

**Continuation of the History of  
HOLY NAME PARISH  
Sheridan, Wyo.  
1940-1950**

The venerable Father John Duffy, who served, as pastor of Holy Name Church since July 4, 1906, resigned from his pastorate in January 1940. Upon his retirement, Father Duffy departed for San Diego, California, to spend his declining years in deserved rest. This great pioneer of the church in northern Wyoming went to his eternal reward on November 13, 1945.

The Rev. William J. Short succeeded Father Duffy as pastor of Sheridan, taking charge of the parish on January 10, 1940. Father Short's pastorate was marked by a great zeal for the development of the parish properties. Within six months of his appointment he had installed a new heating system in the rectory at a cost of \$688. A few months later he modernized the heating system in the church by installing an automatic coal stoker. Repairs and improvements of a major nature were also carried out in the convent. Father Short's zeal was especially directed toward beautifying the parish church. With the generous assistance of his parishioners, Father Short accomplished an almost complete renovation of the interior of the church. In 1942, new oak vestment cabinets were installed in the sacristy. The interior of the church was painted and decorated by Theodore Braash, noted ecclesiastical artist, in 1942 at a cost of \$1,975. In 1943 heavy gauge linoleum was laid in the center and side aisles of the church. In the same year a wrought iron communion railing was donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Demple; and the Stolcis brothers, Robert and Foire, made the donation of a wrought iron pulpit. In 1948, the Count and Countess Frederic Thorne-Rider donated the beautiful main altar that now graces the sanctuary.

The promising and very successful tenure of Father Short came to a sudden end when he died of a heart attack on July 11, 1948. At his

obsequies on July 14th the Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell, D.D., celebrated a Pontifical Requiem Mass and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick Maguire of Salt Lake City delivered the eulogy. An indication of the administrative abilities of Father Short is revealed in the fact that in addition to the many improvements he carried out, the cash assets of the parish increased from \$491 in 1940 to \$50,000 in 1948.

The Rev. George Stoll, assistant in the parish at the time of Father Short's death, served as administrator of the parish until the arrival of Rev. Frederick J. Kimmett as pastor on October 15, 1948.

Soon after taking charge of the parish, Father Kimmett realized that a pressing need of the parish was a hall for parish activities. The only accommodation for all parish meetings and activities was a small room in the basement of the school. After consulting with Bishop Newell on the matter of a parish hall, Father Kimmett appointed a building committee to assist in the development of a building program. This committee was headed by Mr. James Goar and Mr. William D. Redle. After making an approximate estimate of the cost of the proposed parish hall it was decided to entrust the management of a campaign to raise funds for the new building to the American City Bureau of Chicago. This campaign was started June 1, 1949, and completed about six weeks later. The goal was set at \$125,000. At the completion of the campaign it was found that \$136,000 had been pledged to the new building. At the conclusion of the successful drive for funds the architectural firm of Cook and Whitney was engaged to draw plans for the new building. In the process of drawing the plans, the building committee realized that the new building should include four classrooms to accommodate an increase in enrollment in the parish school. Hence, the plans, when finally approved, called for a combination auditorium and gymnasium, four classrooms, cafeteria, kitchen, library and two meeting rooms. On July 5, 1950, contracts were let for the construction of the new building at a cost of \$185,948.51.

Priests who served as assistants in the parish during the ten year period of 1940 to 1950 and the date of their appointments are as follows: Rev. Terence McGovern, January 14, 1944; Rev. Herbert Kraus, July 6, 1944; Rev. Thomas Cleary, November 15, 1946; Rev. George Stoll, February 10, 1948; Rev. Thomas Fahey, June 15, 1949.

Confirmation was administered in the parish on three occasions during the ten-year period. On May 25, 1941, the Most Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, D.D., confirmed a class of ninety-nine. On September 9, 1945, a class of ninety-two was confirmed by Bishop McGovern. A class of one hundred eight was confirmed by the Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell, D.D., on October 16, 1949.

The following statistics taken from the annual reports reveal the growth of the parish from 1940 to 1950. The records for 1940 list 275 Catholic families in the parish, 36 baptisms, 14 marriages and 24 First Communion. The report for 1950 lists 410 Catholic families, 88 baptisms, 20 marriages and 60 First Communion.

