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[49] The history of St. John the Baptist parish, of Buffalo, begins in the year 1880 with the Rev. Michael F. Cassidy, who is the first priest known to have visited the town. He came from Rawlins twice a year and celebrated Mass at Fort McKinney.

A congregation of eight or ten persons attended the celebration of Mass by the first resident priest, the Rev. Henry Bex; on the first day of May, 1885. The rough interior of a log schoolhouse furnished the setting for the function.

In the year 1885, six lots were secured from J.W. Hart for \$350.00 and the title conveyed by warranty deed to Bishop James O'Connor, of Omaha, Nebraska. Before the end of the year a wooden church had been erected with no debt on the parish. The first church was known as St. Joseph's. Father Bex made his home for the greater part of the time with John Fischer and family. The residents of Buffalo and surrounding country were grateful for the privileges of the new church and pastor. The long distance to the nearest church at Billings, Montana, had greatly lessened church-going among the pioneers and they welcomed the opportunity to go more frequently.

[50] It was not long until the needs of the parish had outgrown the little frame church, and in 1888, under the guidance of the Rev. E.J. Engelbrecht, work was started on a new brick church. Father Engelbrecht was pastor from July until December, 1888. A mortgage was placed upon the property to secure the debt. From the date of the departure of Father Engelbrecht until 1892 Sheridan was attended as a mission of Buffalo. In 1892 the Rev. C. Scollen came to Buffalo and was pastor until 1894. During the years from 1897 to 1907 Buffalo was a mission attended from Sheridan by the following clergymen: Rev. G.F. Dillon, from 1897 to January, 1898; Rev. Joseph A. Accorsini, November, 1898 to March, 1899; Rev. P.U. Sasse, April 1, 1900 to May 18, 1904; Rev. P.J. Murphy, July, 1904 to December, 1906; Rev. Victor Fraziane, February, 1906 to December, 1906; Rev. John Duffy, January, 1907 to October, 1907.

In the year 1907 Father Duffy secured the four lots on which the present church and rectory are built for \$425.00. The title to the old property had become somewhat confused and it seemed wise to acquire new property at this time. In response to an appeal by Father Duffy the sum of three thousand dollars was subscribed for the new church. Father Duffy was ably assisted in his appeal by Bryan Long, who also gave the

largest single subscription in the [51] form of \$250.00. Many non-Catholics contributed to the fund, and only four, of the many asked to contribute, declined.

The present church was begun by Father Prendergast, who resided in Buffalo, from October, 1907, to December of the same year. It was completed by the Rev. Francis J. Keller, who was pastor of the Buffalo parish from January, 1908, to January, 1910. With the completion of the building, a debt of \$600.00 remained. Succeeding Father Keller was the Rev. T.D. Lynch, who, after a short term, was succeeded by the Rev. Patrick Long. Following his departure, Buffalo was attended by the Rev. Henry Schellinger from Carneyville, and the Rev. John Duffy from Sheridan until the arrival of the Rev. Fridolin Huessle, August 8, 1912. Father Huessle was pastor until February 27, 1914.

During the next two years Father Duffy occasionally attended Buffalo from Sheridan holding services Sunday evening with Mass Monday morning.

In March, 1916, Buffalo was taken over by Newcastle as a mission. Mass was said on the first Sunday of every month by Revs. James A. Boland and John O'Laughlin. In September, 1917, his excellency, Bishop McGovern, authorized the Rev. John T. Nicholson to take up his residence in Buffalo as pastor, with Gillette, Arvada and Clearmont as missions.

[52] In the interval following the departure of Father Huessle the temporal affairs of the parish were ably carried on by the St. Francis Altar Society, an organization consisting of the women of the congregation.

A subscription fund for a parish rectory was started on the first Sunday of October, 1917. Approximately \$1,400.00 was subscribed. The largest subscriptions were given by John Esponda (\$500.00) and Bryan Long (\$200.00). Father Nicholson moved to Buffalo in the latter part of October, and work on the new rectory started early in November. The building was ready for occupancy in February, 1918. The St. Francis Altar Society provided most of the furnishings and several private donations of housekeeping articles were made. More than three thousand dollars had been collected in the subscription drive.

