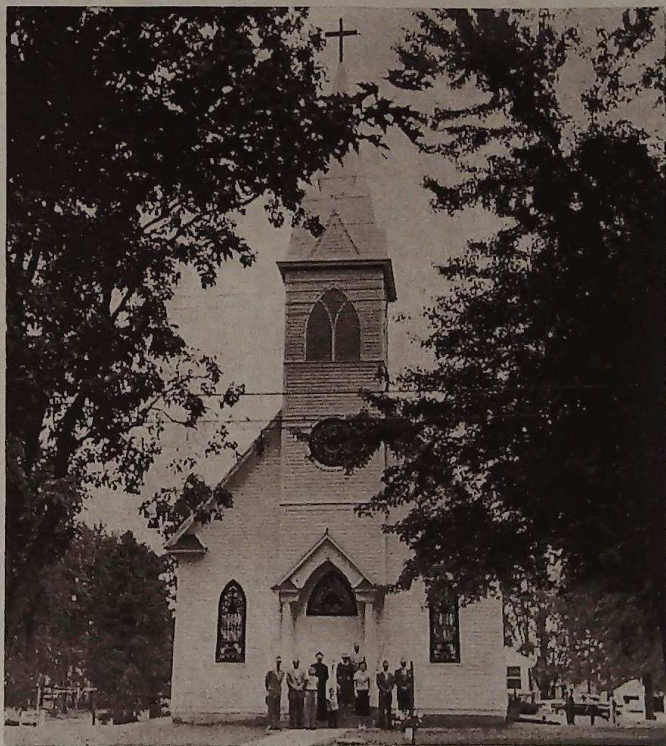


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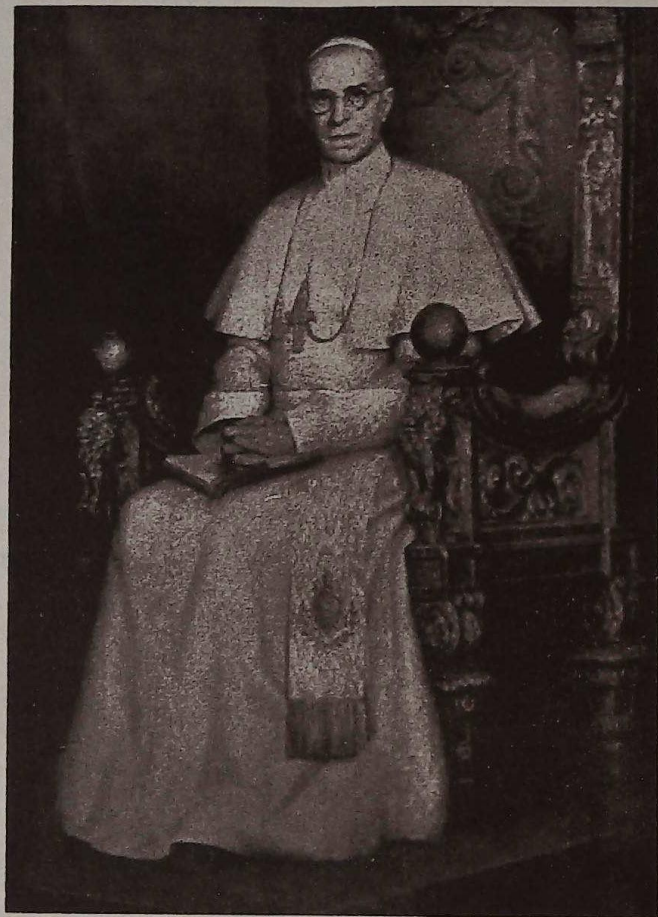


Our Lady of the Lake Church

Green Lake,
Wisconsin

History of the Parish

GOLDEN JUBILEE OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH 1908 — Green Lake, Wisconsin — 1958



HIS HOLINESS
Pope Pius XII

Men are desirous of following Christ's plan for gaining salvation, consequently anxious for the establishment of Christ's Church among them. It was this desire of Green Lake's Catholic population that prompted Rev. Thomas Cosgrove, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Ripon, Wisconsin, to take steps towards the establishment of a Catholic Church in Green Lake. In July of 1907 the first Holy Mass was said at the home of Dennis McCarthy. Later during the Summer, Holy Mass was celebrated at the homes of H. DeMoss, John Broder, T. A. Collins, George O'Callaghan and Mrs. M. O'Callaghan.