Respectfully submitted

Jan. 16, 1951

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## **HISTORY OF HOLY NAME PARISH**

**Sheridan**

**1950-1960**

The decade from 1950-1960 marked great changes in the community and the church. During these ten years, the population of the city dropped by 200 people, while the county saw the disappearance of an entire community, Monarch. The coal mines with the large number of underground miners have given place to one large strip mine, making use of large earth-movers. The local sugar factory and brewery have also fallen victim to the current trend of centralization and have disappeared from the community.

In spite of these external signs of decline, the parish of Holy Name has experienced a period of significant growth. In 1949, the number of Catholics were accommodated by two Masses during the winter months, with a third Mass added during the time of the tourists. At the present time, there are four Masses needed during the winter months as well as the summer months. In this same period of time, the school has experienced a growth from 220 children to 325. In 1950 there were four classes with combined grades; now there are eight grades with prospects of additional ones to be needed in the near future. Four properties were purchased in the neighborhood of the school. One was purchased near the church for the new Holy Name Convent and ten acres for future growth were obtained south of the city.

The most evident sign of the growth of the parish is in the number of new buildings constructed during the past decade. After a successful fund campaign in June of 1949 during which a total of \$242,000 was pledged, plans for a gymnasium with accompanying classrooms were made. The gymnasium was planned for high school caliber basketball and an intramural athletic program. Two meeting rooms, a much-needed cafeteria, and classrooms for future growth were included. The need for the new classrooms was shown within just a few years. This new

building was designed by Cook and Whitney. The contract was awarded in 1950 to the Sheridan Cabinet and Milling Co. There was an initial delay because of poor sub-soil. The building was completed and dedicated in the fall of 1952.

Another step forward came in 1955 when plans for a new rectory were drawn by J.G. Link Company of Billings, Montana. This new rectory was to replace an old house in which, according to tradition, Buffalo Bill's relatives had once lived. It had been renovated partially under Father Short, but had remained very inadequate for the work of the church, especially because it lacked rooms for the assistant and in office space. During the building of the new rectory on the site of the old, the priests lived in two three-room houses to the west of the church. These houses had been bought years before from the city by Father Duffy on payment of the delinquent taxes. The new rectory is a well built home with adequate room for many years to come. The contractor was C. Ray Williams. It consists of four offices downstairs, with dining room, kitchen, and housekeeper's quarters. On the second floor are three suites with a guest room. In the basement is a small meeting room. The rectory with furnishings cost about \$75,000. In spring of 1959, Father Kimmett, who was pastor during this period of spiritual and temporal growth, made plans for yet another building. This was to be an adequate home for the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas, who have staffed Holy Name School from its inception. The company of A.G. Link, who had drawn the plans for the rectory, was once more engaged to initiate the work on the convent. During the course of this work, the Reverend F.J. Kimmett was transferred to St. Mary's Cathedral. Work on the plans of the convent continued under the new pastor, the Reverend George A. Stoll, and it is planned to start construction in 1960.

During this decade of growth of Holy Name Parish, Father Kimmett had the valuable assistance of Reverend Thomas Fahey till September 1952, when the Reverend Joseph Fraher took over till July 1955. At that time

he was succeeded by the Reverend Jerome Logue who remained until July of 1957 when the Reverend Philip Colibraro took his place.

## **HOLY NAME CHURCH**

**Sheridan**

**1960 to 1970**

Congregational singing, all-English Mass, evening Mass, Masses with guitar music, Offertory Processions, priest facing the people for Mass, relaxed fasting regulations, lay commentators, the Sign of Peace and standing to receive Communion became familiar to Holy Name parishioners in the decade from 1960 to 1970. The people have adapted well to the changes and the parish has made significant gains in both spiritual and material matters.

Coming from the memoirs of a long-time parishioner is the notation that in 1914, when Holy Name School was opened by three Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth with ninety students, there were approximately 200 people attending Mass on Sunday—all at one Mass. In 1960 there were five Sunday Masses, with an average of 1200 attending, and in 1970 there was a Saturday evening Mass, in addition to the four on Sunday—with an attendance of 1400. This is an amazing growth from 1914, considering the population of Sheridan has decreased in that period of time.

The enrollment of Holy Name School in 1960 was 325. The principal at that time and until September 1966 was Sister Marie Dominic, S.C.L. Seven Sisters taught at the school.

