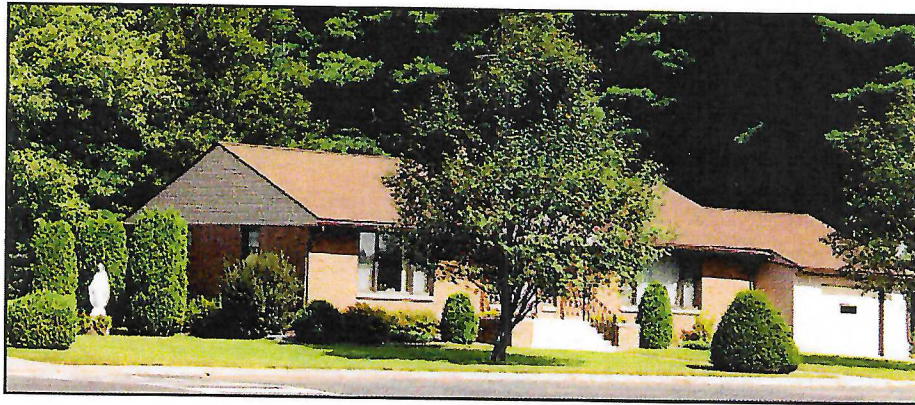




Saint Anthony the Abbot
Cumberland, Wisconsin
2000

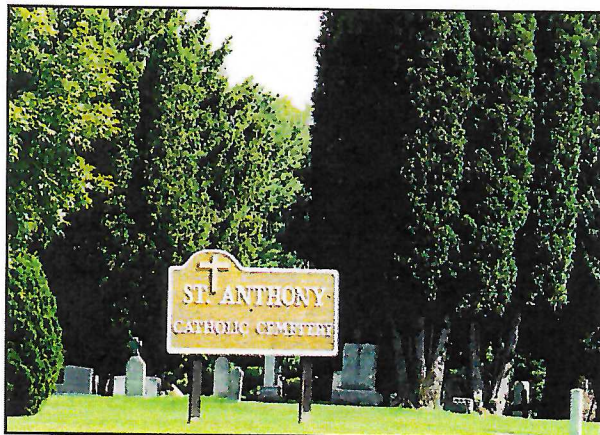




Rectory - Built 1954



Parish Center Dedicated 1993



Parish Cemetery Began 1885



Bishop Raphael Fliss



Pope John Paul II



Father Dennis Mullen

Dear parishioners and friends,

It is a profound pleasure to present this parish directory.

We are on the threshold of the new millennium. This directory will serve as a snapshot of the parish at this time. It is an invaluable document of the history of our parish and its members.

For each of us it will be a way to know each other better. Through this book we will better understand our parish, our parishioners, and our many ministries and activities.

I thank you for your participation in this project. I trust this book will find a welcome place in your home, and give you and your families much enjoyment.

Peace always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. Dennis Mullen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Dennis Mullen
Pastor

Parish History

The parish of St. Anthony the Abbot begins the new millennium with over a century of faith full years to look back on.

Cumberland's early Catholics came from various backgrounds and life experiences to worship together from the first time in 1883. The first Mass was said in the Hall Building, which was located on the corner where The Company Store was eventually built. It is now the site of Island City Bank. The first and subsequent services were held by missionary priests from New Richmond, Hayward and Ashland.

Father DeParadis was one of the missionary priests who felt the need for a permanent place of worship in Cumberland. The small congregation began to build a church in 1883 on Second Avenue. The church was initially called St. Mary's of the Wayside. It was completed in 1884 and formally dedicated by Bishop Flash on October 24, 1888. Over the years the congregation became known as St. Mary's.

A small frame house was built on the St. Mary site in 1885 and served as the rectory until the early 1990's when it was sold and moved across the street to be used as a private residence. Fr. Stephan Leinfelder Ph. D. began building a new rectory at his own expense. It was completed in 1904 at the cost of \$4000. St. Mary's rectory was sold in 1985 and again in 1991. It is now a bed and breakfast inn appropriately named "The Rectory".

There were three fires at St. Mary's over the years. The first were minor incidents and caused little damage, but the third fire completely destroyed the church on Sunday morning, May 7, 1944. The parishioners and their pastor, Father H. G. Shaney, immediately began rebuilding. Materials were difficult to acquire due the effects of World War II and construction was delayed. During this time the parishioners attended Mass at St. Anthony's. The new church was completed in 1948. The formal dedication of the new building took place on Wednesday, May 4, 1948, almost four years to the day the old church burned.

