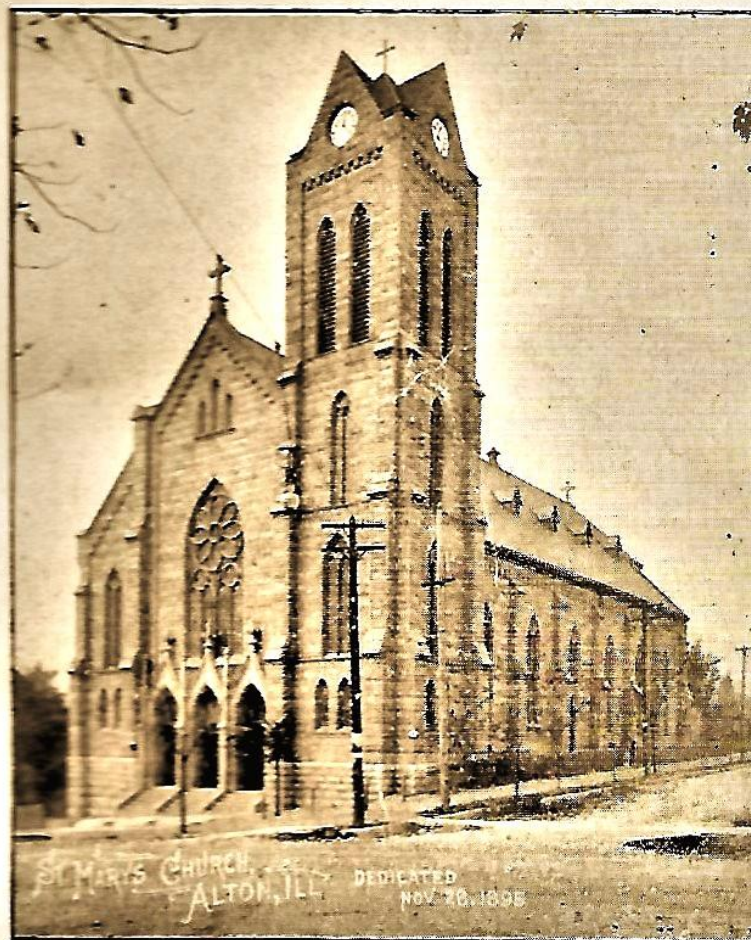




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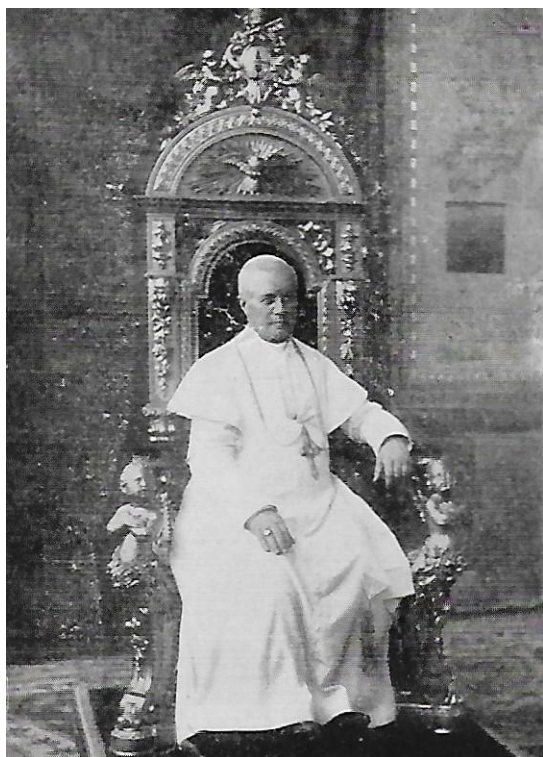
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The Immaculate Conception



In 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the **Immaculate Conception** "not so much because of proofs in Scripture or ancient tradition, but due to a profound *sensus fidelium* (sense of the faithful) and the Magisterium (the church's authority to give authentic interpretation of the Word of God)."



Pope Pius X, 1903-1914

Alton, Ill. February 16, 1904
Most Holy Pius X, Supreme Pontiff.

Prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness, I earnestly beg for the Apostolic Blessing for all benefactors of St. Mary's Church, erected under the protection of the Immaculate Conception, who work together to liquidate the debt on the Church for the Jubilee Year.

The most obedient servant of
Your Holiness

Joseph Meckel, Rector

*Juxta precem cunctis bene-
factoribus Benedictionem
Apostolicam ex auctoritate
impertimus
Die 26 Martii An. 1904
Pius P. X.*

Granting your request, we gladly bestow the
Apostolic Blessing on all benefactors.

March 26, 1904

Pope Pius X



***Monsignor Diomedes Falconio
Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., 1902-1911***

St. Mary's Golden Jubilee

The fiftieth anniversary of St. Mary's Church, the Golden Jubilee year, is a proper time for a review of events, which go to make up the story of the sacrifices and hardships and of all the noble deeds of priests and people, connected with the origin, development and progress of that community. A record of this kind, or, if you will, a history of that comparatively brief time and limited place, though a somewhat difficult undertaking, has its own charms and attractions and will prove profitable for the present and, even more so, for future generations.

As every individual must necessarily perform his own task in the limited sphere of his life and should exert a beneficent influence on his contemporaries for the attainment of those things which appear to him, and are truly, worthy of having and enjoying, so also must a community of Catholics, organized as a congregation, each in its own time and sphere, add a luminous page to the history of that grand old church, which is the mother of all truth, all culture and all true progress, and ever solicitous for the social and moral betterment of the people. To what extent St. Mary's Congregation of Alton has accomplished this task will be seen from the historical sketch which is hereby presented as a Jubilee gift to the members of the Congregation.

It might be expected that this sketch should be presented in the German language because St. Mary's was from the beginning, and is now, a German congregation. But the fact that the rising generation of our people are fully and, I might add, more conversant with the English language, coupled with the prospect for the future, in which the descendants of our pioneers will take even more readily to the language of the country, will, in my view, explain sufficiently why we had no other choice. This souvenir will, however, compensate our old settlers, justly in love with their native and beautiful language, by interspersing now and then some notices and, perhaps, very acceptable scraps according to their taste and preferment.

Please note that this re-mastered commemorative document is offered only in English.

ALTON'S FIRST CATHOLICS

In the year 1833 we find among the inhabitants of Alton a few Catholic families. Their names were Melancy, McCarroll, Clifford, Dr. White and Wise. It appears that they were visited from time to time by a priest from St. Louis. The first Mass was said in Sebastian Wise's house in 1837. A year later a small frame church was put up in Upper Alton. As its pastor is mentioned Rev. George Hamilton, later on enlisted as a resident priest at Boston, Mass. He was succeeded by Father Michael Carroll. He must have been a man of great sacrifice. There was little comfort for him. The means of keeping up the congregation and providing for his livelihood were extremely slim. His visits to the houses of his parishioners, living at great distances from each other, brought him along streets and roads well nigh impassable at certain times of the year. But he murmured not, and attended faithfully to the spiritual needs of his little flock, seeing them ready to do anything that it was possible for them to do, in their straitened circumstances. As active members of the Church are recorded at that time, James McArdle and John Althoff, besides those mentioned above. Meanwhile the original church building in Upper Alton vanishes from view, and we find the zealous pastor engaged in building a new rock church in Alton, on a high elevation at the corner of Third and Alby streets, commanding a full view of the Mississippi River and of the entire city. The church was completed in 1844 and blessed by Bishop P. P. Lefevere, then Coadjutor and Administrator of Detroit. The church bore the name of St. Matthew. Where the good priest resided does not appear from the records. Possibly he lived and boarded with one of his parishioners. A mission was held in the new church the following year. Father Wenniger, S.J., conducted it. He preached both English and German. Apparently the mission was very successful. The congregation, in course of time, increased in numbers and must have become quite respectable. Strangers passing through Alton, if they were Catholics, went to see the church and assisted at the services. Occasionally some Irish peddlers were found among the worshippers, who, when noticing the priest at the altar without a server, as would happen quite often, would walk up and answer the prayers of the celebrant. Patrick O'Donnell, who later became captain in the army, served in that capacity repeatedly and after Divine Service had a pleasant chat with the affable priest. The Captain delighted to wait on the writer of this historic sketch in Lawrence County, Illinois, where Holy Mass was celebrated in a log church for a number of years.