According to local tradition Bishop Lenihan administered confirmation in Buffalo, but there is no authentic record of the event. The Most Rev. James J. Keane, D.D., bishop of Cheyenne, confirmed fourteen persons on June 5, 1908. Twenty persons were confirmed June 13, 1917, by the Most Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, D.D.

There are no records of marriages, baptisms or deaths in Buffalo previous to the pastorate of Father Keller.

[53] The League of the Sacred Heart was organized in November, 1917. With its organization there was a noticeable increase in the number of monthly communions.

During the year 1917 the congregation was augmented by the advent of a number of homesteaders.

On June 3, 1918, the old church property (six lots west of the present church) was conveyed by warranty deed to St. John the Baptist church on payment of all expenses, namely, taxes and interest, which amounted to \$185.00. There remained on the property a mortgage held by Mrs. Joseph Knight, of Cheyenne.

With the completion of the rectory at Buffalo, and secure in the assurance that the organization of the parish was functioning smoothly, Father Nicholson devoted his attention to the missions.

In 1919, the church of St. Mary was built at Clearmont. The principal donor was Miss Agnes Wynne of New York, who gave \$1,500.00 to the church with the request that it be erected in memory of her sister, Mary Teresa Wynne. Miss Wynne also donated the altar linen and a painting of the crucifixion. A set of stations of the cross was donated by Miss Wynne's nephew, George Kirwin. Statues were donated by Martin Etchart, Manuel Orneles, and Joseph Borges. Mr. and Mrs. Stone gave a missal and Mrs. W. Ward gave the organ. The Most Reverend Patrick A. [54] McGovern, D.D., bishop of Cheyenne, dedicated the church August 17, 1919.

In 1919, the church of St. Catherine was built in Arvada. The lot was purchased from the Arvada Townsite Company for \$50.00 and the Catholic Church Extension Society donated the sum of \$1000.00 to be used for the building. The church was completed in 1919, and dedicated by Bishop McGovern August 13, 1919. The total debt remaining on the completion of the church was \$600.00. This debt was paid on June 4, 1926.

Mass was celebrated for the first time in Kaycee by Father Nicholson on January 30, 1920, at the home of Mr. William Loogstyn.

In January, 1921, Father Nicholson was transferred to Laramie, and was succeeded in Buffalo by Rev. John J. O'Connor. Father O'Connor was pastor until January 20, 1923, when he was transferred to Evanston, Wyoming. Father O'Connor was the first priest to

say Mass in the district between Kaycee and Salt Creek on August 23, 1921, at the home of Patrick O'Conner.

The Rev. Edward McDonnell succeeded Father O'Connor and it was during his pastorate that confirmation was administered by the Most Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, D.D., bishop of Cheyenne, October 16, 1923, to a class of eleven.

[55] On January 10, 1934, the Rev. John Brady was transferred from Newcastle to Buffalo. Father Brady had a concrete retaining wall built in the basement of the rectory and in the basement of the church. Mrs. Knight, of Cheyenne, received payment of \$300.00 May 27, 1925, and the title to the six lots west of the present church was cleared.

In October, 1926, the parish of Buffalo was divided. A new parish was established at Gillette with Arvada as a mission. The other mission, Rozet, was taken from the vast territory of the Newcastle parish.

Father Brady celebrated Mass for the first time in Sussex, Wyoming, in April, 1928. Approximately seventeen persons were present in the hall, and four children received the sacrament of baptism.

The Most Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, D.D., bishop of Cheyenne, administered confirmation in Buffalo in 1928, to a class of twelve; in 1931 to a class of thirty-two; in 1934 to a class of thirty-four; in 1937 to a class of thirty. There were fifteen baptisms in 1938 and four marriages.

Financial affairs of the parish were in fine shape in 1938. There is at the present time no indebtedness on the church or property and the churches of Arvada and Clearmont are also free from debt. There is a charitable bequest of \$500.00 in the treasury.

[56] Forty per cent of the people of the parish are from the Basque Pyrenees and are engaged in the sheep industry. It is the hope of the parish to secure funds for a new church in the year 1941.

