



100 Years of Faith, Hope, & Love Newsletter

# EXPANSION INTO A PERMANENT STRUCTURE

1951-1960

*“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.”  
Psalm 90:1*

## THREEFOLD PURPOSE

Fr. Francis Wilkins quickly perceived the need for change as his flock in the A-Frame church grew. So, plans were drawn up and, in 1951, a new brick structure on Lake Street and Zarthan Avenue was completed for a cost of \$369,000. This building promised to serve the threefold purpose of hall (basement), church (main floor), and school (top floor).



Church naïve (second floor of building)



Church hall (basement of building)

## PARISH LIFE

Even as the Holy Family Parish School began operations on the top floor of the new brick structure, parish life flourished below. Builders installed a new altar, crucifix, and statues. In addition, more pews were added to accommodate greater numbers of the faithful during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Holy Family's already-thriving ministries, including the Altar & Rosary Society, Men's Club, bazaars, and Fall Festival, made great use of the brand new basement hall (now Kattar Hall). Increased space allowed for the parish to gather over meals. During parties and fundraisers, the hall hosted toy booths, bake sales, and carnival games.