In the year 1851 the church was partially destroyed by fire. The priest was absent at the time, when a fire starting in a frame house in the rear of the church caused this calamity. There the congregation had to take again to a hall on State Street for temporary services. Father Carroll suggested that the site of the church should be abandoned and received the consent of the Bishop of Chicago for choosing a new site and build thereon the present Cathedral. The old church property was sold. The Unitarians fixed up the old structure, and for a number of years met there for their gatherings. A few years ago they took down the old walls and put up a new structure in the place of it. However, they perpetuated the old tradition by setting in the front wall the two slabs of the original church, on which you find the words: "One Lord, One Faith. One Fold, One Shepherd". The writer of this thought to procure these tables of stone as souvenirs of the old church, supposing the Unitarians had no use for them. But no, these inscriptions were to give a lie to the church, where the unity alluded to cannot be found.

The Catholic population had meanwhile increased very rapidly; hence the church contemplated should be rather stately and fine. It was gotten up in a few years ready for Divine Service, but its completion was deferred to the year 1857, when Bishop Damian Juncker, as the

first Bishop of Alton, took the affairs of the church in hand.

BISHOP DAMIAN JUNCKER FIRST BISHOP OF ALTON

When in 1853 it was decided to divide the diocese of Chicago, a see was erected at Quincy. But the Very Rev. Joseph Melchers,* the appointed pastor of the new see, declined accepting the office, and the diocese was administered for some years by Bishop O'Regan, of Chicago, until Alton was made the bishopric. It then contained 51 churches, 18 priests and 50,000 Catholics. Bishop Damian Juncker was the first bishop. After all the efforts on behalf of the diocese, Bishop Juncker completed the Cathedral and took pains to have a good Catholic school. The Cathedral was solemnly consecrated by Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis, May 15, 1859. Bishops Luers, of Fort Wayne, Duggan, of Chicago, and Whelan, of Nashville, being present. *NOTE: The Very Rev. Joseph Melchers mentioned above later served as Bishop of Green Bay from 1868 until his death in 1873.

Bishop Juncker, after having examined into the conditions and resources of his new charge, undertook soon a journey to Europe, that he might get some priests and ecclesiastical students, for this was a crying need. He was successful and returned with seven priests and twelve ecclesiastical students. These were the means of drawing others in the course of years. In 1858 Franciscan Fathers came to the diocese from the Province of the Holy Cross, in Westphalia. They have been a source of great blessings to the diocese, by founding and attending various congregations, by giving missions and especially by their ecclesiastical colleges at Teutopolis and Quincy. They arrived in this country in 1858, sixteen in number, which has since increased to five hundred. Quite recently they celebrated in great style the 50th anniversary.

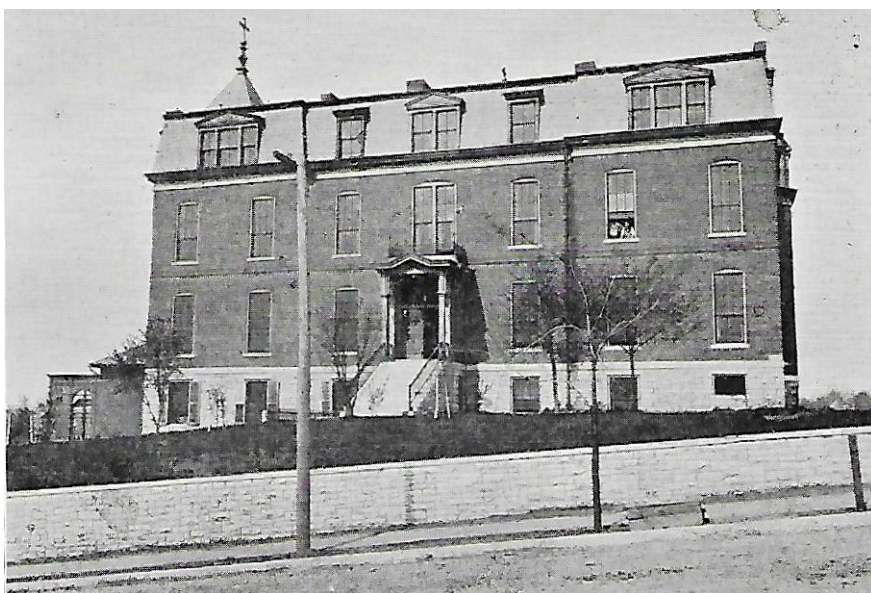


*Rt. Rev. Damian Juncker, D.D.
First Bishop of Alton*

SISTERS OF CHARITY, SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL

There had been a Catholic School in Alton, conducted by Sisters from St. Joseph, Emmetsburg. Early in February, 1856, Sister Rose Genevieve, with two other Sisters, was sent for the commencement. It was named "Immaculate Conception School". This institution, however, did not realize expectations. It was kept up for two years, after which the Sisters withdrew.

We meet the Sisters, however, in Alton again in the year 1864, when the Government of the United States called for them to care for the Confederate prisoners and insubordinate officers confined in the buildings known as the "Illinois State Penitentiary". Sisters Othelia Marshall, Silveria, Mary Joseph Barrett and Oswald answered the call. In 1865, at the close of the Civil War, the citizens of Alton were anxious the Sisters should remain to establish a hospital. They were then serving in a house formerly occupied as the school and during the War as a Military Hospital. The matter was referred to the administrative body at Emmetsburg and favorably acted upon. This is the beginning of the St. Joseph's Hospital. Sister Ignatia Casey was the first superioress. She was succeeded in 1869 by Sister Mary Joseph Barrett, well and most favorably remembered by many citizens of Alton. For many years the house where Mr. Julius Haas is conducting now a prosperous butcher business served as the Hospital. The present Hospital building, under the direction of Sister Mary Louis and a staff of very able physicians, is the pride of the city. It rises three stories high on a prominent hill on Walnut Street, and from it you have a magnificent outlook upon the Mississippi River. May the St. Joseph's Hospital continue for many years to administer its benign consolations to the ailing and suffering members of the community!



St. Joseph's Hospital

URSULINE CONVENT

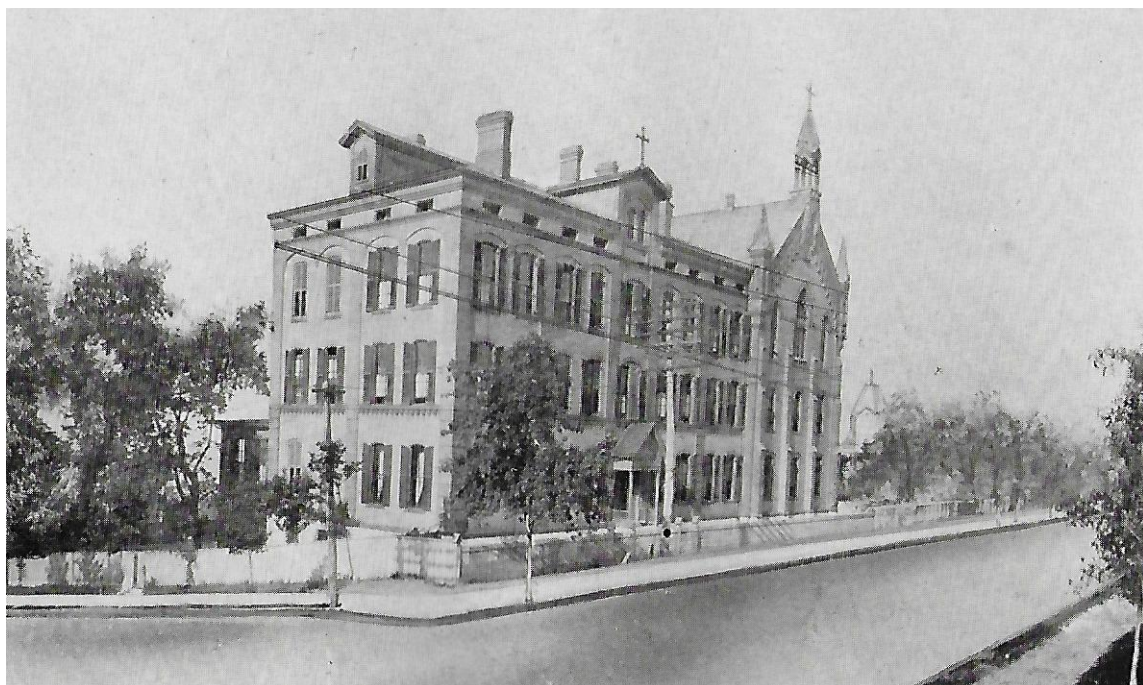
Bishop Juncker's solicitude for the Diocese and particularly for the City of Alton, directed him to look for an Order of Religious to attend to the Catholic education of the children. He applied to the Ursuline Sisters in St. Louis. March 22, 1859, the first members of the community of the said Order came to Alton and opened a convent on State Street, nearly opposite the present Public Library. First Mass was said in a room, fitted up for a temporary chapel, March 22, 1859, a piano being used as an altar.