During the Summer of 1907, the sum of \$824.42 was raised for the building of a church. In September of 1907, a meeting of the Catholic men of Green Lake community was held at Pleasant Point Hotel. Present at this meeting were: Dennis McCarthy, Thomas Collins, Mathew DeMoss, Joseph DeMoss, John Broder, John Hoffman and Thomas Keenan. These gentlemen concluded that Green Lake should have a permanent church and a vote authorized Thomas Keenan to purchase two lots at the corner of Ruth and Lake Streets in Green Lake, at a cost of \$600. The following year the adjoining lot on Ruth Street was donated to the church by Joseph Klein, Chicago, Illinois.

Holy Mass was not celebrated during the Winter months. However, in the Summer of 1908 Mass was again celebrated by Father Cosgrove, Ripon, in the homes of Mr. McCarthy, John Broder, and most frequently in the pavilion of the George O'Callaghan cottage.

Meanwhile building operations were started on the new church. The cornerstone was laid on Sunday, August 23, 1908, by the Most Reverend Sebastian G. Messmer, of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, (since the Madison Diocese was not formed until 1946). His Excellency was assisted by Rev. F. J. Fiss, Rev. Eugene McCarthy, Rev. John Zeller, and Rev. Thomas Cosgrove. The church was built by a local carpenter, Chas. Butler, at a cost of \$2,800.

Formal dedication services were conducted by Father Cosgrove on the second Sunday of January, 1909, by authorization of Archbishop Messmer. The new church was dedicated to God and placed under

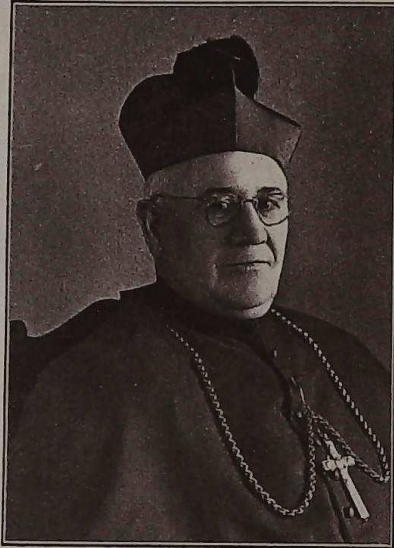
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Letter of Bishop O'Connor

DIOCESE OF MADISON
P.O. Box 111, Madison 1, Wisconsin

58-99

July 17, 1958



HIS EXCELLENCY

The Most Reverend William Patrick O'Connor, D.D. Ph. D.
Bishop of Madison

The Reverend Francis Karwata
Our Lady of the Lake Rectory
Green Lake, Wisconsin

Dear Father Karwata:

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, I desire to extend my personal felicitations and those of the Diocese of Madison to you and to all the people committed to your care.

Through half a century Our Lady of the Lake Parish has served the Catholics of this community as the vital center of their public religious activities. God alone in His infinite knowledge knows the abundance of graces and blessings which have been poured into the souls of the thousands of worshippers who have come to the familiar little church in Green Lake during the past fifty years.

It is my fond hope and prayer for the future that the Catholics of this community through united effort will erect a new parish church to serve the growing needs of this growing village on the lake.

Invoking God's blessing upon you and your people, I remain

Yours sincerely,
IN NOMINE JESU,
WILLIAM P. O'CONNOR,
Bishop of Madison.

the patronage of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, with the specific title of "Our Lady of the Lake." Regular services were held, beginning in January of 1909, by Father Cosgrove, St. Patrick's, Ripon, Wisconsin.

The first meeting of Our Lady of the Lake Congregation was held on October 27, 1908, at the John Broder home. The meeting was called to order by Father Cosgrove for the purpose of incorporating the congregation. Summer residents were included. Mr. Thomas Collins was elected secretary, Matthew DeMoss, treasurer, and were named the first trustees of the parish.

Our Lady of the Lake Church was a Mission dependent upon St. Patrick's parish, Ripon, until 1921, at which time Father Norton resigned his pastorate at St. Patrick's, and took up his residence in Green Lake, which thereby became an independent parish. In June of 1923, Father Norton resigned his pastorate and thus Green Lake was left without the services of a priest.

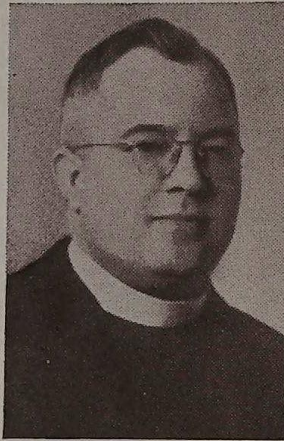
The Capuchin Fathers of Mt. Calvary, with Father Andrew Neufeldt acting pastor, were in charge of the parish from July of 1923. The Capuchin Fathers were very zealous in their pastoral work in the parish. Father Andrew celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the parish in 1933, with great splendor and pomp. At his invitation, Archbishop Rummel of Omaha, Nebraska, celebrated the pontifical Jubilee Mass with the participation of many priests of the State of Wisconsin. The Capuchin Fathers in charge of Our Lady of the Lake Church merited the gratitude and appreciation of all the parishioners during their twenty-two years of spiritual care.