Major Historical Events of St. John the Baptist Parish - Buffalo 1950 to 1960

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A new Church designed to accommodate 350 persons was completed during the pastorate and under the supervision of Father Alphonsus H. Grannan in 1950 and was dedicated by the Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell, D.D., Bishop of Cheyenne on November the 7th 1950.

On September 15 1952 arrangements were completed to purchase 4 lots adjacent to and to the North of the present Church property for the sum of \$2,000.00. The property was duly acquired by Father Grannan.

October 1953 saw the St John the Baptist Church free of debt.

October 1, 1954 Father Grannan was assigned to the Our Lady of Fatima parish, Casper as its first pastor in residence. Father James Power was transferred from Gillette to succeed him in Buffalo. The first assistant pastor to be assigned to Buffalo was Father Patrick J. McGovern, a newly ordained priest from Ireland. Since the mission of Arvada was transferred from the Gillette parish to the Buffalo parish it became necessary to have an assistant at Buffalo to take care of the Missions of St John the Baptist parish. After the arrival of the assistant Mass was begun every Sunday at Clearmont and Arvada missions and a very decided improvement was immediately evident. In October 1955 regular Mass schedule was inaugurated at the Sussex Station. Mass is held once a month since then on the 2nd Sunday.

In July 1955 Father McGovern was transferred to St. Patrick's parish, Kemmerer and was replaced by a newly ordained native priest of Wyoming, Father Thomas L. O'Flannigan. His home was in Laramie and his Alma Mater St Thomas Seminary Denver.

In June 1956 a long cherished dream of the priests and people of Buffalo saw its initial realization in the laying of the foundation of a new parish hall. The site chosen by the

Bishop for this was the site of the old rectory. This frame building was too small to serve its purpose and accordingly was sold to make way for the new hall. The Hall, 96x60 was completed and dedicated in October 1956 by Bishop Newell in the midst of a large congregation of parishioners and guests. Father Power supervised the construction and the contractor was Ray Williams of Sheridan. The cost of the Hall was 46,000.00 dollars.

In September 1957 Father O'Flannigan, the assistant priest was transferred to Kemmerer and was succeeded by Father Gilbert Callaghan who in turn was followed by Father Michael Scullion in July of 1958. Father Scullion was made Pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Lander in August 1959. His place was taken by Father Thomas O'Flannigan who at this date is still serving as assistant.

Kaycee-Sussex organized an Altar and Rosary Society in December 1959 with Mrs. Robert Taylor, a recent convert as the first president. There are 12 members.

The Missions of St John the Baptist Parish, 1960, are St Catherine's of Arvada, and St Mary's of Clearmont. The Mission stations are Sussex, Kaycee and Story.

A house with 5 acres of ground adjacent to the Church property in Clearmont was purchased in 1956 for \$2500.00. The Church was redecorated in 1957. The St Catherine's Church of Arvada was remodeled and decorated in Spring 1959 and a new set of stations were erected by Bishop Newell on April 26 1959.

An Altar and Rosary Society was begun in Story in July 1955 with Mrs. Alvena Zeiser as the first president. A tract of 12 1/2 acres of ground was purchased May 1956 at Story for \$3,000.00. Plans for the erection of a new Church are progressing for Story at this writing.

In October 1955 the St John the Baptist parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with a solemn Pontifical High Mass with His Excellency The Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell as celebrant. Right Rev. Msgr. John McDevitt of Laramie preached the sermon. A banquet, also marking the occasion was held at Lodore Pavilion in Story after the Mass and 300 people were served. On that occasion a check for \$500.00 was presented to Father Power for the Story Mission by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters, non-Catholic residents of Story.

History of the Church of St. John the Baptist - Buffalo, Wyoming 1960-1970

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[1] January 10, 1960

“A meeting of the Trustees of the Church of St. John the Baptist corporation was held at the rectory on January 10. Present were John Camino, secretary; Dr. W. J. Knebel, treasurer, William J. Kirven, attorney for the parish and Rev. James Power, manager. The purpose of the meeting was to examine the financial statement of the previous year, sign it and forward it to the Bishop. The statement was duly examined, verified and dispatched. Business of a pertinent nature to the parish centered around the sprinkler system at the Church. It was in a state of disrepair owing to the freezing of a pipe and its consequent bursting. The part of the system was temporarily out of use. The estimated cost of repair was \$1200.00. It was decided to forego that expense until the parish debt was liquidated. The meeting was then adjourned.” Thus begins the history of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Buffalo, for the period of ten years from 1960 through 1970 . . . a decade in which the parish flourished extraordinarily, not only spiritually, but materially through the purchase of property and erection of new buildings.

