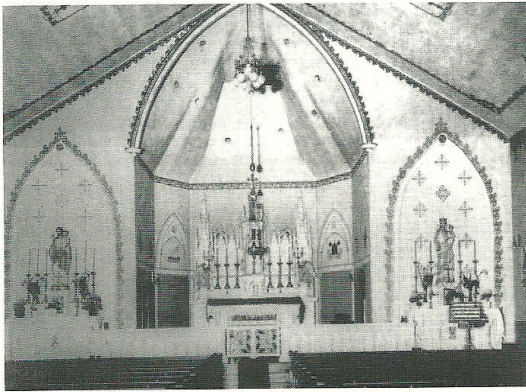


Emery Pollack on Long Avenue

In the spring of 1912, the church basement was completed and the interior finished by J. J. Heiges completely furnished with Altar, sanctuary necessities, chairs, and an organ. All that was needed was the Bishop's acceptance of the property, and his assignment of a priest to take over the spiritual and financial affairs of the Church. Two years earlier, His Excellency, Bishop Fitzmaurice, had advised the committee against building the new parish. Now, two years later, faced with the completed material building, he had no choice but to accept it and promise to bless the cornerstone of the new edifice on May 30, 1912.

The Solemn Mass of Dedication of the basement Church was celebrated by Bishop Fitzmaurice; the sermon was preached by Father Joseph Rajs. Immediately after the Mass, Wladislaus Luszczki and Emery Pollack approached the Communion rail, and in the presence of the clergy and the congregation, humbly begged Bishop Fitzmaurice, Bishop of the Diocese of Erie, to appoint a resident pastor to St. Michael Parish. Moved by the strong faith of the people, he promised to send a priest with the new year. Bishop Fitzmaurice then waited until January 2, 1913 when he sent Father Joseph Rajs to become St. Michael's first pastor. Also, in 1913, the Rosary Society was founded with 150 members.

Under Father Rajs' guidance and prudent direction not only was the debt paid off, but a sizable amount of money accrued in the treasury which was more than enough to start the building of a rectory for the pastor. Ever since his appointment to St. Michael's, Father Rajs had boarded at the Malicki home next door. In the spring of 1914, the rectory was completed and occupied by our first pastor, who unfortunately, was able to enjoy it for only two years. In July, 1916, he was transferred to St. Barbara Church in Houtzdale. Father Rajs died on September 25, 1930.

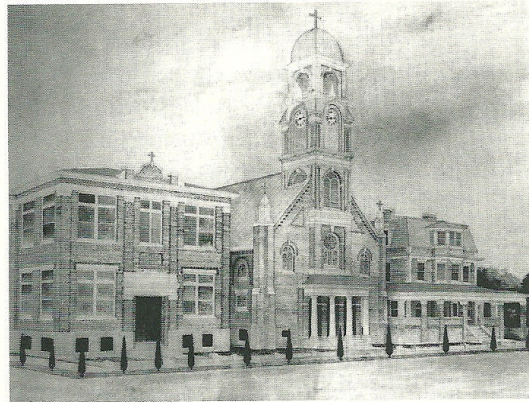


period through much sacrifice on the part of the parishioners. At times only the interest was able to be paid to the bank, who had lent them \$9,100. The remainder of the interior debt was owed to the people of the parish in the amount of \$10,240.

With the exterior and interior completed, St. Michael's was now ready for the blessing. Because of the illness of Bishop Fitzmaurice, Father Glogowski, Rector of St. John Kanty in Erie, was delegated by His Excellency to bless and dedicate this newest Church in the Erie Diocese on May 30, 1917. The Mass following the blessing was said by Father Zubrzycki of Adrian assisted by Fathers Ignasiak and Matysiak of Erie.

Toward the end of 1918, finances took a turn for the better and other necessities for the parish were taken into consideration.

A search for land for a parish cemetery was started in 1918, and after suffering through the 1918 influenza, land was acquired in July, 1919 from Alfred Reisinger. Purchase price was \$4,200 of which seven acres of the farm was kept for the cemetery, and the remaining acres were sold for \$3,100. Thus, the cemetery land only cost \$1,100. The people of the parish cleared the land, helped uproot stumps, and pulled weeds keeping the cost of preparing the land down to a minimum. The blessing of the cemetery was done by Father Pawlikowski with permission granted by the Bishop on September 28, 1919.