The Pastor of Holy Name Parish, the Rev. George A. Stoll, was kept busy in 1960 overseeing the construction of the new Convent, which was dedicated early in 1961. The Rev. Philip Colibraro was the Assistant Pastor until October, 1960, when he was replaced by the Rev. Gerald Chleborad.

When the bids for the new Convent were let on March 25, 1960, the Sisters rejoiced, for, as one wrote:

“At present many of our chairs are breaking. Two of them are roped and the ones with the squeaks are traded occasionally in case of accident, so a new Convent and new furnishings are a necessity and we are happy that the work on the new Convent has begun.”

The new Convent is located on the corner of Loucks and Connor Streets and was begun in the spring of 1960. The modern, light brick building replaced an old white frame residence which the Sisters of Charity had occupied for nearly a half century. The Sisters’ new Convent will accommodate twelve at present, but future needs were kept in mind by designing and constructing the two-storey building so that a third floor could be added, which would provide for another twelve occupants.

The main floor itself was constructed with this future development in mind. The chapel, dining room and meeting room are large enough at present for twenty-four Sisters.

The focal point of the first floor is the chapel. The interior finish is buff brick and cherry wood paneling. The wood-carved crucifix, statues and wooden altar furnishings are all coordinated to form a simple but beautiful and devotional chapel.

Other facilities on the main floor include a fully equipped sacristy, office, enclosed outside patio, sewing room and linen room. The patio was added to the plans at the suggestion of Bishop Newell. The modern kitchen has ample cupboard space, plus built-in range, oven and sinks. The kitchen cabinets and doors throughout the house are made of birch. The housekeeper’s rooms are also on the main floor and consist of bedroom, bath, and sitting room.

The Sisters’ individual rooms are on the second floor, together with linen closets, washrooms and telephone room. Archbishop Vehr, on examining the plans, suggested that the bedroom doors’ position should be changed

so the Sisters could indulge in everywoman's fancy –moving the furniture.

The full-size basement includes a large recreation room, trunk room, laundry and ironing rooms, two music rooms and boiler room, as well as two large closets and storage areas.

The Sisters themselves were consulted and asked to select colors for the tile, walls and draperies in each room. The colors used throughout the convent are light and cheerful hues of yellow, green, coral and turquoise. The Sisters also chose the furniture, except for that in the Chapel.

The cost of building and furnishing the Convent was \$175,000, which was made possible through a bequest of over \$100,000 by the late Countess Thorne-Rider.

Friday, January 27, 1961 was moving day and because it was a momentous occasion (and because all hands were needed) school was dismissed. The next day, January 28, Father Chleborad said the first Mass in the new chapel, called the Chapel of Saint Clare. All that day and late into the night there was a great deal of activity, getting everything ready for the dedication on the following day. The final artistic touch was added by the flower arrangements sent by friends.

Sunday, January 29, 1961 the new Convent was dedicated and blessed by the Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell, Bishop of Cheyenne. Assisting at the ceremonies were priests of the northern Wyoming area.

Following the dedication, an open house and reception were held at the Convent to enable members of Holy Name Church and friends of the parish to tour the Sisters' completed home. More than one thousand people came to greet the Sisters in the new Convent, many of them non-Catholic and prompted by what Father Stoll called "A healthy, wholesome curiosity." The house will stand as a memorial to the good will and generosity of many Sheridan people.

There was still another dedication. On Monday, January 30, 1961, the newly erected church at Story, Our Lady of the Pines, was dedicated by Bishop Newell and was followed by a High Mass celebrated by the Rev. James Powers.

The church is located on the Wagon Box Road on a 121/2 acre tract of land which was purchased in 1955, following the organization of the Altar and Rosary Society a year earlier. The Catholic Church Extension Society of America gave \$10,000 toward the cost of the \$18,000 building.

Our Lady of the Pines was built under the supervision of the Rev. James Power who was the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church at Buffalo, and it was a mission from that Church until 1962, when the priests from Holy Name in Sheridan began to care for it. In 1968 it became officially a part of Holy Name Parish, which seems to complete a circle, as Holy Name originated as a mission from Buffalo.

Old timers reminisced about the seventy-eight years of Holy Name parish as the Diocese of Cheyenne celebrated its its seventy-fifth anniversary. There were twelve families at the time of the founding of the parish. Three years after its establishment as a mission, a small frame church was built at the approximate coat of \$2,000.