The parish of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Buffalo, also includes, St. Mary’s Mission, Clearmont, St. Catherine’s Mission, Arvada and St. Hubert’s Mission, Sussex.

Rev. James Power was assigned the parish in 1954, and served until January 17, 1963. Rev. Thomas O’Flannigan served as assistant during part of this time. On January 17, 1963, Rev. James Ruddy, J.C.D., succeeded Rev. James Power and was pastor until August 31, 1970, at which time he was assigned to St. Matthew’s Church, Gillette. Rev. Louis McKean and Rev. J. W. Averill, S.J., served as assistants in 1968 and 1969 and 1969 and 1970 respectively. Rev. Cornelius O’Connor was appointed pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist and Missions on September 1, 1970.

Approximately thirty percent of the parishioners in the Buffalo area are of Basque ancestry. Included among these parishioners are a great number of young Basque sheep-herders who speak only their native tongue. In order that these young men might be helped with their spiritual needs or personal problems that arose from a language

barrier, two Basque Priests, from the Diocese of Bayonne, France, assist in the parish during August of each year. Father Jean Luro served during the summers of 1961 through 1963, followed by Father Jean Challet, who served 1964 through 1970.

[2] The untiring efforts, cooperation and interest of Dr. W. J. Knebel and John Camino Trustees, both of whom served over thirty years, were very important in the projects completed during these years. Dr. W. J. Knebel still serves as Trustee and is very interested in helping the parish progress. John Camino died in April, 1968, while still serving as Trustee. The following Resolution was made a permanent part of the minutes of the Trustees of St. John the Baptist Church of Buffalo, Wyoming, at a meeting held May 6, 1968:

“BE IT RESOLVED that before any other matters are discussed at this meeting, the Trustees wish to place of permanent record their sorrow at the recent death of trustee John Camino, who had served his church as trustee for almost thirty years. During this time John Camino gave generously and without reservation of his time and his energy in representing the people of this parish as a lay trustee. He was not only faithful in his duties but was a source of encouragement and aid to the other trustees and to the priests who served as pastors of St. John the Baptist Church. When help was needed on any project, John cheerfully did his share and more to see that what needed to be accomplished was done. He stood ready at all times to give advice to the pastor when asked, not only on major building projects but on the many day-to-day problems of the parish. John Camino had a fund of wisdom and he willingly placed this at the disposal of his church and his fellow parishioners.

“The splendid physical plant that this church now enjoys is a lasting tribute to the foresight of John Camino and the other lay trustees who have served with him, and his cheerful spirit and wise counsel will be deeply missed by the other trustees. He not only was a worthy trustee but was a man who showed to the entire community of Buffalo what a Catholic gentleman should be.

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the trustees as a permanent memorial to John Camino and that copies of this Resolution be sent to his family with the assurance that he will always be remembered in our prayers.”

Charles Marton was elected to complete the unexpired term of John Camino, and was subsequently elected to serve a full term as Trustee, the duties of which office he still fulfills.

[3] In 1961, property adjacent to the Parish Hall, was purchased from Mr. & Mrs. Lige Miller for \$14,700.00. This property consisted of a two-story home and several lots. The home was later dismantled and the entire area was used as a trailer-house park.

Extension Lay Volunteers, Katherine Burke and Katherine Walsh helped in the parish from the Fall of 1962 through Spring of 1964, followed that Fall by Lucy Leick and Nelly Van Loon who served through Spring of 1965. Their first major project was to establish St. John's Kindergarten, for Catholic and non-Catholic children, which proved to be a great asset, not only for the parish, but also for the entire community. For two years, after the departure of the Extension Lay Volunteers, the Kindergarten classes were taught by Miss Angela Welby, and since that time have been taught by Mrs. Martin Camino.