In February of 1944, Rev. Julian Bieniewski, St. Michael's Parish, Berlin, Wisconsin, was placed in charge of Our Lady of the Lake Church. He was assisted by Rev. Dr. Alphonse Popek until 1945. It was through the combined efforts of Father Bieniewski and Father Popek that the vital statistics of Our Lady of the Lake Church were transcribed into a permanent church record.

Rev. Anthony Czaja had a short tenure as pastor during February and March of 1945.

Archbishop Moses E. Kiley, Milwaukee, appointed Rev. Stephen Szczerbiak as pastor in 1945. Father Steve, as he was popularly known, accomplished much during his pastorate. New vestments, linens, and many other Sacred Articles were acquired. An organ, also, was purchased by the Ladies Altar Society, and in his zeal for religious instructions for the parish children, Father Steve contracted

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REV. FRANCIS S. KARWATA, Ph.D.
Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church

to bring the Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Stanislaus School, Berlin, to Green Lake every Saturday morning, and catechism classes were held in the Rectory Hall and Church. Father Steve lived in very restricted quarters for five years. The trustees, Delbert Formiller and Dan Jankowski, with Father Steve, decided to build a rectory. This beautiful bungalow style rectory was completed in March of 1951, at a cost of approximately \$17,000. Father Steve did not enjoy the fruits of his labors long, for on April 21, 1951, the good Lord, in His mercy, called him to his reward.

Father Roger Idzikowski succeeded Father Steve in April of 1951, and held this office as pastor until June 2, 1956. Father Roger acquired an artistic wood cut of the 16th century of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the church. An office was added to the rectory for the convenience of the parishioners. During Father Rogers' tenure, Miss Katherine Dunn bequeathed her property on the shore of Green lake, and left a sum of money to pay off the debt, and also for the beautification of her beloved church. A much needed parking lot was constructed on the parish property, and a building fund was started for the purpose of erecting a new church for the growing Catholic population.

Our present pastor, Rev. Dr. Francis S. Karwata, who this year, 1958, celebrates his fortieth year of priesthood, was transferred from St. John's, Princeton, Wisconsin, to Our Lady of the Lake parish on June 8, 1956. Many necessary liturgical articles were added to the church through the generosity of the parishioners and friends by contributions of cash and articles for the comfort and convenience of worshippers. The exteriors of the church and rectory were redecorated in June, 1958.

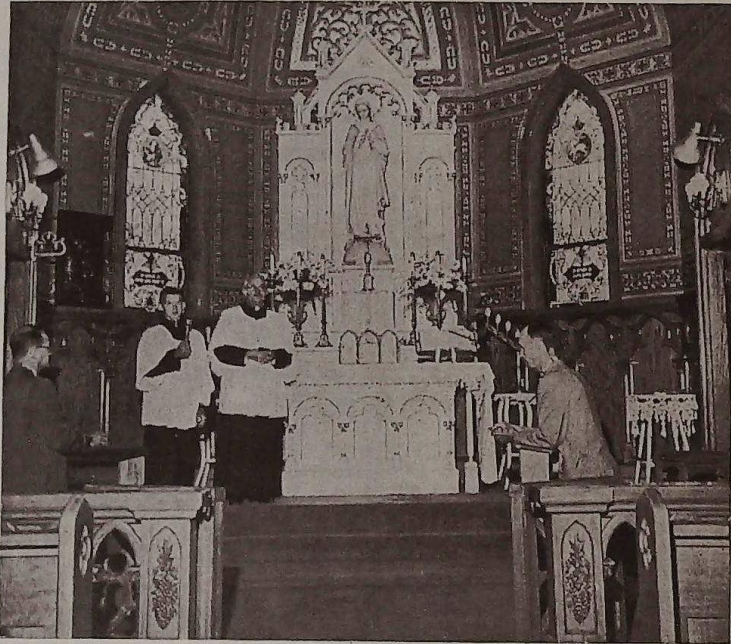
Our Bishop, William P. O'Connor, D.D. Ph.D, granted permission to purchase property for the future expansion of our church.

The parish is in very good financial condition. Improvements have been paid for in cash and a sizable amount set aside in the Building Fund.

