



As far as can be learned, the Rev. Mr. Cassidy, who was then stationed at Rawlins, visited Green River about the year 1880, and built the present church in the year 1884, at a cost of \$1800.00. There were about eight (8) catholic families living in Green River at that time. The first twenty-five (25) years there was no resident priest, Green River was attended as a mission from Rock Springs, by Fathers John Delahanty, Nolan, Drier and T. J. Barrett. For one year (1909) the spiritual needs of the people were taken care of by Fathers D. M. Tully and M. A. Kennedy, who were stationed at Evanston. The first resident priest was the Rev. P. J. Lynch, who came to Green River in 1910, and resided there for six months. He was then succeeded by Father Brennan, who remained three months. After the departure of Father Brennan, Fathers James Duffy and Joseph W. Suepel, of Kemmerer, attended Green River during the year 1911. The Rev. M. J. Kelley, and Rev. Anton Schiffrer, of Rock Springs, took care of the parish for a few months in 1912, until the Rev. P. Long was appointed resident priest in 1912. Father Long departed after a period of six (6) months, and the Rev. J. A. Mattee, of Rock Springs, took care of the parish until the present pastor, the Rev. Henry Schellinger, was appointed, June 1, 1913.

In 1915, Father Schellinger remodeled and enlarged the present church at a cost of \$500.00. In December, 1917, Lot 3, Block 9 was purchased for the sum of \$400.00.

There being no house for the priest, Father Schellinger occupied a room in the basement of the church for a number of years, until the present substantial parish residence was built in 1920, at a total cost of \$10,600.00. Six years later the parish residence was completely free of debt.

In March, 1926, Father Schellinger purchased Lot 4, Block 9 from the City of Green River, for the sum of \$1500.00.

Bishop McGonnor of Omaha, was the first Bishop to administer the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish. The Right Rev. J. J. Keene, Bishop of Cheyenne, also administered Confirmation. The Right Rev. P. A. McGovern, Bishop of Cheyenne, confirmed a class in 1915, and again in 1920, a class of twenty. Bishop McGovern also confirmed a class of ten in June 1921; in 1924, twenty, and in 1928, sixteen.

A Mission was given in June, 1920, by Rev. M. A. Leary, S. J., and in June, 1926, the Rev. B. J. Mulloy, C. S. C., conducted a very successful Mission.

At this date (December, 1932) the parish is completely free of debt, and has a balance of \$16,000.00, which is invested in Real Estate and Building and Loan Securities.

Anton Schiffrer of Rock Springs, ~~these two priests~~ cared for the parish until the arrival of Rev. ^{in 1912} ~~in 1912~~ ^{John} Long, resident priest, ~~in 1912~~ ~~in 1912~~. ~~Following~~ Father Long ~~remained but a few months~~ ~~departure in~~ ~~of the Rev. J. A.~~

~~Nathan of Rock Springs took care of the church until the~~ ~~and was succeeded by~~ Rev. Henry Schellinger ~~was appointed pastor~~ on June 1, 1913.

In 1915, Father Schellinger remodeled and enlarged the church at a cost of \$3500.00. In December, 1917, lot 3, block 9, was bought for the sum of \$400.00.

In 1920 a long felt need for a parish residence materialized and a handsome brick home was built for the total cost of \$10,600.00. Six years later the residence was free from debt.

Prior to the building of this residence Father Schellinger had occupied ~~a room in the basement of the church~~ ^{the coal-bin and furnace-room in the church cellar,} since the church was heated by stoves and the cellar was ^{otherwise} not in use. In March, 1926, Father Schellinger purchased lot 4, block

9, ~~from~~ the city of Green River for the sum of \$1500.00.

Bishop O'Connor of Omaha was the first bishop to administer the sacrament of confirmation in the parish. The Rt. Rev. J.J. Keane, ^{of} Bishop of Cheyenne, also administered Confirmation.

A class was confirmed in 1915 by Bishop ~~Patrick A.~~ ^{of} Cheyenne. In 1920 a class of twenty was confirmed by ~~Bishop~~ ^{of} Cheyenne, ten in June, 1921; six in 1922; sixteen in 1923.

A mission was given in June, 1920, by Rev. M.A. Leary, S.D., and in June, 1926, ^{another one} a ~~successful~~ mission was conducted by the Rev. B.J. Mulloy, S.S.C.

In the spring of 1933 a Mission was given by the Rev. Anolo, a Paulist from Los Angeles, California.

Confirmation was administered by the Most Rev. P. A. McGovern, B. D., Bishop of Cheyenne, to a class of 17 on October 11, 1931. To a class of 16 on May 27, 1934, and to a class of 27 on May 22, 1938.

During the year 1938, Father Schellinger performed eight (8) marriages, and thirteen (13) Baptisms.

In the fall of 1938, extensive necessary repairs and improvements were made on the church, at a cost of \$14,000.00. Money, in cash, was on hand to pay for same.

At this date (April 1, 1939) the parish is completely free of debt and has a balance of \$17,000.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PRESENT PASTOR

REV. HENRY SCHELLINGER

Born in Alkmaar, Holland, February 10, 1883.
Ordained July 15, 1906, at the American
College, Louvain, Belgium. Arrived in
Cheyenne, October 10, 1906. Assisted at
the Cathedral until September, 1907. Pastor
at Carneyville, Sheridan County, Wyoming.
Directed Church and Residence at Carneyville,
and renovated the Church at Dietz. Also
built church at Hanna, Wyoming.