As the buildings reflect the growth of the Church, the school enrollment also increased. When school opened in the Fall of 1961, there were thirty-five new students, making a total attendance of 360 pupils, and a year later, in 1962, the peak enrollment was reached, with 375 students in the eight grades.

It was in June, 1962, that the Rev. William McCormick replaced Father Chleborad as assistant pastor, and a few months later a new program of lay participation was inaugurated at Holy Name. Three young women gave a year of service with the Extension Lay Volunteers in this venture

sponsored by the Extension Society. They taught classes in the school and did parish work such as home visiting and taking the census.

This was a year of innovations for Holy Name Parish. It was in 1962 that a missionary service began which has continued and expanded through the years. The Parish of St. Louise de Marillac in San Antonio, Chile, was adopted by Holy Name. Each month the Sheridan parish sends \$100 or more to the Chilean parish. At the time San Louise was adopted they had nine Sunday Masses and the collection was approximately \$9.00.

Several years later Holy Name widened its missionary interests by giving financial aid to a Bolivian mission, Coripata, which is operated by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth.

On May 15, 1963, Count Frederic Thorne-Rider died at the age of eighty-eight. He was a generous benefactor of the Church, as was his wife who preceded him in death. Funds which he provided for a Trust are still being used gratefully by Holy Name School in 1971.

One group from the Altar and Rosary Society opened a Thrift Shop on January 21, 1963, for the purpose of selling used clothing and household needs inexpensively. Their business has been so successful that they required a larger store and several years ago moved to a parish-owned house across the street from the rectory. From the profits they contribute regularly to the Building Fund and to the Altar and Rosary Society. In addition to making money, they provide clothing for those in need as well as sending some items to the Indian Reservations.

Holy Name Parish, with the rest of the world, was saddened by the death of Pope John XXIII in June 1963 and awaited the announcement that Paul VI had been chosen as the new Pontiff.

The school enrollment in 1963 was 365, an indication that all was well and the parishioners were enjoying a rather quiet year after the activity of the past several years.

Holy Spirit rather than Holy Ghost, . . . a welcome change, which was started in June 1964. As with all changes, there was some difficulty in remembering, but it soon became familiar.

The parish had need of a miracle for the CYO Convention which was held on October 8, 9, and 10 of October, 1964. Preparations had been made for an anticipated attendance of 400. Plans, food, hospitality, and walls had to be stretched to accommodate the 700 people who came. The convention closed with an all-English Mass, the first to be said in the Diocese of Cheyenne.

December 12, 1964, was designated as “Work-a-Day for JFK” in Wyoming to raise money for the Kennedy Memorial Library. The seventh and eighth grades of Holy Name School played a benefit basketball game, while other students contributed by making and selling popcorn and candy at the game. Proceeds from the games and popcorn and candy sales amounted to \$67.00, which was contributed to the Library Fund. There were 360 students in the school that year.

Early in 1965 one of the best of the liturgical changes came about—the priest said Mass facing the congregation.

School registration in 1965 started the downward trend which has continued. In 1965 there was an enrollment of 357. This was the year in which ecumenism became an everyday word. The first of a series of Interfaith Prayer Services for Peace and Unity was held in Holy Name Gym. This was the first such service in Wyoming, and 550 pastors and laymen from churches in Sheridan and Northeastern Wyoming participated. Catholics and non-Catholics joined officially for this common prayer service, with Bishop Newell presiding.

Another phase of lay involvement came about in 1965. Until this time the Sisters had been instructing the students in the CCD classes, but now one of the Sisters conducted a class for adults, preparing them to teach

the CCD pupils. This arrangement has continued through 1970 and is quite successful.

The same year a class was started for the pre-school children during one of the Sunday Masses. The little children truly enjoy going to school and this is a gratifying class for everyone involved.

Sister Frances Cabrini, S.C.L., became the principal of Holy Name School in 1966 and there was an enrollment of 340 at that time. In September the Rev. Robert Marko replaced Fr. McCormick as the assistant pastor. In October, the first of many changes were made in the Sisters' habits. At first there were many discussions, both pro and con, of the different habits, but by 1970 most people had become accustomed to the new look and the Sisters seemed to be very content with it.