Original Drawing of School, Church and Rectory.

Father Edward Pawlikowski, as unlike his predecessor as one can be, took over in July, 1916. Under his dynamic and forceful personality the superstructure of the Church was completed as we have it today. He toyed with the idea of starting anew from the foundation, but complied with the wishes of the majority of his parishioners to finish what was already started. T. B. Hewitt, a local contractor, was awarded the bid for the Church exterior at a cost of \$10,911 and \$19,340 for decorating and furnishing the interior. Work on the interior was also done partly by the parishioners, thus saving the parish money. The interior debt was diligently paid off within a ten year

In May, 1920, two lots and a dwelling were purchased from A. B. White with the hopes of establishing a parish school. This home was later used to house our nuns from the Sisters of Nazareth, and at present, is part of our Church parking lot.

In August, 1920, a new bell was bought for \$1,285 from McShane Bell Foundry and Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and was blessed by Father Zubrzycki on Labor Day, September 3, 1920.

With the slow down of the economy in 1923, all major building slowed down, and St. Michael parishioners thanked God for helping them make their dream a reality.

For the next ten years, as in his previous seven years, Father Pawlikowski administered the parish with zeal and dedication until his fatal heart attack on March 10, 1933. Father Pawlikowski is buried in St. Michael Cemetery which he had purchased and developed fourteen years before.

Father Casmir Rybinski, who had built St. Adelbert in Farrell, PA, succeeded Father Pawlikowski. Unfortunately, his tenure only lasted for two years. On his way back to DuBois after attending Forty Hours Devotion at Farrell, he was in a car accident. While recuperating from injuries of the accident, he contracted pneumonia and died on October 18, 1935.

Father Joseph Pol came to St. Michael's the following month, November, 1935, and remained as pastor for thirteen years. Never in perfect health, he nevertheless did not spare himself for his people. In May, 1937, the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary was founded with forty-five members with Father Pol as moderator. One of its major projects through the years was to send rosaries to our servicemen. In 1962, the Sodality celebrated its Twenty-fifth Anniversary, and throughout the years provided the parish with its services, i.e. choir, assisting with C.C.D. program, etc.

Father Pol first inaugurated the weekly Polish classes and provided nuns from the community of the Sisters of Nazareth in 1936 to teach his children catechism. It was during this period that four of our daughters lovingly pledged their lives to serving God by entering the religious life. Two of them chose to enter the Community of the Sisters of Nazareth, namely, Sister Mary Carmela Legutko and Sister Mary Olympia Szary, while the other two chose to enter the Community of Felician Sisters, Sister Mary Electa Gutowski and Sister Mary Clarisse Zawacki. Also, during the same time period, our only native son to become a priest was Reverend Francis G. Glowacki, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Kansas in 1940. In 1948, Father Pol was promoted to the Assumption Parish in Oil City, PA. Father Pol died September 5, 1953.

Between February and May, 1948, Father Anthony Nowakowski served as administrator of St. Michael, later to become pastor in 1959.

In May, 1948, Father Peter Dembinski was moved from Sykesville and became the sixth pastor of St. Michael's and founder of the Infant Jesus of Prague Society which is still in existence today, but combined with the Rosary Society in the 1960's. It was during this time that our church basement was remodeled into the modernized hall we have today. After thirteen months, Father Dembinski died suddenly on June 28, 1949 and was succeeded by Father Louis Kozlowski.

Father Louis L. Kozlowski served St. Michael's Parish for ten years during which time he put in many improvements and revitalized all parish societies. In 1951, Father Louie instituted the Holy Name Society with forty-seven members. This group of men still remain a very active part of our Parish family today. Father Louie was also very instrumental in soliciting funds for building Central Christian High School in DuBois. Through his efforts and with whole-hearted cooperation from a hard working committee, St. Michael's Parish not only oversubscribed its goal, but was the first to redeem its pledge to the school. It should be mentioned here that the Polish Citizens' Club (Pulaski Hall), organized in 1905 and revitalized in 1929, was responsible for \$10,000 of that pledge for our local Catholic high school. Although the club is no way connected to St. Michael's Church, it owes its existence to the parish and has always been kind and generous to St. Michael's. This club, along with the St. Joseph National Slovak Society, Assembly 28, in DuBois, organized in 1898 and chartered in 1904, helped many of St. Michael's early Polish and Slavic parishioners prepare for citizenship in their new country - America.