The activities of the parish have increased considerably during the last decade. Our Lady of the Lake Church mixed choir, with Conrad L. Naparalla as Organist-Director, has been faithful in practice and rendering the best church music.

The Altar Society, whose present officers are: Mrs. Josephine Malson, president; Mrs. Willis Brightman, vice-president; Mrs. Edw. Breivogel, treasurer; and Mrs. Helen I. Fuller, secretary, has been in

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Altar of Church



Trustees and Auditors of Parish

Left to right: John Van Rhyn, Francis Ptacek, Fr. Karwata,
Conrad L. Naparalla, Larry Hasselman.

Missing: Edw. A. Breivogel.

charge of social events, dinners, card parties and bake sales. The first devout caretakers of the Sacristy and Church were Miss Katherine Dunn and Miss Mary Dunn. Mrs. Fred Shikoski succeeded these ladies and is active presently in serving the church as Sacristan. Mrs. Katherine Jankowski has been faithful in her work of doing the linens for our Altars. Mrs. Harriette Egbert and Mrs. Mary Fenske have given generously of their time in caring for and decorating the Altars also. Presently in charge of flowers are: Mrs. Helen Fuller and Mrs. Martha Kwiatkowski.

The Holy Name Society has been very active in recent years arranging bazaars and Festivals, also assisting the pastor in the upkeep and maintenance of Church premises. Officers for 1958 are: Larry Hasselman, president; John Shikoski, vice-president; Edw. Roth, secretary; Edw. Breivogel, treasurer; and Conrad L. Naparalla, program director. Holy Name members hold monthly meetings and receive the Sacraments regularly.

A Discussion Club, composed of members of the Altar Society, takes part in the regular study of the Catholic Faith.

The Chi Rho Club, of which there are twenty-three High School members, has been zealous in attending and studying their Catholic Faith, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Fuller. This club's officers of 1958 are: Jos. Van Rhyn, president; Michael Thrall, vice-president; Ann K. Fuller, secretary-treasurer; Sandra Polus, reporter; Johnny Waters, and Loren Brightman sergeants-at-arms.

The Altar Boys have increased in number from eight to nineteen who serve the Lord faithfully, under the direction of Mrs. A. D. Carew.

Mrs. Willis Brightman, Mrs. A. D. Carew, Mrs. Harriette Egbert, Mrs. Harriette Shikoski and Mrs. Helen Fuller are among the ladies taking active part in the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The parish began publishing the Church Bulletin on Palm Sunday of 1957, for the convenience of our parishioners.

Members of Our Lady of the Lake parish are not only good Catholics, but also Patriotic Americans. Many of our men and women have served in the Armed Forces of our Country. Those who gave up their lives were: David Bartol and Arden King.

Among the pioneer members of Our Lady of the Lake Church are the following: Frank Lontkowski, Thomas Dolske, Peter For-

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Golden Jubilee Program

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, August 24, 1958

Presiding in Mozetta and Preaching the
Sermon The Most Rev. William P. O'Connor, D.D., Ph.D.

Chaplains The Very Rev. F. A. Brukwicki
The Rev. Chas. D. E. Monroe

Master of Ceremonies to the
Bishop The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jerome J. Hastrich

Officers of the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving:
Celebrant The Very Rev. Roland Dusick, O.F.M., Cap.
Deacon The Rev. Roger Idzikowski
Sub-deacon The Rev. Hubert Woyak
Master of Ceremonies The Rev. Thomas P. Sosinski

Music for the Solemn Jubilee Mass Our Lady of the Lake Choir
The Proper of the Mass Our Lady of the Lake Choir Male Members
Organist and Director Conrad L. Naparalla

Solemn Benediction after Mass

Golden Jubilee Dinner and Program

MENU

Fruit Cocktail	Relish Tray - Tossed Salad
Prime Ribs of Beef	Mashed Potatoes - Gravy
Vegetable	Rolls
Cake	Ice Cream
Coffee	Milk

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DINNER PROGRAM

Sunday, August 24, 1958

1:00 P. M.

Green Lake High School Gymnasium

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Toastmaster: The Rev. F. S. Karwata, Ph.D.

1. "Jubilate Deo" by W. A. Mozart Church Choir
2. Speaking for the Summer Residents Charles K. Gnewuch
3. Remarks Herman Busse
4. "Ave Maria" by J. B. Molitor Church Choir
5. Address George R. O'Callaghan
6. Remarks Francis Ptacek
7. Address His Excellency, Bishop O'Connor
8. Conclusion: "God Bless America" Choir and Audience

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GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above;
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.