Mother Josephine, Superior, Sisters Seraphine, M. Ursula, Mary, Martha, Crescenz, Antonia, formed the first community. School was opened April 1, of the same year, with 140 pupils. Thirty-six children were prepared for first Holy Communion and ten adults were instructed for Baptism that very same year. Great was the joy of the religious, when, on Holy Thursday of that year, the Blessed Sacrament was exposed all day in their little chapel. The accommodations for the teachers and children were very poor, and the erection of a new building on Fourth Street was begun in April, 1861. When the third story was reached work had to be suspended for lack of funds. Mother Josephine and Sister Mary went to Europe to collect. The first donation, received in Muenster, Westphalia, of \$140, was sent immediately to Alton, and orders given to resume the work of building. On December 28, 1862, the convent being finished, was dedicated to the Holy Family, the Bishop himself performing the ceremony. Great and unexpected was the success which favored the work of the good religious. While teaching all the Catholic girls of the two parishes, they also took into their house children of neighboring places, and established an academy for more advanced studies in the various branches and in music. The patronage which the Sisters enjoyed was on the increase from year to year. And numerous were the young ladies who desired to be admitted into the community and to be prepared for entering upon the religious life.

One might well praise Divine Providence and admire the labors of the good nuns, when looking around at the various communities, who have been started out from Alton to take up the great work of Catholic education at Litchfield, Decatur, Mattoon, Collinsville, Springfield and Venice, besides the Cathedral and St. Patrick Schools in this city. Measure the grand structure of the convent as it stands now, added and superadded to in the course of years, with its various departments and equipments and the beautiful chapel; and you may well understand how great has been the work of the Sisters, how wonderful their success, and how resplendent the hope for the future of this community now numbering nearly one hundred. The present Superior is Rev. Mother Walter, the daughter of Christian Walter, one of the first settlers.

In connection with all these institutions we should not fail to recognize one person who has always been in evidence for his sincere and generous interest in them; and as for the congregation his advent to Alton was hailed with joy by Father Peters, of blessed memory, and his generosity toward the church has never been known to fail. This is Dr. G. Taphorn. While the public acknowledgement has no purpose whatever to emphasize his official

character as a physician and as a citizen of Alton, we are more than glad his merits, as such, are generally conceded and warmly attested by all who have come in contact with him.



Ursuline Convent



Dr. Gerhardt Taphorn

REMARKABLE STATISTICS

120 years ago the Catholic Church in the United States counted about 25,000 souls; now it has 14,000,000. The Protestant denominations number as follows: Methodists (all branched) 6,660,000; Baptists (all branches) 5,225,000; Presbyterians 2,000,000; Lutherans 2,000,000; with the other denominations too numerous to mention all Protestants may reach a population of about 16,000,000 in the United States; Jews and heathens and non-church members about 50,000,000.

Ministers: Catholic priests, 15,891; Baptists, 38,276; Methodists, 41,893; Presbyterians, 12,723; Lutherans, 80, 40. What in t he world are all the ministers doing? How do Catholic priests manage to cope with their work? These, surely, are the questions rising up in the minds of those that compare the above numbers.

St. Mary's Church

It was not long after the arrival of Bishop Juncker that the German Catholics of Alton considered the organization of a separate congregation. Imagine, if you can, the difficulties these had been under in order to attend to their religious duties. Being new settlers just coming from Europe, they did not understand the sermons which were English only, nor could they go to confession. They would, of course, undertake sometimes the journey to St. Louis, either on foot or on a wagon, to find a priest who could minister unto them. This was a great hardship. However, Bishop Juncker had separate services for the English and Germans in the Cathedral, and Father Menge, afterwards a member of the clergy in Cincinnati, was entrusted with the care of the Germans. It was he who advised them to apply for permission to build a church of their own, seeing that their number would increase rapidly.

Permission was granted. Leonard Flachenecker, Michael Lampert and Lawrence Fahrig were appointed to collect means for the purpose. There were only about 25 families united in their efforts. They were all poor, only a few living in town, the rest renting farms at great distances from the town. But success crowned their endeavors. The church was built in 1858, under the direction of Father Menge, and when completed it was attended by the same reverend gentleman and by Father Ostrop, who had been ordained May 4, 1859. Both resided at the Bishop's residence, until Father Franz Ostrop was appointed first pastor. The title chosen for the new church was a monumental expression of the declaration of the Blessed Virgin at her apparition at Lourdes in the same year, who said: "I am the Immaculate Conception." The basement of the building was to serve for school purposes and such gatherings as time and circumstances would call for. The first fair was carried on right there in 1859. In the rear of this basement there were some small rooms which formed the residence of the pastor. The church proper was small, and the ornaments very poor and the debts comparably heavy. But the eagerness of the people to attend religious services was exemplary. There was every hope that in a few years, congregation and church would look more respectable under the zealous administration of their young and energetic priest, when a tornado, sweeping over the town, June 2, 1860, on a Saturday night at 8 o'clock, demolished the building and buried under the ruins the pastor, together with his servant-maid, Bertha Gottlob. Fortunately these were rescued the same night, and also the Blessed Sacrament in the ciborium was taken out safely. Messrs. Fischbach, Baumann and McCarroll were the first ones on hand to render the needed help.



Sketch of the First St. Mary's Church

A sad state of affairs for the young, poor, struggling congregation, indeed. Without a church, and with an indebtedness of \$4,000! What was to be done? Father Ostrop was not a man to lose courage. But the Bishop insisted that a new church could not be thought of until the debt had been paid. The Pastor, therefore, took to a begging expedition outside of his congregation, city and state. Cincinnati, Dayton and other cities in the East, also St. Louis and Quincy, were his field of operation. He succeeded remarkably well. The debt was paid, and a new church was erected. The dedication of it took place in 1861, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Soon after, a parsonage was built and a frame school house fronting Third Street. November 1, 1863, Father Wenninger, S.J., commenced a mission which realized good results.



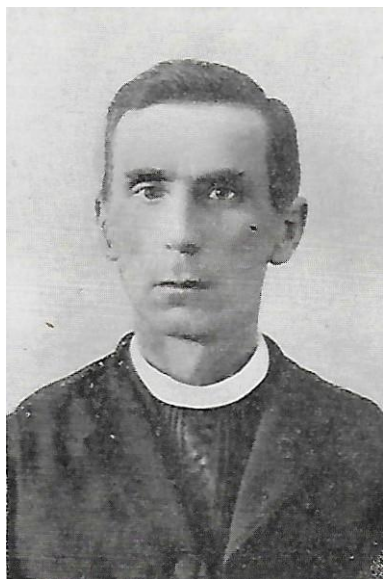
*Rev. F. A. Ostrop, R.M.
First Pastor of St. Mary's*

No man in Alton was busier than Father Ostrop. He performed his priestly duties in church, taught school for the boys, while the girls attended school at the Ursuline Convent, and gave private instructions at his parochial residence for the boys that wished to advance higher than a common school education would warrant. Besides, he was a great student, devoting much time to the study of languages and astronomy. His iron constitution and his natural energy helped him to surmount all difficulties and endure any privations. His means were very scanty, and cheerfully he divided what he had with the poor. He became very popular in Alton, and was the man to whom Catholics and Protestants came for help and advice. Even the sick and afflicted looked upon him as a true friend to consult.

It was in October, 1869, when a few young priests, whom Bishop Juncker had found

willing to come to the Diocese of Alton while traveling in Europe, reached Alton and were sent to Father Ostrop to assist him in the celebration of some feast. Among these was also the writer of this sketch. We admired the activity of the priest from early morning until evening. He preached three times on that Sunday, was besieged by the people before and after services, and scarcely took time for his meals. There was no leisure time for him, which we should have turned to our profit by asking him all kinds of questions concerning the mission work in this country. His sermons were long and very attractive, and listened to with great attention. Young priests, as we were, this example of a zealous priest made a very deep impression upon us. No wonder that his influence with the people was very powerful, and that they were ready for sacrifice at his call. It was in his time that the Cemetery land was bought, and a portion of it was mapped out for immediate use. In 1866 he had built the brick school house; and it was here where he planned to institute a high school, as the inscription on it tells even at the present day. Nor was he altogether disappointed in his expectations. There was quite a number of priests, whom he instructed and prepared for the higher classes in College.