In November, 1959, Father Kozlowski was promoted to the episcopal city of Erie as pastor of St. Hedwig Church where he remained until his retirement. Father Louie now lives in his family's home in Erie.

Father Anthony J. Nowakowski succeeded Father Louie in November, 1959. During his pastorship, Father Tony redecorated the interior of the Church as we see the altars today. A large sacristy classroom across the back of the Church, two new side entrances to the Church, and the automatically controlled heated sidewalks were also completed before our Golden Jubilee celebration on July 1, 1962. It was during our Golden Anniversary year that our fifth daughter chose to enter the Sisters of Mercy community, namely Sister Mary Teresa Okonski, who is presently at Mercyhurst Preparatory School in Erie.

In 1965, Father Tony was able to purchase the Nelson property next door to the rectory with the hopes of some day building a badly needed parking lot for the growing parish. Also, during this time, a new C.C.D. program was instituted and our children were able to receive twice as many hours of religious education with the help of the Sisters of Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart from Brockway, PA.

In 1967, Father Nowakowski was transferred by Bishop John Mark Gannon to pastor of Assumption Church in Oil City, PA, then on to St. Julia's and St. Casimir's in Erie where he died suddenly in October, 1987.

In July, 1967, Father Joseph V. Reszkowski was appointed the eighth pastor of St. Michael's Parish by Bishop John Francis Whealon. During Father Joe's pastorate, our Parish Council was formed as requested by Bishop Whealon, and also all the new prescribed liturgy of the Mass was initiated as requested by the Holy See. At this time, the parish cemetery was also redone. At the request of Bishop Alfred M. Watson, Father Reszkowski was promoted to a new assignment in Morrisdale, PA. Father Joe then went on to become Pastor of Ss. Cosmas and Damian Parish in Punxsutawney, St. Bernard Parish in Bradford, and St. George Parish in Erie where he was elevated to the rank of Monsignor. Upon his retirement, he became Senior Associate at Mt. Carmel Parish in Erie where he still resides.

On September 4, 1970, Father J. Daniel Dymski was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Parish. In March of 1971, at the advice of Parish Council, a campaign for major renovation of the fifty-three year old Church was conducted, and as always, due to the zealous faith and love seen at St. Michael's, the pledges of \$78,000 far exceeded the goal of \$50,000! In the summer of 1971, a major rebuilding of the exterior was completed with a new roof, steeple, and brick exterior repointed. The interior of the Church was repainted and redecorated as well.

Celebrating festivals had become a part of the family community over the years. In the beginning, it was a Parish Picnic with Father Tony and eventually became the Polish Fall Festival. It was during this time that Labor Day weekend was decided upon as the annual date for St. Michael's Polish Festival. This festival has become a major source of revenue for updating parish programs and maintenance of our property and buildings. In 1973, with permission granted in the fall of 1972, a utility building to be used for storage of Fall Festival materials was completed, as well as a much needed seventy car parking lot with a grotto amidst a number of beautifully landscaped planters.

Aware of the need to reach out to other people in the DuBois community, the parishioners of St. Michael's acquired a large double family house and lot on the corner of Reed and McCullough Streets in 1973. With the aid of outside funds, the dwelling was completely remodeled and then rented out to Clearfield Jefferson County Mental Health and Retardation Program as a partial day care center until September of 1987. The following year the "Green House", as it is called, was transformed into seven classrooms for the growing Religious Education Program. In 1996, the "Green House" became the center for the Pre-School Program for the DuBois Area Catholic Schools. It is still used for weekly Religious Education classes and Sunday Pre-School and Kindergarten Programs. The "Green House" simply means, "where the seeds of faith are sown".