The Italians outnumbered the other Catholics around Cumberland and wanted to establish their own ethnic church. In 1885, they withdrew from St. Mary's and erected a church a mile south of Cumberland and named it St. Anthony the Abbot. A large cemetery was laid out beside the church that is still used today. The cemetery was expanded in 1986. The congregation became known as St. Anthony's.

The original St. Anthony the Abbot church was enlarged in 1917 to accommodate the growing number of families in the area, but on March 19, 1919 the church was completely destroyed by fire. New construction was begun immediately by the parishioners and the present church was completed in 1924.

In 1954, Father R. Herrman, then assistant pastor at St. Mary's was assigned to be the first resident pastor at St. Anthony's. Construction was started on a rectory to house the priest and in 1955 the brick ranch style home was completed. It is still being used today.'

Corpus Christi Church was located in north McKinley on County Highway E. The white frame church was built in 1911 by the local residents and was served by Cumberland priests until 1944. At that time the missionary duties were taken over by the priest from Frederic. In 1952, Corpus Christi was returned as a mission church to Cumberland and in 1954 became a permanent part of St. Anthony's congregation. Regular services were discontinued at Corpus Christi in 1972

when Cumberland Area Catholic Community was established. The church was razed in December 1991 but the cemetery is still maintained. A Memorial Marker was placed at the location where Corpus Christi once stood.

In a May 11, 1969, letter from Bishop George Hammes, St. Mary's and St. Anthony's parishes were again assigned only one resident priest. Bishop Hammes cited the shortage of priests as the reason for his action. He suggested that a joint planning committee made up of the pastor and the two churches with the possibility of them being combined into one. In 1973, the two churches were merged and became Cumberland Area Catholic Community under Father William Green. Mass continued to be said at both churches until the late 1970's but due to the size of the combined congregation it became more efficient for Mass to be held only at St. Anthony's. St. Mary's church was sold in 1984 and the building is now being considered as a Community Art Center. In 1986, the parish officially dropped the name of Cumberland Area Catholic community and returned to the name of St. Anthony the Abbot.

In the winter of 1992-1993 a new Parish Center was built on land across the street from St. Anthony's church and cemetery. It consists of classrooms, offices, a conference room, chapel, and a large hall. The center was ready for use in February 1993 for classes, meetings, and social functions. The building was formally dedicated and blessed on Sunday, June 13, 1993, during "Our Journey of Faith" (1983-1993) celebration by Bishop M. Fliss, Diocese of Superior.

From the beginning, except for the short period of time between 1954 and 1969, the two churches of St. Mary's and St. Anthony's were served by one priest. The first of these pastors was Father George Keller, 1885. Following is a list of pastors who have served this Catholic community since its beginning: Rev. Michael Schorlek, 1886-87; Rev. Peter Becker, 1887-89; Rev. Charles Jungblut, 1889-92; Rev. Peter Dickopf, 1892-95; Rev. N. Stolz, 1895-96; Rev. Gerhard Vadder, 1896-67; Rev. S. A. Leinfelder, Ph. D., 1897-1905; Rev. Louis Charron, 1905-06; Rev. P. Condon 1906 (Reverends Charron and Condon replaced Fr. Leinfelder while he studied in Europe), Rev. S. A. Leinfelder, 1906-07; Rev. A. M. Henderson, 1907; Rev. Henry Thamerling, 1907; Rev. Norbert Scheid, 1907-08; Rev. Gregory Reuter, 1908; Rev. L. Cologanni, 1908-14; Rev. J. Tognoli, 1914; Rev. M. Pulch, 1914; Rev. B. Habraken, 1914-17; Rev. L. Cologanni, 1917-20; Rev. H. Teuwisse, 1920-26; Rev. H. G. Shaney, 1926-48; Rev. James Fagan, 1948-50; Rev. Patrick J. Cunningham, 1950-54.

St. Mary's: Rev. Joseph R. Mayou, 1955-58; Rev. Philip Krembs, 1958-65; Rev. Thaddeus Lesniak, 1965-69.