Among these may be mentioned Father Bartholomaeus Hartmann, Fathers A.J. Klein, W. Schmidt and H. Degenhardt. Among other students who boast of having been pupils of Father Ostrop is our present Hon. Judge Dunnegan. While studying Latin and other higher branches, they were pressed into service for teaching the different classes of the parochial school at such times when there was no other teacher to be had.



Father Bartholomaeus Hartmann



Father A.J. Klein



Father William Schmidt



Father H. Degenhardt

Teachers at those times were changed very often. The work for the teacher was not wanting, but the means to pay the salary were not always at hand.

Father Ostrop was greatly beloved by his pupils, though he was rather strict and even severe. They were full of praise for his abilities as Professor and remember him gratefully. Father Hartmann did him the honor of publishing his life, which is most interesting to read, and brimful of merited encomiums on the first pastor of St. Mary's. Among other things, Father Ostrop's wonderful ability to induce his people to generosity towards the church is mentioned prominently. St. Mary's Congregation was well known all over the Diocese for its comparatively large Sunday collections, a commendable feature which is still apparent. In 1866, when Father Ostrop was considering seriously that the church, then nicely furnished, should be consecrated, there was only one hindrance, a debt of \$3,500.00. One Sunday he ascended the pulpit and preached a strong sermon on the beauty of the Church and the wonderful blessings which God had in store for all benefactors of this noble cause, and then called up the members of the congregation one by one, asking them to state publicly how much they were willing to give towards the liquidation of the debts, and behold, the whole amount was promised then and there.

The consecration took place January 1, 1867, Bishop Juncker officiating; Bishop Luers, of Fort Wayne, preached the sermon. It was not long after this function when Bishop Juncker died (October 2, 1868), whom Father Ostrop venerated as a dear friend, and who esteemed the pastor of St. Mary's very highly.

The successor to Bishop Juncker was Bishop Peter Joseph Baltes, former Vicar General of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral at Belleville. He was consecrated January 23, 1870. Father Ostrop's career in Alton closed, much to the regret of his parishioners, when an energetic and zealous priest was needed in Quincy. His appointment as the Rector of St. Boniface was announced in September, 1872. It is difficult to say who deplored this change more, the pastor or his flock. However, both acquiesced. There was a great stir in St. Boniface when he arrived, and, after a few weeks of acquaintance, unfolded his great and far-reaching plans for the future.

It would lead us too far to follow his great activity in the new field, and his almost wonderful administration of St. Joseph in Carlinville. The grand school built by him in the former place, the saying of the church and building up of the congregation in the latter place will be treasured up as grateful souvenirs. He died June 26, 1892, and was buried June 30, following: Many and sincere were the mourners. Bishops, priests and former parishioners of Alton, Quincy and Carlinville joined in solemn tearful prayers: Let him rest in peace!



*Rt. Rev. P. J. Baltes, D.D.
Second Bishop of Alton*

**Fathers John Sandrock and Vincent Nagler,
Second and Third Pastors of St. Mary's**

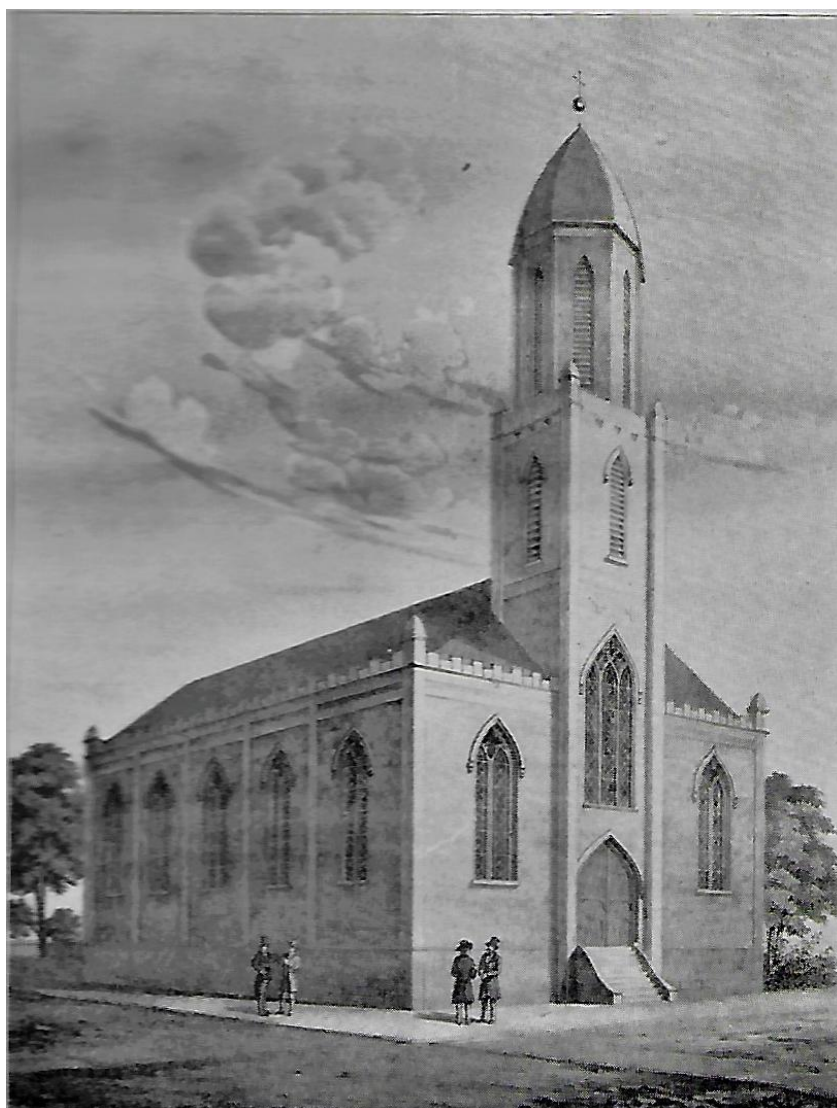
The new pastor, Father John Sandrock, came from Ste. Marie, Jasper County. A picture of robust health he was. His priestly life of twelve or more years had been spent in hard work, accompanied by many hardships; a regular pioneer priest, he was inured to an austere life. His exterior did not indicate the deep student that he was. Soon he won the members of his flock by his earnest and eloquent sermons. His countrymen, the people from Eichsfeld, were very proud of him. But his administration of affairs was cut short by a premature death. It was during the small-pox epidemic in 1873 that he caught the disease while attending on the afflicted and exposing himself more than necessary. He died on the tenth day of May, without receiving the last Sacraments, while no soul was near him, he having no household. R. I. P.

His place was filled by Father Vincent Nagler. He lived only one year, was sickly all that time, and with the best will in the world could hardly attend to the most needed work to be done.

His death is chronicled May 15, 1874. God rest his soul!

Father Peter Peters
Fourth Pastor of St. Mary's

One who was to engraft a lasting memory on the minds and hearts of the St. Mary's congregation, by his zealous and by his successful undertakings, appeared at the altar as the new parish priest, August 15, 1874. One of his first efforts was to obtain the services of the Notre Dame Sisters, whom he had learned to know and to appreciate at Highland; whither he had called the same Sisters. At the west side of the school building he added a residence for them. Henceforth all the children belonging to St. Mary's were to be instructed and supervised under the eye of the priest and teachers. The children were the favorites of the pastor and they knew it. His heart was full of joy when he had accomplished what he so much desired.



The Second St. Mary's Church

It goes without saying that he was most assiduous in attending to the affairs

of the congregation, but never forgetting his former charge where he had labored for twelve years. Forthwith he developed the same plans which he had pursued at Highland. He wanted extension of church grounds; this all the more because the neighborhood was not at all according to his liking. He bought up one lot after the other, until the church owned three-fourths of the long block, and to make matters still better, he found means to cut out the alley, which separated the old church property from the newly acquired one, in lieu of which an alley runs now from south to north on the west side of the school property. There was no man happier than he when he had succeeded in doing this. Father Peters also changed the tower and built a very high one, which was greeting the strangers on their way to Alton from a great distance. The most enduring monument, however, which he erected, was the new church which stands out as one of the most colossal and prettiest ecclesiastical monuments of the Diocese of Alton and Belleville.