In 1978, the Parish Social Hall and Kitchen were completely remodeled at a cost of nearly \$50,000. Also in 1978, plans were initiated to further care for the needs of the community. Under the leadership of the members of St. Michael's Parish, plans were made to build a new high rise for the elderly in downtown DuBois. The dedication of this six-story complex was held on January 31, 1982 by Bishop Michael J. Murphy, Bishop of Erie, and named after its sponsoring agent "St. Michael Terrace".

In the fall of 1979, a lot and house (which has since been demolished) on the corner of Robinson Street and Howard Avenue was purchased from the Kiehlmeier family. Then, in the summer of 1981, a large home and adjacent lot on Robinson Street (which is presently a rental home) were purchased from the Rodgers family.

In 1982, Father Dymski was appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Fairview where he built a new Church. After a heart attack, he is now in residence at Sacred Heart Church in Erie.

Our tenth and present pastor, Reverend Henry L. Krebs, came to St. Michael's Parish in November of 1982. Father Krebs most graciously serves the needs of his parishioners with a humble and loving heart. This being his first parish, as he had previously been involved in education for 23 years within our Diocese, he was a newcomer to all the duties of a parish priest. Through these past years, Father Krebs has quite diligently and with great expertise maintained our material buildings and properties (all debt-free) as well as kept St. Michael's Parish family spiritually alive and growing in God's love.

Our church parking lot took on a new look in 1984 with a new wall surrounded by a maintenance-free, beautifully landscaped grounds. When the Strosky property across the street from the Rectory became available, it was purchased in 1991, an additional lighted parking lot was created for our growing population. Thus, St. Michael's original property was expanded from 2 lots to 10 lots as you see it today.

In July, 1986, Sister Mary Stephen of the Sisters of Mercy was hired to serve as Pastoral Minister. Sister was also the coordinator for our weekly craft sessions for all interested members as well as a Religious Education teacher. In the fall of 1986, St. Michael's joined with the other parishes participating in the Diocesan RENEW program (a three year program instituted to encourage individuals to deepen their faith and increase one's own prayer life).

Prior to St. Michael's Diamond Jubilee Celebration on September 26, 1987, the interior received a much needed "house cleaning". The interior was repainted, statues and Stations of the Cross returned to their original colors, original seventy year old wooden pews stripped and revarnished, sanctuary and main aisle carpets replaced, and a larger cry room was made out of the large sacristy. The same pride was felt by our parishioners in 1987 that was felt by our founding fathers.

In January, 1992, Father Krebs was named a Monsignor by Pope Paul II and Bishop Trautman. He was elected Dean of the DuBois-Jefferson County Deanery in 1991. Then he was appointed Chairman of the new DuBois Area Catholic School System in 1995, and President of the Board of Pastors. In 1997, he was appointed as President of the DuBois Area Catholic Schools in charge of all operations and planning.

In 1995-96 the parish underwent a Vitality Study. The Committee examined every aspect of parish life. In a formal report submitted to Bishop Trautman, the parishioners outlined the enrichment of the parish goals for the next five years. Many of these goals have been implemented with the rest to be completed over a period of time. The Finance Committee has provided for the necessary funds, and beginning with new roofs on all the buildings in the parish in 1998 the parish will be entirely renovated within the next five years.

From 1980 to the present, St. Michael's Parish has been served by many young priests who were assigned as Resident Priests. Their main assignments have been full time teachers at DuBois Central Christian High School. Rev. Samuel Slocum (1980-83), Rev. Matthew Lukasiak (1983-86), Rev. Mark Nowak (1986-89), and Rev. Mark Swoger (1989 to present) have faithfully served the parishioners while, on weekends, taking care of the people in Corsica and Sigel, as well as daily Mass for the residents at Christ the King Manor. We are indebted to them for their Priesthood and service to the people in the DuBois Area.

Through the past eighty-five years we have been twice blessed. Pastors and residents have come and gone, but the faith and deep love of God abounding here at St. Michael's Parish has remained as strong and steadfast as our ancestors. The faith of our fathers echoes within our walls as we reach out to others and welcome all God's children as members of our parish family. As in the beginning, many sacrifices and long hours of fruitful volunteer labor are still given by our present parishioners through the Annual Fall Festival, maintaining cemetery grounds, parish ministry, etc.