Early in 1967 the Irish missionary priest who had been at Santa Louise de Marillac Parish in Chile for eight years came to visit Holy Name Parish which had adopted the Chilean mission operated by the Columban fathers. He spoke at each of the Sunday Masses and explained to the parishioners how he had used their monthly donations. His presence seemed to bring the South American parish much closer to Sheridan.

In the Fall of 1967 there were 317 students at Holy Name School and a Sister of Charity of Leavenworth was assigned to do CCD work in the parish for the school year.

Ronald Stolcis was ordained to the priesthood in his home parish, Holy Name, on May 31, 1968. It was the first time in the history of the parish that this Sacrament had been conferred.

Sister Mary Rachel Flynn (formerly Sister Joseph Rene) became the principal of Holy Name School in 1968, at which time the enrollment was 279. The Rev. Thomas Sheridan replaced the Rev. Robert Marko as assistant pastor.

Bishop Newell and the people of the parish joined on May 11, 1969 to celebrate with Father Stoll his twenty-fifth anniversary as a priest and his tenth year as pastor of Holy Name Church. The Church was filled for the Mass which was concelebrated by Father McCormick, Father Stoll and Father Sheridan. Bishop Newell presented the homily. The Altar and Rosary Society was host to Father's friends following the Mass at a reception in the school.

The CCD lay teachers had been asking for professional help and in October, 1969, Sister Mary Rachel Flynn started a weekly instruction class for them. Her interest has continued and she meets regularly with the grade school CCD teachers. In 1969 and 1970 Insight Films were used for instructing the high school students.

Holy Name Parish was host to approximately fifty people from Northern Wyoming in October, 1970, for a CCD workshop. Sister Maurita Postlewaite, SCL., and Sister Geraldine Kirkessner, O.L.V.M., from the Diocesan CCD Office presented the program.

The enrollment at Holy Name School was 252 in 1970, as the parish started its ninth decade.

**Holy Name Church, Sheridan**  
**St. Edmund, Ranchester**  
**The parish history for Holy Name Church of Sheridan, Wyoming,**  
**for the years 1970 - 1980 follows:**

1970: For a number of years, it became very apparent that there would have to be a new church to replace the old Holy Name Church which was built in 1902. Fr. Stoll had been buying up property across the street from the old church.

Fr. O'Connell passed away in 1971.

1972: The big drive for the new church was to start in September, 1972, but was postponed until the spring of 1973, until the church census and registration of Catholic families in the parish was up to date.

1973: In May, we were ready for a fund drive. Skip Wagoner was director and campaign manager from the firm of Havey Fund-Raising Management, Inc. The goal was \$225,000. Six weeks later, the pledges were at \$400,000.

1974: The contract was let in January 1974, to Joe Fletcher Construction Co. for \$352,000. Ground breaking was in April 1974, and construction began immediately. The drive office was moved from 368 E. Loucks to the Holy Name Convent with Bertha Gronski and Kim Murphy as secretaries. The priests here at the time were Msgr. Stoll, Fr. Tracy and Fr. Tom Sheridan.

Fr. Tom Sheridan was appointed Pastor at St. Edmund's in Ranchester, Wyoming, but lived in the Holy Name Rectory. The "Parish Echo", a monthly paper, was started in September 1974.

On February 25, 1974, Holy Name Church was the scene of the solemn investiture of Rt. Rev. Msgr. George A. Stoll as Prelate of Honor to His

Holiness, Pope Paul, VI. An Apostolic Brief was read by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James O'Neill, appointing Monsignor Stoll on his dedication, accomplishments and assignments fulfilled as a priest.

1975: The Dedication of the new church was April 1, with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and open house on April 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Rev. Msgr. George A. Stoll, Pastor at Holy Name Church for 16 years, was transferred to Rock Springs to Our Lady of Sorrows on June 15. A Purse was established for a new car for Msgr. Stoll, and a round-trip vacation to Ireland for Fr. Tracy, in recognition of their dedication to the people and their work in the Parish of Holy Name Church and School. Fr. Tracy was also transferred to Rock Springs to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Fr. Thomas Sheridan, Associate Pastor of Holy Name Church and pastor of St. Edmund's Church at Ranchester, was transferred to Saratoga, in June of 1975. From 1973-1974, Rev. John Murray served as Associate Pastor here. The Parish at this time numbered around 500. In 1980 registered parishioners were 1300.

Fr. Vincent Lagomarsino, a Jesuit from New York came to Sheridan in November 1975, as Chaplain at the V.A. Medical center, and lived in Holy Name Rectory.