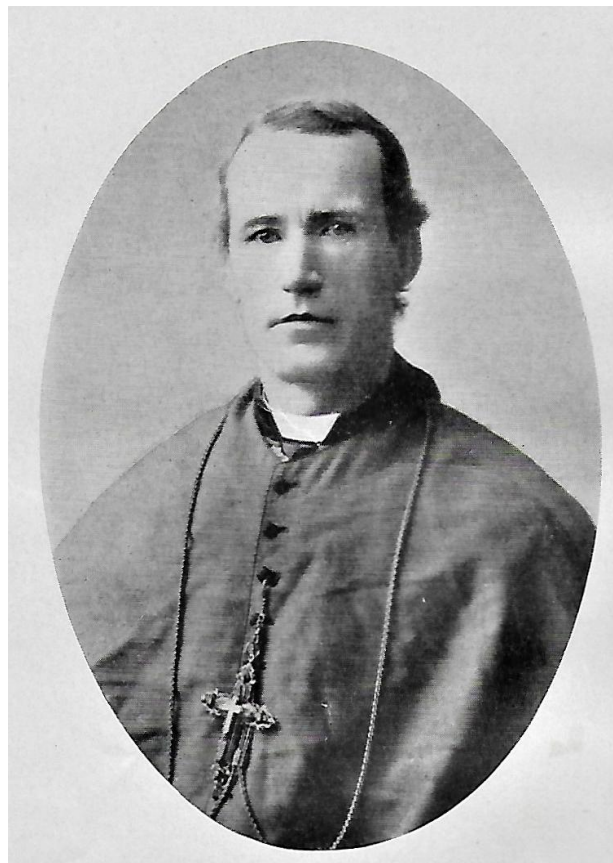
Father Peter Peters
Fourth Pastor of St. Mary's

It is well that we drop the thread of our narrative to record the change in the administration of the Diocese. Bishop Baltes, justly credited for the excellent organization of the Diocese over which he presided, was summoned to his reward. He died February 15, 1886. The See of Alton was vacant for almost two years.

The Very Reverend Father Janssen, Vicar-General, was appointed Administrator. After a long suspense, who was to be the successor of Bishop Baltes, the news from Rome had it that the diocese of Alton was divided. Father James Ryan, of Ottawa, having been appointed Bishop of Alton, and Vicar General Janssen, the Bishop of Belleville. The consecration of the former took place: May 1, 1888.



**Rt. Rev. John Hanssen, D.D.
Bishop of Belleville**



**Rt. Rev. James Ryan, D.D.
Third Bishop of Alton**

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Third Bishop of Alton**

During all this time, Father Peters' thoughts were occupied with the building of a new church, all the more so, because the old church gave signs of a collapse, probably in consequence of the new slate roof that had been put on it, simultaneously with the building of the high tower. The work of preparing for it had been going on for years. Our people still remember the grading work that had to be done and was directed by the ever alert pastor. At last the time had come when the happy conceptions were to take shape in actual work. On the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus 1892, it was decided not to add to the old church as some advised but to build a new church. Brother Adrian, O.F.M. was entrusted with drawing up the plans for the same. To obtain the necessary funds, Fathers Metzler, of Brighton, Father Hartmann, of Fort Wayne Diocese, temporarily staying with his parents on account of his ailment, and Father Foerster, first assistant of St. Mary's, assisted Father Peters in collecting subscriptions. At last the ground was broken and the foundation was built by Mr. Alexander Wegener. The cornerstone was laid July 16, 1893, by Bishop Ryan. Copies of the Telegraph, Sentinel-Democrat and Banner and an instrument written in both English and Latin was placed in the stone, which was put in place by Bishop Ryan, after being blessed. Following is a free translation of the document, which contains a brief history of the church as well as other interesting matter:

"In the year of the Lord 1893, July 16, the eighth Sunday after Pentecost, on the feast day of our most Holy Redeemer, during the most glorious reign of Leo XIII, and the Rt. Rev. James Ryan, being the third Bishop of Alton, and Rev. P. Peters, Rector of this Mission. His Excellency Grover Cleveland, by the will of the people President of the United States of North America; Excellent John P. Altgeld. Governor of the State of Illinois, this stone was placed in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

Mr. Vincent Wardein built the church, while Mr. Lucas Pfeiffenberger superintended the building. The process was slow but sure. The congregation grew very anxious that the church should be completed. At last the work was done. The church built, frescoed and furnished, and the day appointed for the solemn consecration had come: Thanksgiving Day, 1895. It was a gala day for the congregation and for the City of Alton. Two Bishops, a great number of priests and an immense number of people, called by the beautiful chime of the bells, recently blessed, were in attendance. Bishop Janssen, a cousin and friend of the pastor, acted as celebrant of the consecration, while Bishop Ryan aided in the consecration of the marble altars. At the Pontifical Mass Father Michael, Provincial of the Franciscan Fathers, preached the sermon. Bishop Ryan addressed the congregation in English, and complimented them for their successful completion of the monumental church. But where was Father Peters?

While a great number of priests formed the circle around the officiating Bishops in the Sanctuary, Father Peters' heart was swimming in joy and his eyes in tears. Away from the view of the people he had found a hiding place in the organ loft, where he might, unobserved, thank the Lord and the glorious Mother on the happiest day of his life.

The cost of the church was about \$60,000.

The first Pontifical Mass had been sung in the new temple still redolent with the incense and prayers of the grand consecration. It was the 28th of November, 1895, Thanksgiving Day. Majestic and soul-stirring rose up the "Grosser Gott" from thousand lips. The crowd dispersed; the visitors left. Everyone had a word of good feeling for the pastor in his glory and for the congregation in their joy. Day after day you would see the worthy Rector and his able assistant visit the new house of God. The children, conducted by their teachers, would march up like little soldiers, seemingly aware that they belonged to a noble generation, since they were permitted to appear in so beautiful a church to mingle their prayers and hymns with the venerable priest at the altar. Sunday after Sunday the crowded church would listen to the kind and sonorous voice of the shepherd, and now and then see the tears glistening in his eyes or even coursing his emaciated and care-worn cheeks when he would speak to them of God's love and mercy, inviting the sinners not to allow the time of their visitation to pass by unheeded. Still there was one great trouble that worried him much. It was the debt, not on the church, but on the rest of the church property. How and when shall that be paid? Meanwhile the grand feast of Christmas was there. Who may be able to understand and fathom the consolations of the good priest on the first Christmas night in the new church, lit up by the great number of electric lights, when the voices of the choir, like angels' voices chanted solemnly, "Stille Nacht"?

It was to be his first and last Christmas Day in the new church. On the 5th of March following, Father Peters lay pale and cold in the embraces of death. In mournful tones the bells of the new church pealed forth: Father Peters died. Pray for his soul! His sickness had been short, and we might say, without much pain. He was well prepared. A life spent for God and his

congregation, and only for them, had merited the crown which, we are confident, has been awarded to him. This was the sentiment of the numerous mourners, two Bishops, forty priests and parishioners and friends from all directions, not to mention his lamenting relatives, who paid their last respects to him on the day of his burial. May eternal light shine on him forever, who has shed the light of a good example wherever he appeared as the anointed of the Lord and the shepherd of souls.

Father Peters resting in his silent grave, his work had to be continued. Father Foerster, assisted by Franciscan Fathers, attended to the wants of the congregation, until the new Rector put in his appearance in the beginning of July, 1896. The successor of Father Peters at Highland was to be his successor at St. Mary's, Alton: the Rev. Joseph Meckel. I feel like dropping the pen now, were it not that a souvenir of the Golden Jubilee should spin out the narrative of events to the very date. We shall be brief, however. We can afford to do so. The foundation had been laid; a good and generous congregation had been formed. All there was to be done, was the supplement to be added, the spirit of faith and generosity to be kept up and the illustrious example of the predecessors to be followed.

The chief undertakings in the twelve years gone by since Father Peters' death, were the remodeling of the old church into a school house, very much needed, the building of the priests' residence and the paying of the old debts and the new ones. The first was done at an expense of \$12,000, including the putting in of a furnace for the heating of the school houses, of the old residence of priests and of the Sisters' house. The latter, with changes about the sacristy, remodeling of the old parish priests' house and the fixing up of a chapel in the basement of the church, took about \$18,000. As to the debts, results of the Jubilee Collection have to be consulted.