Their dream is alive and growing in numbers and in holiness . . . let us humbly pray to God to keep this bountiful harvest growing and remain a strong parish family of God!

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❖ PARISH INFORMATION ❖

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: By Appointment

MARRIAGES: Diocesan Common Policy
equires six months advance notification of the
Priest and attendance at Pre-Cana Instructions.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK: First Friday of
each month. If hospitalized, please contact the
Rectory.

R.C.I.A.: Preparation for adults entering the
Church. Contact the Rectory for details.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Contact the Rectory
to register new membership or to change present
information.

❖ PARISH CENSUS IN 1997 ❖

Number of Families	719
Total Number of Parishioners	2,027
Ages 70 & Up	199
Ages 60 - 69	144
Ages 50 - 59	166
Ages 40 - 49	272
Ages 30 - 39	359
Ages 18 - 29	257
Ages 0 - 17	589

❖ 1997 PARISH GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS ❖

Altar Servers:

Jordon Andrulonis, Noah Bauer, Pat Bolam, Jason Booher, Pat Carr, Neal Ford, Matt Gabler, Kyle Gorby, George Heigel, B.J. Kessler, Mike Kolash, Keith Lepionka, Shawn Lesky, Matt Lockett, Matt Milliron, Mike Milliron, Kyle Minns, Joe Mitchell, Frank Saldutte, Ryan Stetz, Nick Stoltz, Evan Stoyek, Ryan Stoyek, Mike Straub, Mike Wascovich, Jonathan Weber, Mike Weber, Brad Witherow, Brian Witherow and Justin Yount.

Choir:

Allan Bartasavich, Helen Kopeck, Veronica Lockitski, Catherine Nedza, Josephine Skraba, Stella Sweka, Ann Tokash, Edna Vesnesky, Bill Wascovich, Carl Wojtaszek, and Josephine Zbieg.

Commentators:

Bill Baruffalo, Paul Baruffalo, Susan Bauer, James Bolam, Susan Bosak, Edward Crawford, Larry Cyphert, Frank DeNapoli, Barbara Dettore, Daniel Francis, Sean Garred, Michael Hassan, Joseph Hoskavich, Jr., Heidi Kessler, John McGrail, Denise McMillen, Tim Novak, Karin Pfingstler, Carol Rehmann, Joseph Spain, Ken Straub, Mary Syktich, James Thomson, and Lisa Ward.

DuBois Area Catholic School Board:

Msgr. Henry L. Krebs, Msgr. Louis J. Heberlein, Rev. Richard R. Siefer, Tim Carr, Mark Freemer, George Heigel, Lorraine Mack, Lori Skraba, and Alexis Stetz,.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dolores Barac, John Barac, Allan Bartasavich, Leo Crawford, Rose Crawford, Barbara Dettore, David Dettore, Stanley Gibala, Gary Gluczyk, Susan Gluczyk, Virginia Good, William Good, Julie Hassan, Michael Hassan, Richard Hoynoski, Yolanda Hoynoski, Matilda Illuzzi, Cheryl Johnson, James Kaschalk, Wanda Kaschalk, Diane Kessler, Robert Kessler, Jean Kolash, Michael Kolash, Rose Malewicz, Helen Mayers, James Mayers, Helen Mazzoni, Kathy Milliron, Keith Milliron, Tim Novak, Edward Okonski, Lelia Okonski, Robert Patton, Sheila Patton, Mary Petersen, Connie Polinsky, Mary Pudlo, Carol Robertson, Timothy Robertson, Edward Rutkowski, Donna Skehan, Michael Skehan, Walter Skrzypek, Jr., Beth Stoltz, Todd Stoltz, Perry Stoyek, Helen Straub, Ken Straub, Martha Stuck, Linda Syktich, Shirley Tubbs, John Yargar, Mary Joan Yargar, Helen Zaczyk and Michael Zaczyk.

Finance Committee:

Larry Gabler (President), Patrick Heath, Cheryl Johnson, Leo Klebacha, Edward Rutkowski, and Stanley Zbieg.

Folk Group:

Mary Kay Bolam, Donna Bowers, Michele Burley, Lauren Fitzer, Karen Lepionka, Leslee Park, Diane Pfingstler, and Angie Witherow.