St. Anthony's: Rev. R. Herrman, 1954-59; Rev. Leon Schloemer, 1959-62; Rev. Joseph P. McCormack, 1962-67; Rev. Frederick Brost, Administrator, 1967-69. Rev. Leonard W. Fraher, 1986-96; Rev. Dennis Mullen, 1996-present.

Cumberland Area Catholic Community: Rev. Frederick J. Brost, 1969-72; Rev. William H. Green, 1972-75; Rev. Albert Verdegan, 1975-80; Rev. Leonard W. Fraher, 1980-86.

Pastoral Staff



Rose Schullo
LITURGIST / CRE



Gregory Ricci
DEACON



Mary Modjeski
DRE



Susan Jacobson
BOOKKEEPER



Kathryn Turba
MUSIC DIRECTOR



Ethel Anderson
SECRETARY



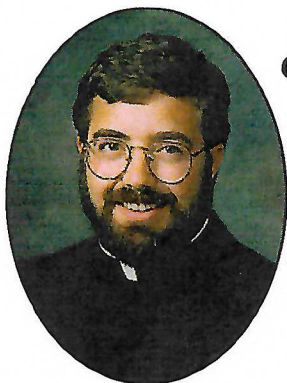
Josephine Ricci
HOUSEKEEPER



Robert Mireau
MAINTENANCE



Rhonda Stauner
JANITRESS



Father Andrew Ricci
Ordained: June 8, 1997



Father Thomas Thompson
Ordained: September 20, 1992



Deacon Gregory Ricci
Ordained: June 28, 1998



Sister M. Madeleva, CSC
Congregation of the Holy Cross
Vows taken: 1914



Sister Richelle Ranallo, OSF
Order of St. Francis of Assisi
Vows taken: 1953

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Notre Dame, IN

Vocations From Parish



Sister Sandra DeGidio, OSM
Order of Servants of Mary
Vows taken: 1962



Sister Geraldine Schulte, OSM
Order of Servants of Mary
Vows taken: 1942

Parish Appreciation Day



August 15, 1999



PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Mullen, Diane Thorp,
Bob Sirianni, Marie Hillman,
Sam Ferrise, Vern Altman,
DeeDee Dague, Louie
Muench

Called to Serve

FINANCE COUNCIL

Clarence Boehm, Mary Ann
Hecht, Gary Hendricks, David
Ricci, Philip Mayer, Fr. Mullen



LITURGY COMMITTEE

Joan Wurm, Rose Schullo, Mary Ann Hecht,
Susan Jacobson, Karen Schmitz, Kathy Turba,
Arla Bormann, Tim Heffernan

Religious Education



ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

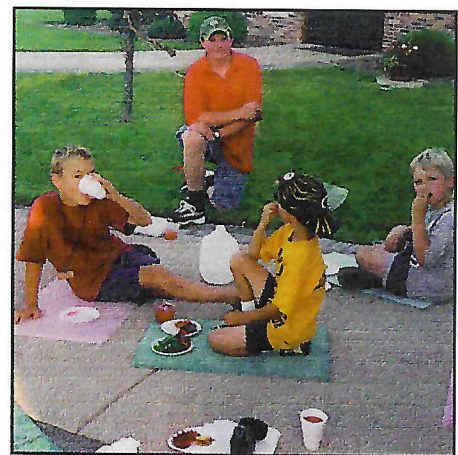
Peg Krueger, Mary Gislason, Anita Kerr, Linette Ross, Mary Jobe, Betty Ruff, Jill Ranallo, Myrtle Tripp, Patty Mann, Front row: Joyce Erickson, (Stefan Kerr) Rose Schullo, Sue Jacobson



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Mary Modjeski, Bob Mireau, Gordon Overby, Ron Haverly, Arla Bormann, Karen Schmitz, Sue Leitheiser, Jeff Rafko, Doris Muench, Larry Conley, Front row: Bev Haverly, Belinda Effertz, Vernita Conley

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Music Ministry

Accompanists

**Adult
Choir**



**Youth
Choir**

**Alleluia
Choir**



Service Organizations



Cumberland Catholic Women Officers



Knight of Columbus Officers



Catholic Order of Forresters Officers



Ben & Alice Mianecki, Dorie Chartraw



Josephine Ricci & Ella Schafer



Beatrice Middendorp