A home and lots adjacent to the Church were purchased from Mrs. Lillian Parsons in January, 1963 for approximately \$17,500.00, and in March, 1963, the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Theilen was purchased for \$16,000.00. The acquiring of these properties added inestimably to the welfare of the parish.

In order to pay for the improvements in St. John's Parish and help liquidate the parish debt, a "Debt Liquidation Campaign" was launched in October of 1963 under the leadership of Rev. James Buddy, J.C.D. This campaign was highly successful, which was proved by the fact that by the end of 1965 the parish was completely debt-free.

In 1944, Count and Countess Frederick Thorne-Rider deeded to the parish, a beautiful brick home and lots located on South Main Street, located approximately a mile from the Church and parish proper. In ensuing years, this home was used as a parish hall, and in the late fifties became the Rectory. Quoting from the Code of Canon Law #465, Paragraph 1, "The Pastor has the obligation of residing close to his Church. However the local Ordinary, with a just cause, can permit him to live somewhere else provided his house is not too distant from the Church that this distance would hinder him in his Pastoral duties." Although the Pastors performed their Pastoral duties despite the location of this Rectory, the fact remains that it presented many inconveniences and problems, not only for the Pastor, but also for the parishioners.

In May, 1965, Rev. James Ruddy, with the approval of His Excellency, Bishop Hubert M. Newell, negotiated an exchange of properties with Mr. & Mrs. Charles Marton, with Mr. & Mrs. Marton paying an additional \$5,000.00, besides their home and lots. The Marton properties being located directly across the street from the Church made this an invaluable transaction.

[4] Estates of Emelia E. Fisher and Arnold Verstegen, valued at approximately \$25,000.00, each were bequeathed to St. John the Baptist parish in 1964 and 1965, with the stipulation that these assets were to be used for educational purposes only. The thoughtfulness and generosity of these parishioners made it possible to formulate plans for building a new Catechetical Center.

Mr. Jan Wilking, representing Goodrich and Wilking, Architects, Casper, Wyoming, submitted plans for a new Catechetical Center in July, 1967 to St. John the Baptist parish for approval. These plans being approved, a contract was let in August, 1967 to Atlas Construction Company, Cheyenne, Wyoming, to erect a brick and stone building consisting of four spacious classrooms, an office, storage rooms and bathrooms.

The amount of the original contract was \$69,771.00, with construction to begin in September and to be completed by the end of December. However with the letting of additional contracts, for sidewalks, curbs, painters, furnishings and architectural fees, the cost of the completed building was approximately \$85,000.00.

In addition to Emelia E. Fisher and Arnold Verstegen, substantial donations were made by Mr. John Belus, the Belus Brothers, Mr. Louis Falxa, and from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. John Camino, and Mr. Jean Auzqui.

This beautiful building is used for all religious classes, kindergarten classes, and by the entire community for civic and social programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon U. Harriet, sold to the parish, in 1966, lots situated across the street from the parish hall for \$2,500.00. A parking lot was constructed on this land in 1968 to replace the parking lot, built in 1964, the lots of the latter being needed for the construction of the new catechetical center.

The organizations of the parish include St. John's Altar & Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus and C. Y. O., all of which were active during this ten-year period in promoting projects for the welfare of the parish and community and following the edicts of the Second Vatican Council.

St. John's Altar & Rosary Society has a membership of approximately fifty women, many of whom have served as officers, not only on a local, but Deanery and Diocesan levels. During the past ten years, two ladies, Mrs. Martin Camino and Mrs. Don Vogl have served as Presidents of the Sheridan Deanery, and from 1965 through 1967. Mrs. Camino also served as President of the Cheyenne Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

[5] Father DeSmet Council of Knights of Columbus has an enrollment of approximately sixty members. Serving as District Deputies during the years 1960-1970, have been George W. Washut, Donald Kraen, and Rudy Frankovic. Mr. Frankovic was also elected to the office of State Advocate in 1970.

In July, 1967, Father DeSmet Council purchased four lots located across the street from the Catechetical Center for \$4,800.00. Since that time many improvements have been made on these lots at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00. The Knights of Columbus plan to build a hall on this site to accommodate their business and social affairs.

