

**Big Piney, WY**  
**23 April 1970**

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF BIG PINEY'S CATHOLIC MISSION  
CHURCH**

**10 YEARS 1960 to 1970**

Starting, say, 1 April 1959, while still under the "Ordinariate" of the even then legendary Fr. Bartek, Saint Anne's Mission of Our Lady of Peace of Pinedale has seen a gradual development high-lighted by the following:  
In front of the Church, Log curbing, Concrete walk, Black top parking space

Tile and linoleum in the aisle and under pews in the Church.

Road signs announcing Mass time at both ends of Town

Electric organ

Carpeting in the sanctuary

New roofing on the Church

3 outside paint jobs and 2 inside

Altar to face the congregation

Ordination of Father -Thompson

Lawn and landscaping

Storm windows

Repository side altar for reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. This is more or less a chronological listing of events or improvements seen by these Pastors.

Father Bartek until September 1964. He was followed by Father Thomas O'Flannigan who was with us until October 1966 and was replaced by Fr. Gilbert Callahan who in turn served until June 1969. Our present Pastor, Father John Murray came to us about the first of September 1969.

Holy Mass has been offered here every Sunday and on all Holy Days without exception over these past 10 years with an average attendance of perhaps 50 souls.

An annual Commemorative Mass has also been celebrated at the Father DeSmet monument near Daniel, Wyoming early in July. Arrangements for this have usually been made by the Rock Springs Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Jesuit Priests of Saint Stephens Mission near Riverton, Wyoming.

An Altar and Rosary Society has functioned at all times here to provide for the Religious education of our children as well as to insure some social outlet especially at Christmas time and to serve the extraordinary fund-raising needs of the congregation most recently with a popular Community calendar which lists Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Meetings of the many and varied Community Groups.

At present, plans are underway for the building of a Catechetical Center and Church Hall which hopefully will invigorate our Membership.

[signed John Murray]