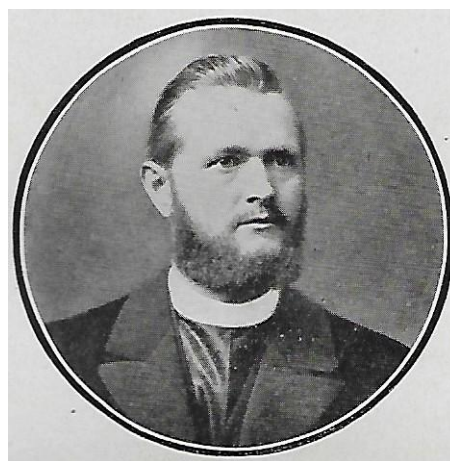
Whether or not the Pastor, who has meanwhile grown old and stiff, assisted by Fathers Joseph Foerster, J. B. Wand, Paul Asmuth, Anton Hochmiller and Fred Neveling, has come up to the expectations of his congregation and, what is more, to the requirements of God, this is not for me to settle, nor will it be known before the clay of judgment shall have dawned upon us.



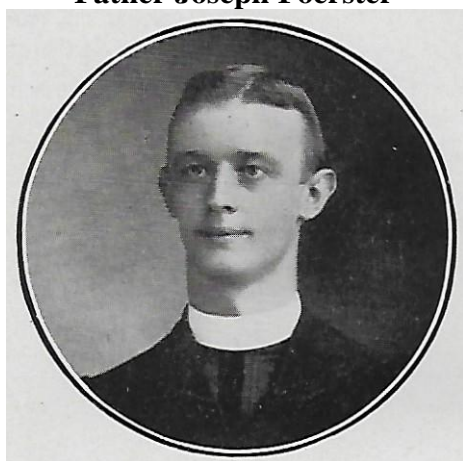
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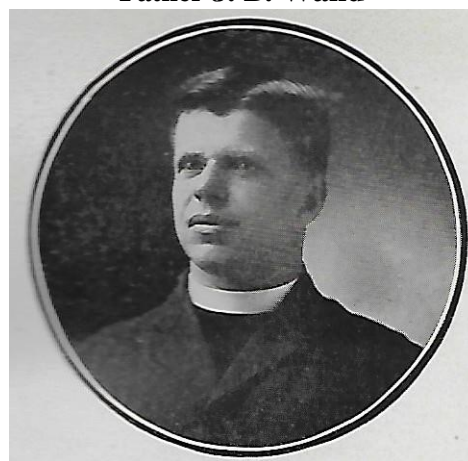
Father Joseph Foerster



Father J. B. Wand



Father Paul Asmuth



Father Anton Hochmiller



Father Fred Neveling

If we persist to add a few more pages to the history as it stands, it is for the purpose to give clue credit to the various agencies which have had a great influence in developing and unfolding the good work accomplished in the course of fifty years, in which the St. Mary's Congregation has figured amongst the parishes of the Alton Diocese. Besides this there are certain events which should be mentioned and placed on record for future reference, and possibly

for the edification of future generations.

Parochial School

The German Catholics had a parochial school before they had a church of their own. Father Menge rented a room in a house, built of rock, belonging to Mr. Lawrence Fahrig, corner of Sixth and Ridge streets. Mr. Mueller was the first teacher. There was also a frame house back of the present Methodist Church, and another frame building on Ridge and Fourth streets, which were occupied as school houses. The teacher at the former frame school, then the school recognized by the attending priest, was a certain Mr. Bore. That the German language was the main language in the school, and that the children received their religious instructions in that language, goes without saying. In 1859 the basement of the first church became the scene of the early school children. Mr. Stiegler was the teacher. The demolition of the church put a stop to the school. But just as soon as the second church had been built, a small brick building was put up at the west side of the same for school purposes. We then find a number of teachers active, succeeding each other at brief periods. These were Messrs. Simon, Van der Haiden, Kremer and Meier. Mr. Michael Kremer has been teacher for a number of years, in different places and lives now with his son, Michael Kreiner, bent down by the weight of over 90 years and almost blind. He still retains a good memory and is a cheerful, venerable gentleman.

In 1866 the school house was built by Father Ostrop, which is now used partly as school and partly as Sisters' residence. Here the pastor, formerly a Professor in Germany, intended to connect with the parochial school, classes for higher studies. He succeeded partly, but dropped this plan later on at the behest of Bishop Baltes. Among the teachers under Father Ostrop we notice Messrs. Wortmann, Hartmann, afterwards Father Hartmann, and Adelmann. Hartmann was only thirteen years old when employed as teacher, taking lessons at the same time of Father Ostrop, who was the schoolmaster in chief, and who also gave the first lessons to the clerical students, Schmidt and Kleinschnittger, at the pastor's residence.

A curious incident is told by one of the old settlers. Father Ostrop had the reputation of being a very learned man, and frequently applications were made to him to give private lessons to non-Catholic boys, which, however, he generally declined to do. One day Dr. Hope had been called upon to attend Father Ostrop, who was very sick. Under the treatment of the expert doctor, he soon recovered. Now Dr. Hope asked Father Ostrop to give private lessons to his son Alex, the present Judge Hope. The pastor was unwilling because his time was taken up by all kinds of occupations, but remarked that he would not give a lesson for less than \$50.00. "Well," says Dr. Hope, "here is \$100.00; give my boy two lessons."

During Father Sandrock's time, Mr. Doering was teacher; Mr. Schank succeeded him under Fathers Nagler and Peters. Both teachers, particularly the latter, are said to have been good disciplinarians. The next teacher was Mr. Henry Timper, who taught school and directed the choir from 1884 to 1891.

The school for the larger boys was a frame building on the corner of Fourth and Henry streets, to which, later on, a small addition was built and used as a residence for the teacher. Mr. Timper, however, lived in a frame house, where now the sacristy of the new church is situated, which building was torn down when preparations were made for the new church building. Mr. Timper had been living in the frame house now occupied by the janitor, only a few months,

when at work repairing the roof he fell upon a picket fence so unfortunately that he died a few days afterwards, August 31, 1891.

Mr. Timper bore the reputation as a good teacher and an able organist, and his former pupils honor his memory. His resting place is in St. Joseph's Cemetery, and his family, wife and two children are still members of St. Mary's Congregation.

His successor, a Mr. Kuehnle, could not fill the position in a creditable manner. Mr. Andrew Kessler arrived in 1892 and taught school for four years. He gave satisfaction both as teacher and organist, but resigned following a call to the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Mr. Anthony Bansbach, now teacher and Director of Music at the Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, was active in our midst for three years; one year as teacher and organist, then two years as organist, in which latter capacity he evinced a thorough erudition in church music which has secured for him the enviable position which he now holds. During his time the old church was remodeled and made a school house.

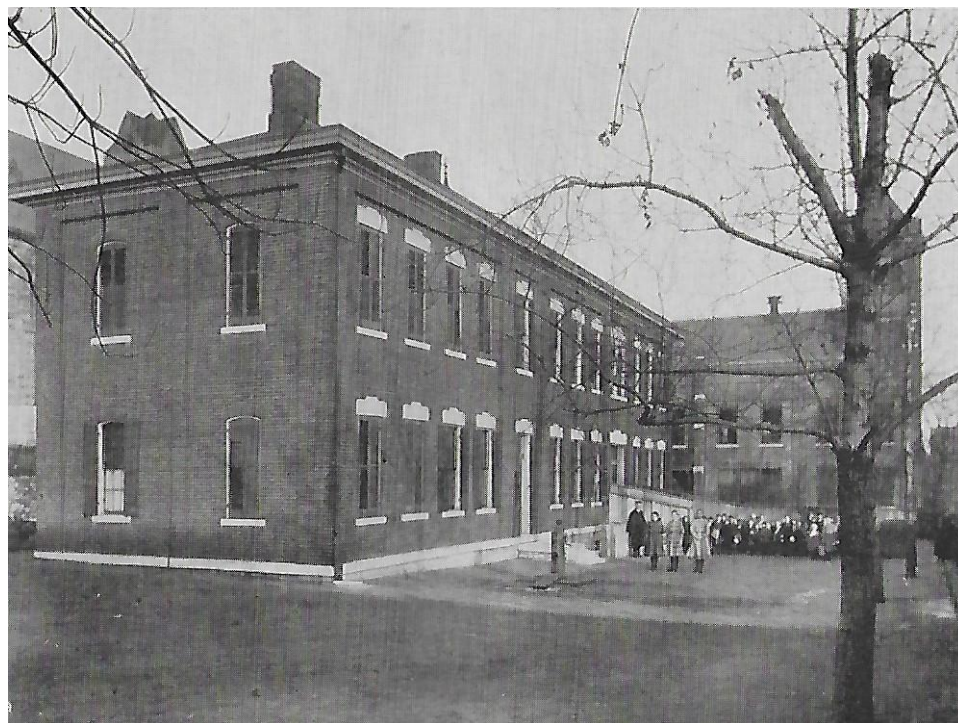
This change was absolutely necessary to get better accommodations for the Sisters and the children. More school rooms, a better division of classes and the adoption of better grading, put the school on a much better footing than it had ever been before. A business course was added and from that time on the congregation had the great satisfaction of congratulating graduates of St. Mary's School year after year, most of whom stand out as honorable young men and women, a pride of their parents and of their parish.