Ladies' Altar Society



Congratulations
on the
Fiftieth Anniversary
to the people
of
Our Lady of the Lake Parish

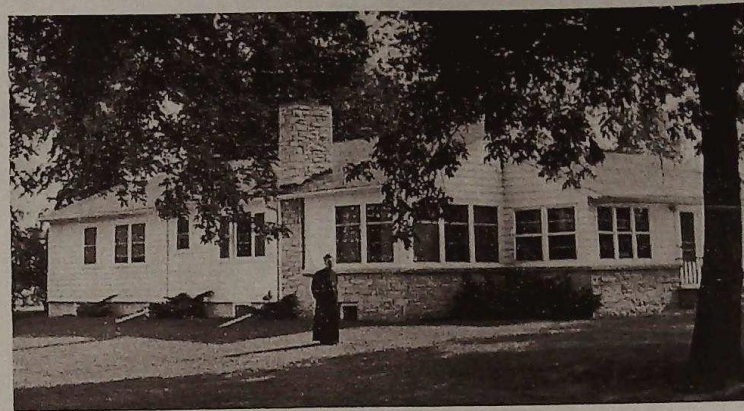
WITH BEST WISHES FOR THEIR
FUTURE WELFARE

Wabiszewski Family



Holy Name Society

President	Larry Hasselman
Vice-President	John Shikoski
Secretary	Edward Roth
Treasurer	E. A. Breivogel
Program Director	Conrad L. Naparalla



Rectory

HISTORY OF PARISH—(continued)

Miller, Anton Formiller, Fred Shikoski, Jess West, Michael Dunn Family, Michael Jankowski, Edw. Salzwedel, Rudolph Priske, A. D. Carew, Herman Busse, A. W. Wiegand, Louis Briske and many others.

Parishioners who held Public Office in the past and at present: Mrs. Walter Bartol, school board; Leo Bartol, sheriff; Mrs. Willis Brightman, school board; Mrs. Lillian Broder, clerk of court; A. D. Carew, county agent; Dorothy Dickerson, county nurse, Mrs. Helen Fuller, assistant to highway commissioner; Mrs. Irene Haberman, register in probate; Thomas Helgeson, school board; Hal F. Hornby, high school principal; Julius Kotloski, village board; Francis Ptacek, county agent; Edw. Salzwedel, highway patrol maintenance superintendent; Mrs. Ralph Segert, welfare worker; William Wissing, police force; and Mrs. A. W. Wiegand, village clerk.

Vital statistics of the Parish from the year 1923 are as follows: 221 received the Sacrament of Baptism; 185 First Holy Communicants; 79 marriages were preformed; 220 members were Confirmed; 105 converts; and 32 deaths were recorded in our parish. Prior to 1923 these spiritual needs were preformed and recorded at St. Patrick's Church and St. Wenceslaus Church, Ripon, Wisconsin.

The future plans of our church look bright in both the material and spiritual fields. Under the loving care of our Most Reverend Bishop, His Excellency, William Patrick O'Connor, and wise guidance of our pastor, Rev. Francis S. Karwata, with the wholehearted cooperation of our parishioners and Summer residents, we look forward to a happy, prosperous Diamond Jubilee.



THE CHOIR

Officers

Organist and Director	C. L. Naparalla
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Vice President	Ann K. Fuller
Secretary-Treasurer	Mary Fenske

List of Pastors

1. Rev. Thomas Cosgrove 1908-1910
2. Rev. James Condon 1910-1912
3. Rev. Michael Norton 1912-1923
4. Rev. Andrew Neufeld, O.F.M., Cap. 1923-1937
5. Rev. Gregory Van Der Becken, O.F.M., Cap. 1937-1938
6. Rev. Quintin Heinrichs, O.F.M., Cap. 1938
7. Rev. Maurice Mauer, O.F.M., Cap. 1938-1940
8. Rev. Albert McParland, O.F.M., Cap. 1940-1943
9. Rev. Urban Mueller, O.F.M., Cap. 1943-1944
10. Rev. Malachy Flaherty, O.F.M., Cap. 1944
11. Rev. Julian Bieniewski (Feb.) 1944-1945
12. Rev. Anthony Czaja Feb., 1945 - March, 1945
13. Rev. Stephen Szczerbiak March 23, 1945 - April 21, 1951
14. Rev. Roger Idzikowski April, 1951 - June, 1956
15. Rev. Francis S. Karwata June 8, 1956-.....



Left to right: Jerry Ptacek, David Priske, Steve Priske, Jerry Polus,
Thomas Helgeson



Left to right: Dickie Shikoski, Jimmy Brightman, Bobby Shikoski.

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41. Frank B. Kalupa

42. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Naparalla
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