In June 1975, Rev. William E. Delaney came here from Rock Springs, to take up duties as Pastor. Rev. William E. Espenshade came to Sheridan as Associate Pastor from Cheyenne.

The old church was demolished in December 1975, and was made into a rental parking lot with 32 spaces. The Columbus Building, Inc., manages the rentals. In October 1975, the church office that had been in the Holy Name Convent since July 1973 was moved to the new church office with Bertha Gronski remaining as secretary. Sister Agnes Mary was made Principal of Holy Name School in the fall of 1975.

1976: This is the Bicentennial year. A new service was organized in the fall. The St. Vincent DePaul Society had Mrs. John Fradet as president. The Thrift Shop is completing its 17th year and is open one or two days a week. Mrs. May Rowland is still the head of the shop. On August 20, the house at 337 E. Burkitt was purchased. This house has 2 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, 2 side rooms, and a closed-in porch. This house is now being used as a meeting place for the Knights of Columbus and also the CCD Coordinator office. Holy Name Altar and Rosary Society changed its name in 1976 to Holy Name Council of Catholic Women.

Gary Ruzicka, a Sheridan boy, was ordained June 1, 1976, in Sheridan at Holy Name Church. He was raised in Sheridan and attended school and graduated from Sheridan High School, then entered St. Thomas Seminary in Denver in 1968. He was assigned to St. Mary's Cathedral in Cheyenne in 1976.

1977: Property at 235 E. Works was purchased. The small house was moved and the lot is now a parking lot.

1978: Fr. Edward Dolinar was ordained to the Priesthood in Rock Springs in June, 1978, and was assigned to Holy Name parish as Associate Pastor. Fred Wendel was ordained to the Priesthood in Cheyenne on June 9, 1978. He was a Deacon at Holy Name from September 1977, through February 1978. Rev. John Norton, O.P., came to Sheridan on August 15, on the Feast of the Assumption, to take over the Catholic Chaplain duties at the V.A. Medical Center. He is of the Dominican Order.

1979: C.Y.O. Convention was held in Sheridan October 13-15, and was attended by 400 young people. Fr. Ed Dolinar went to Des Moines, Iowa, to see the "Pope John Paul II Programs for People" started in March. Fr. Delaney was coordinator of the clergy in a statewide

campaign, which was very successful in Sheridan. The program was continued in 1980.

The Catholic Church at Story, Wyoming, which was built in 1960-1961, became a mission of St. John the Baptist Church in Buffalo until 1961, and then became a mission of Holy Name Parish in 1968 until the present. Sunday mass is still provided at 11:30 a.m.

St. Edmund's Parish at Ranchester, Wyoming, is, or was, a mission of Holy Name Church. It has a Pastor now, Fr. Bartholomew Svete, and is no longer served from Sheridan. Fr. Svete came from Newcastle, Wyoming, June 18, 1979, and lives at Ranchester. Masses there are Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Name  
Sheridan 1990-2000  
Very Rev. Eugene Sullivan, Pastor  
August 11, 2000**

1. Names of clergy and religious serving during the decade and dates of service.

1975-1991 Msgr. William Delaney (Retired in 1991)

1987-1991 Rev. Ray Moss, Associate

1991 Very Rev. Eugene Sullivan

1991-1995 Rev. Tom Kadera, Associate

1995-1998 Rev. James Schumacher, Associate

1998-1999 Rev. Bruce Clapham, Associate

1998 Rev. Ron Stolcis

1999 Rev. Cliff Jacobson

1990 Rev. John Norton, O.P., V.A. Hospital

1993 Deacon Joseph Kristufek

**RELIGIOUS**

1988 Sr. Dolores Erman, S.C.L., School Teacher

1994 Sr. Jean Lind, S.C.L., Parish Worker

1984 –1995 Sr. Mary Jane Schmitz, S.C.L., Principal Holy Name

2. Notable accomplishments by lay leaders and parishioners. (Give dates.)

April 20, 1994 Mr. William D. Redle received PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE Award from Bishop Hart in presence of pastor and visiting clergy.

Nov. 19, 1999 Holy Name School gym named “Bill Redle Gym” after former coach and founder of Holy Name School Foundation.

Many took part in the Lay Ministry program sponsored by the Diocese and graduated to be of future help in our parish.