St. Mary's School

We cannot conclude this chapter on the parochial school, without giving due credit to the assiduous and successful activity of our Venerable Sisters, who, both as teachers and as leaders of the young generation, have deserved to be honored and remembered by the congregation. If

they did not at all times meet with due appreciation for their excellent spirit, for their laborious sacrifices and for their apparent success, it is that their work is not so, closely watched. Where will you find teachers who unite their good will and their prayers with their conscientious solicitude for the intellectual and moral improvement of the children, if not amongst those who have given up the world and all it offers in order to spend their lives and employ their talents in the service of their Master and for the welfare of the children confided to their care? Theirs is not the ambition to win the laurels of honors. Their labors and disinterested activity claim a higher reward, not in the possession of the world to give; those religious know only of one adequate compensation which none but God can bestow; peace of heart on earth and everlasting happiness hereafter. We refrain to mention even the names of our religious who have been working amongst us in this connection. We shall not dwell upon the painstaking work our Sisters are doing for the decoration of our Sanctuary, and for the scrupulous care they give to the things pertaining to Divine Service. God alone can and will, we trust, show his mighty and benign hand to demonstrate how well he is pleased in them.



Sisters Residence and School

While speaking about the school it is well that we call upon the members of the congregation in general and of the St. Joseph's Society, especially that they should take a deep interest in the school. The school is indeed the nursery of the future generation. And from the children of the Catholic school you might draw conclusions as to what the future generation will be. Parents should know that the report, which the children bring from their teachers, when attending school, will be pretty fair indicators of their experience with their children, when once they shall have grown up to man's or woman's estate. Children should be sent to school regularly. Order and regularity cannot be emphasized too much. Children should be taught to respect their teachers; their authority must be kept up at all events. If parents be remiss in this their duty such

disregard will turn upon the parents and children alike with a bitter vengeance. Let it also be understood that the management of the school and the appointment of teachers cannot be submitted to the judgment and decision of the parishioners. They are matters pertaining to the rights of the parish priest, who is held responsible to his superiors. The appointment of teachers is as much a right of the pastor as the appointment of the parish priest is claimed by the Bishop of the Diocese. But what all should do is show their appreciation of the work that is done in school and evince the same by their liberal financial support. When we intimated above that our school is in a flourishing condition, we did not mean to say that it is perfect and not susceptible of any improvement. Time will come, I trust, when such features can be introduced which will render our work in school even more satisfactory to priest and people. And moral and financial support are the principal conditions to warrant such amelioration.

Our city school houses, I mean our public school buildings, have heretofore been in the lead as for space, adaptness and style, thanks to the generous taxpayers, Catholics not excluded. But in the latter years our parochial school buildings have risen to the standard of respectability. While St. Mary's was in the lead for some time, St. Patrick's congregation, and even more so the Cathedral congregation, with its splendid school building now in course of erection, have become the pride of the city. Both have reasons to congratulate themselves. But we must be careful, lest we lose also prestige in the efficiency of our educational methods.

PRIMARY CLASS

Bailey, Edmund	Baecker, Mary
Bissinger, Weldon	Baecker, Elizabeth
Buese, Alphons	Bissinger Leona
Crowe, John	Grenzebach Hilda
Dannemann, Henry	Geissal Agnes
Dunschen Cletus	Herren, Agnes
Greve , Henry	Hoettger Gertrude
Girth, Edward	Joehl, Alvina
Hartmann, George	Klinke, Adela
Hanei, Isidor	Ledy, Clara
Klasner, Clarence	Miller, Louise
Kleffner, Joseph	Rathgeb, Mary
Luecker, Louis	Stiriz, Helena
Niederkorn, Alois	Snyder, Margaret
Rexford, Leo	Wardein, Johanna
Snyder, William	Werner, Marie
Spaet, Henry	Wetzstein, Emma
Smith, Paul	Wickenhauser, Anna
Wardein, Herman Jos.	Winkler, Olivia
Wetzsteiu, Joseph	Wyss, Angela
Wetzstein, Frank	

FIRST GRADE

Borntrager, Thomas
 Grenzebach, Fred
 Harris, Ginter Louis
 Maas, Henry
 Merkle, Roy
 Miller, Louis
 Noll, Clement
 Petri, William
 Rathgeb, Herbert
 Rathgeb, Michael
 Reyland, Nicholas
 Sackers, John
 Schnaeble, Edward
 Schwegel, Albert
 Ursch, Victor
 Wetzstein, Matthias
 Wickenhauser, Herbert
 Baumeister, Leona
 Budde, Lucille
 Crowe, Theresa
 Donner, Theresa
 Dnnschen, Elizabeth

Bailey, Mary
 Girth, Rosa
 Glas, Lillian
 Haas, Marie
 Hellrung, Frances
 Herren, Margaret
 Jun, Agnes
 Klasner, Clara
 Klasner, Louise
 Keller, Helen
 Mathieu, Regina
 Schneider, Bertha
 Schneider, Helen
 Schollmeier, Elizabeth
 Schulz, Elizabeth
 Schmidt, Frieda
 Schmidt, Mary
 Vieth, Anna
 Wegener, Barbara
 Wuellner, Gertrude
 Wetstein, Magadalen
 Wyss, Margaret

SECOND GRADE

Baecker, John
 Braunagel, Louis
 Braunagel, Joseph
 Brunner, John
 Caldwell, Raymond
 Finley, Leo
 Fox, Alexander
 Flori, Anthony
 Flori, John
 Girth, Henry
 Hanei, Frank
 Horn, Casper
 Hoettger, Sylvester
 Klasner, Emil
 Kolk, Paul
 Kuntz, Charles
 Knapp, Victor
 Merkle, Clarence
 Miller, Adolph
 Miller, Fred
 Meyer, Rudolph

Stolze, Ernst
 Wite, Frank
 Wetzstein, Fred

 Boschert, Louise
 Brunner, Sophia
 Budde, Helen
 Donner, Anna
 Fahrig, Mary
 Fahrig, Mary
 Grenzebach, Marie
 Hartmann, Rosa
 Heidrich, Mary
 Hufker, Anna
 Joehl, Viola
 Klinke, Florence
 Merkle, Helena
 Miller, Florence
 Manns, Margaret
 Rexford, Edith
 Schneider, Rosa

Rathgeb, Leo
 Reyland, William
 Reynolds , Edward
 Schmidt, William
 Schenk, John
 Schwegel, Edward

Schulte, Agnes
 Stoehr, Louise
 Wegner, Elizabeth
 Wetstein, Mary
 Wischhaus, Gertrud
 Wardein, Josepha

THIRD GRADE

Aldinger, Albert
 Azzerello, Vincent
 Borntrager, Chas.
 Degenhardt, Louis
 Drexelius, John
 Drexelius, Anthony
 Finley, Joseph
 Girth, Joseph
 Gissler, Leo
 Hartmann, Joseph
 Hassler, John
 Henkhaus, Victor
 Hesse, Leo
 Huber. Albert
 Joehl, Robert
 Kelly, Joseph
 Klasner, Fred
 Kleffner, Werner
 Kuntz, William
 Ledy, Elmer
 Merkle , Alois
 Metzler, Lawrence
 Miller, John
 Noll, George
 Ohley, Emil
 Rathgeb, Joseph
 Redington, James
 Schenk, Raymond
 Schitter, Joseph
 Schmidt, Joseph
 Schulz, Edmund