Approximately fifty young people are enrolled in the C. Y. O. These boys and girls are active in many projects for the welfare of the Church and community. One of their outstanding local programs in recent years has been to entertain and help shut-ins and elderly people at the Amy Holt Nursing Home and at the Wyoming Soldiers and Sailors Home.

During this ten year period, 1960-1970, the Decrees of the Second Vatican Council were promulgated and especially those Decrees regarding the Liturgical Reform were introduced in the parish of St. John the Baptist (as of course, they were all over the universe). The changes, as all changes do, met with some opposition, but were eventually wholeheartedly and totally accepted.

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The parish history for Saint John's Church in Buffalo, Wyoming, for the years 1970 - 1980 follows:

Rev. Cornelius O'Connor was assigned as Pastor of the Parish in September of 1970. During his two-year reign, he installed a public address system in the church, which is still in use today.

Father O'Connor was succeeded by the Rev. Gerald Chleborad as Pastor in September of 1972. During his pastorate, Father Chleborad remodeled the interior of the parish hall by lowering the ceiling and installing indirect lighting. Also, the heating system was redone for better heating purposes.

In addition to this, Father Chleborad acquired a house with two lots plus a parking area directly south of the parish hall. The house is presently rented and the parking lot was blacktopped for parking convenience.

Father Chleborad was succeeded by Msgr. George A. Stoll as Pastor with Father Thomas Tracey as associate pastor. Msgr. Stoll was here only nine months and was transferred to Laramie.

Msgr. Stoll was succeeded by Rev. Cletus A. Prado, the present pastor. First project was the complete remodeling of the interior of the church designed by Moroder International of Milwaukee. Remodeling included stained glass windows based on the Constitution of the Church. Pews were also refinished with appropriate stain to match the woodwork in the interior of the building.

In 1981, an underground sprinkling system was installed completely around the church and covering one half city block of the church grounds.

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

1980 - September 1982 - Rev. Cletus Prado.

Sept. 1980 - Feb. 1983 - Rev. John O'Shae, S.J.

Feb. 1983 - June 1983 - Rev. Richard MacMillan.

June 1983 - May 1988 - Rev. William Espenshade.

May 1988 - present - Rev. Joseph A. Daley.

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

John Marton - Wyoming State House. John Perry - Wyoming State Senate. James Hicks - Mayor of Buffalo. Marilyn Maxwell - Editor of Wyoming Catholic Register. Lynn Ridgeway - President of CCW - Sheridan Deanery. Darleen Huddleston - D.P.C. - Sheridan Deanery. George Schafer, D.P.C. - Sheridan Deanery.

3. Notable accomplishments by the clergy and religious during the decade: (give dates)

Rev. William Espenshade, Supervisor of Seminary Training Summer Program. Also Supervisor of newly ordained Clergy.

4. Construction - new or remodeling: (give dates)

1980 - Church remodeled under direction of Rev. Cletus Prado.

1982 - New organ purchased - Rev. Cletus Prado.

1987-1988 - Remodeled St. Mary's at Clearmont, under direction of Father Espenshade.

1988-1989 - Remodeled St. Herbert's at Kaycee, under direction of Father Daley.

5. Land acquisitions: (give dates): None.

6. Lay Trustees and term of service for each:

1980 - 1984 - Dave Larkin and Ron Dube; 1984 to present - Frank Proyinski and Pete Camino.

7. Pastor's overview of the decade:

1980 to 1990 was a period of great activity and some turmoil, the parish says because of three Pastors and two administrators. Stability came in 1983 with Father Espenshade and "renew". The "Renew" Program gave rebirth to the parish, which has seen St. John's revitalize itself. The parish is a very involved place, highly esteemed in the

community of Buffalo and a dynamo of faith filled activities. More things have happened, more parishioners are involved locally and statewide that at anytime in its over 100 year history.

8. Significant Parish events and programs: (give dates)

1983 - 100th Anniversary.

1983-1985 - Renew Program.

1988 - National Pasque Convention.

1989 - C.C.W. State Convention.

1991 - First Mass of Rev. Peter Johnson (this might be forgotten ten years from now.)