Holy Name Society:

The Holy Name Society was instituted in 1951 by Father Louis Kozłowski with 47 members.

John Bartasavich, Bill Baruffalo, Paul Baruffalo, Perry Bauer, Leo Crawford, Christopher Federici, William Good, Michael Hassan, Patrick Heath, Richard Hoynoski, Edward Karoleski, Michael Krishart, Edward Misiewicz, Joseph Misiewicz, Joseph Mitchell, Edward Okonski, Robert Patton, Paul Renosky, Timothy Robertson, Edward Rutkowski, Albert Siemucha, Walter Skrzypek, Sr., Walter Skrzypek, Jr., Walter Skrzypek, III, David Straub, Ken Straub, Michael Straub, Perry Stoyek, Lamar Tubbs, Michael Zaczyk, and Stanley Zbieg.

Money Counters:

Sharon Bernard, Donna Bowers, Leo Crawford, Rose Crawford, Barbara Dettore, David Dettore, Michael Fazekas, Jannette Hauck, Cheryl Johnson, Patricia Klebacha, Leo Klebacha, Sharon Kolash, Lori Kriner, Mary Minns, Kathryn Mitchell, Randy Mitchell, Brian Musser, Shari Musser, Robert Patton, Sheila Patton, Cynthia Pentz, Glenn Pentz, Patricia Ponzi, Barbara Rishell, Margaret Shaffer, William Shaffer, Alexis Stetz, Gary Stetz, Beth Stoltz, Todd Stoltz, Harry Stoltz, Mary Beth Stoltz, Lorraine Stormer, Christine Straub, David Straub, Sharyn Vallely, Lisa Ward, John Yargar, and Mary Joan Yargar.

Parish Council:

Susan Bauer (Secretary), Larry Gabler, Michael Hassan (President), Lorraine Monikowski, Cynthia Pentz, Connie Polinsky (Vice-President), Michael Skraba, Perry Stoyek, and Mary Joan Yargar.

Religious Education Teachers/Aides:

Gretchen Caruso, Theresa Cyphert, Rose Fazekas, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Kim Gluczyk, Laura Gordon, Diane Heath, Karen Honchar, Matthew Lockett, Dede McHenry, Brian Musser, Michele Pappas, Sr. Kathryn Preston, Stephen Rutledge, Virginia Schott, Helen Vavra, and Mary Joan Yargar.

Rosary-Infant of Prague Society:

The Rosary was founded in 1913 by Father Rajs with 150 members.

The Infant Jesus of Prague Society was founded in 1949 under Father Peter Dembinski with 70 members.

These two societies joined together in the mid-sixties.

Rose Ann Crawford, Helen Gluczyk, Phyllis Godak, Mary Lepionka, Veronica Lockitski, Mary Markievich, Helen Mazzoni, Kathryn Misiewicz, Lorraine Monikowski, Mary Olis, Catherine Pasierb, Connie Polinsky, Tillie Renosky, Genevieve Rosio, Louise Rutkowski, Theresa Smiley, Shirley Tubbs, Edna Vesnesky, Helena Wallace, Mary Wascovich, Carol Werner, Eleanor Yount, Jean Zavatsky, Josephine Zbieg, Virginia Zbieg, and Pauline Zurinsky.

Ushers:

Charles Delp, George Fletcher, Daniel Hoskavich, Joseph Hoskavich, Sr., Joseph Hoskavich, Jr., Richard Hoynoski, Martin Kucharski, Joseph Marusiak, Joseph Misiewicz, Robert Nowak, Thomas Nowak, Thomas Nowak, Jr., Paul Opdyke, John Skraba, Launce Soult, Michael Syktich, Paul Syktich, Lamar Tubbs, Laverne Van Horn, John Youngmark.

Vitality Study Committee:

Leo Crawford, Theresa Cyphert, Rev. Michael DeMartinis, Virginia Good, William Good, Richard Hoynoski, Cheryl Johnson, Leo Klebacha, Lorraine Mack, John McGrail, Kathy Milliron, Keith Milliron, Timothy Novak, Mary Pudlo, Edward Rutkowski, Ken Straub, Mary Beth Stoltz, James Thomson, and Helen Vavra.