3. Notable accomplishments by the clergy and religious. (Give dates.)

June 24, 1993 Joseph Kristufek ordained deacon

1991 Very Rev. Eugene Sullivan chosen as Dean of Sheridan Deanery

July 1, 1994 Very Rev. Eugene Sullivan chosen to be Vicar General of Diocese

June, 1991 Benedictine Sisters Monastery in Dayton, WY, dedicated by Bishop Hart

1996 Sr. Dolores Erman, S.C.L., received State Science Teacher of Year Award

1998 Sr. Dolores Erman, S.C.L., celebrated 50th Anniversary of Religious Profession

1999 Sr. Dolores Erman, S.C.L., received Distinguished Teacher of Year

May 23, 1999 Rev. Sullivan celebrated 40th Anniversary of Priesthood

July 5 2000 Rev. Eugene Sullivan received the papal honor of Monsignor

4. Construction new or remodeling. (Give dates.)

July 2, 1995 New Thrift Shop opened

Feb. 10, 1998 Groundbreaking ceremony for new parish hall

1998 Renovation of parish-owned house at 259 E. Works into Convent

May 23, 1999 Dedication of new parish hall, connected to church

1999 Enlargement of Knights of Columbus Building at 301 E. Brundage

Oct., 2000 Remodeling of Parish Center (old Convent building) into Parish Pastoral Offices

5. Land acquisitions. (Give dates.)

Purchase of 2 houses for possible future expansion of Holy Name School at 359 E. Torkitt and 369 E..Burkitt

6. Lay Trustees and term of service for each.

1972-1996 William D. Redle

1978-1998 John Byrtus

1996 to present William Laya

1998 to present John Rotellini

## 7. Pastor's overview of the decade.

Holy Name Parish has grown in size and character during this past decade. A number of new families have been added to the roster, totaling over 1100. Many of these are retired couples moving into the area from all parts of the U.S.

A new parish hall meets many of the social needs of the parish, especially encouraging fellow-ship after the Masses with coffee & donuts. It also provides adequate space for funeral dinners, parish dinners, wedding receptions, etc.

The remodeling of the convent building, or parish center, will centralize all pastoral offices in one building. Even the priests will have their offices there, leaving the rectory as a home. A new phone system will also make communication more economical and practical.

Holy Name School is thriving as it has since 1914 when it opened its doors to the children of the parish. After Sr. Mary Jane Schmitz resigned as principal in 1994, we have had 3 lay principals in 6 years. The teaching staff has remained mostly intact with very few changes. The enrollment has fluctuated between 195 to 145 depending on the year. We are very blessed to continue having a Catholic parochial school.

At present the clergy consist of the pastor, Msgr. Eugene Sullivan, Assoc. pastor, Fr. Cliff Jacobson and Assistant pastor, Fr. Ron Stolcis. Deacon Joe Kristufek, music minister and pastoral assistant. Religious Sisters are: Sr. Dolores Erman, teacher at the school and Sr. Jean Lind, parish worker.

We see great things ahead in the new millenium for Holy Name Parish. The inauguration of Perpetual Adoration in the parish in 1994 has given the parish many spiritual benefits and helped many parishioners grow spiritually. This is the basis for any success, the presence of Jesus Christ

in the Blessed Sacrament. We give thanks to God for all the blessings our parish received these past 10 years.

8. Significant parish events and programs. (Give dates.)

1991 Participated in Diocesan Synod.

1992 The annual fundraiser "Mayfest" began to help Holy Name School.

1993 Holy Name Parish hosted 350 French youth and adults following World Youth Day.

Nov. 1, 1994 Perpetual Adoration began and continued to present.

Apr. 25, 1997 Monument of Life situated in front of church dedicated to sanctity of all life.

1997 Strategic planning to assess needs of our parish culminating in building of parish hall.

1997 Began celebrating the annual International Dinner recognizing the ethnic diversity in our parish.

1997 Fr. Sullivan and 15 youth and adults went to France and Rome for World Youth Day.

Feb., 1997 Parish Mission given by Rev. Joseph Roy, S.S.

Jan, 19, 1999 In observance of Martin Luther King Day, his son, Martin Luther King III, spoke at Holy Name Church to a capacity crowd, including Governor Jim Geringer.

Sept., 2000 Parish Mission given by Fr. Cedric Pisegna, C.P.