Wegener, Frank
 Wegener, Henry
 Wetzstein, Henry
 Wickenhauser, William
 Wickenhauser, Albert
 Wickenhauser, Leo
 Wyss, Emert
 Acker, Mary
 Baecker, Anna
 Budde, Emily
 Borntrager, Ella
 Crowe, Catherine
 Donner, Mathilda
 Gerard, Rosa
 Greve, Mary
 Grenzebach, Pearl
 Hanei, Frieda
 Hartmann, Bertha
 Hellrung, Frances
 Kleffner, Elizabeth
 Ledy, Mildred
 Meyer, Helen
 Nehls, Elizabeth
 Petri, Anna
 Puente, Theresa
 Schenk, Hilda
 Schnaebler, Elmina
 Schollmeier, Berthe
 Snyder, Anna
 Snyder, Agnes
 Wardein, Rosa

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

Berner, Leo
 Beiser, Louis
 Budde, Henry
 Droste. John
 Flori, Frank
 Flori, Michael

Wickenhauser, George
 Winkler, Fred

 Berghoff, Viola
 Drexelius, Regina
 Ernst, Alvina

Hanei, Herman
 Huber, Frank
 Joehl, John
 Joehl, Walter
 Joehl, Albert
 Kelly, Stephen
 Leady, John
 Luecker, Alois
 Manns, Albert
 Manns, Charles
 Meyer, Charles
 Misegades, Frank
 Miller, John
 Reyland, Leo
 Schenk, Charles
 Schmidt, Louis
 Schneider, William
 Schwegel, Otto
 Ursch, Andrew
 White, Gabriel
 Wegener, John

Fahrig, Margaret
 Hassler, Clara
 Jun, Mary
 Keller, Lillian
 Klinke, Margaret
 Kolk, Tecla
 Le Faivre, Frances
 Michael, Caroline
 Merkle, Anna
 Petri, Eleanor
 Rathgeb, Mary
 Reyland, Frieda
 Schneider, Theresa
 Schulte, Frances
 Schitter, Johanna
 Stiegler, Otilie
 Vieth, Enuna
 Wardein, Frances
 Wegener, Theresa
 Wuellner, Louise
 White, Clara
 Wehmeier, Ethel

SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADES

Betz, Adolph
 Boschert, Paul
 Budde, Alois
 Caldwell, Henry
 Caldwell, Leonard
 Ernst, Henry
 Gissal, Louis
 Gissal, Leo
 Graf, Joseph
 Grossheim, Alphons
 Grummel, Raymond
 Hartmann, Albert
 Horn, Louis
 Hoettger, Henry
 Jun, Henry
 Knapp, Oswald
 Luecker, Lawrence
 Leady, Joseph
 Mahler, Francis
 Maul, Henr
 Metz, Frederic

Wagner, Clement
 Weber, Frank
 Werner, William
 Wegener, Theodore
 Wetzstein, Edward
 Budde, Marie
 Dunschen, Elizabeth
 Eckhard, Josephine
 Flori, Clara
 Gissler, Elizabeth
 Glas, Stella
 Henkhaus, Ida
 Jun, Gertrud
 Klinke, Eleonore
 Leady, Josephine
 Leady, Frieda
 Noll, Catherine
 Noll, Elizabeth
 Stoehr, Rosalia
 Spurgeon, Susanna
 Schnaebler, Helen

Ostermann, John
 Petri, John
 Schenk, Frank
 Schmidt, Edward
 Schneider, Peter
 Snyder, Leo

Schmidt, Julia
 Schollmeier, Mathilde
 St. Cin, Antoinette
 Wegener, Sophia
 Wegener, Mary
 Wegener, Theresa

EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADES

Fahrig, John
 Federle, Albert
 Finkes, Francis
 Flori, Bernard
 Grossheim, John
 Grossheim, Charles
 Gschwend, Joseph*
 Hellrung, Herbert*
 Hoehn, John
 Huber, Emil
 Jun, Leo*
 Misegades, Joseph
 Reyland, Theodore
 Reynolds, Peter
 Schenk, Joseph*
 Schulte, Joseph
 Struif, Leo
 Wardein, Joseph
 Werner, George*

Wuellner, Andrew
 Wuellner, Henry*
 Budde, Mary
 Braunagel, Minnie
 Fahrig, Adelaide
 Flori, Helen*
 Gissal, Amelia*
 Haas, Hattie
 Hellrung, Frances
 Horn, Adelaide
 Kuntz, Pauline
 Merkle, Agnes
 Meyer, Blanche
 Schmidt, Mary
 Senz, Mary*
 Struif, Bertha*
 Wardein, Mary
 Wegener, Gertrude

N.B. – The asterisks above indicate that the pupils to whose names they are affixed, have successfully completed the full course on June 1908.

THE YOUNG LADIES' SODALITIES

Father Ostrop, in the year 1871, established a society of the young ladies. These have been generally directed by the Notre Dame Sisters. On the whole it must be said: that there was always a fine number that showed good sense and humble submission to the rigorous duties that the different pastors have imposed on them. The ladies of the Sodality have always been helpful at the various festivals for the benefit of the congregation. They have taken upon themselves the task of cleaning and washing up of the church, whenever they were desired to do so. For some 15 or 16 years they were divided into the St. Rose's and St. Agnes' Society, the former admitting members over the age of 16, the latter below 16 years.



St. Agnes Sodality

From the ranks of these Sodalities quite a number have chosen the better part by becoming members of the religious orders. Others have embraced the matrimonial life and are now exemplary housewives and mothers or do good work in their blessed single life.

It should be looked upon as a special duty of the Sodalists to induce others to become members of the Sodality and to bring them under the wholesome influence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the special patroness and protectrix of the Society.

And all members should take pride in being or becoming efficient in household duties. Wherever young ladies neglect this, there is no doubt but that after their life will be beset with many troubles and sorrows. Our Sodality young ladies must carry honors away from the household training school, wherever this may be found, at home or elsewhere, for being experienced in handling the needle and the sceptre of the kitchen and the broom and the brush. Cleanliness and order, modesty and piety, are the four cardinal virtues of young ladies, particularly, if they wish to be good members of the Sodality. And these four cardinal virtues are always founded on diligence and prudent foresight and the sweet control of the liquid tongue.

ST. ROSE SOLDALITY MEMBERS OF 1908

Albrecht, Pauline
Aldinger, Bertha
Aldinger, Julia
Berner, Elizabeth
Braunagel, Agatha
Braunagel, Josephine
Braunagel, Lucia
Braunagel, Maria
Budde, Elizabeth

Klasner, Katie
Klasner, Mary
Knapp, Maria
Kelting, Anna
Koeller, Anna
Koeller, Frances
Koeller, Lizzie
Koeller, Louise
Maas, Mary

Budde Frances
 Budde, Maria
 Budde, Mary
 Budde, Theresa
 Caldwell, Margaret
 Caldwell, Josephine
 Crow, Mary
 Droste, Frances
 Dunschen, Josephine
 Elfgen, Frances
 Fahrig, Eugenia
 Fahrig, Mary
 Fahrig, Dora
 Federle, Mary
 Fishbach, Louise
 Flori, Mary
 Flori, Rosie
 Finkes, Pauline
 Fry, Bertha
 Gent, Annie
 Goeken, Clara
 Grossheim, Theresa
 Grossheim, Bertha
 Gruse, Mary
 Gschwend, Josephine
 Gschwend, Ernelia
 Gschwend, Matilda
 Gschwend, Mary
 Hartmann, Elizabeth
 Hartmann, Emma
 Hauck, Catherine
 Hellrung, Mary
 Hellrung, Catherine
 Hufker, Helen
 Jehle, Lena
 Jun, Theresa
 Klasner, Agnes
 Klasner, Anna

Maas, Theresa
 Mahler, Rose
 Merrick, Bertha
 Meyers, Julia
 Merkle, Bertha
 Nolte, Antoinette
 Ohley, Catherine
 Overath, Helen
 Overath, Mary
 Pieper, Mary
 Reyland, Elizabeth
 Rudolph, Regina
 Schollmeier, Mary
 Struif, Johanna
 Struif, Theresa,
 Struif, Mary
 Struif, Elizabeth
 Struif, Mamie
 Struif, Anna
 Schulte, Clara
 Schmidt, Rosie
 Schultz, Elizabeth
 Stolze, Anna
 Stoltze, Katie
 Taphorn, Katie
 Timper, Tecla
 Wegener, Anna
 Wegener, Mary
 Wegener, Clara
 Winkler, Susan
 Winkler, Tillie
 White, Lucy
 Wolf, Agnes
 Wolf, Elizabeth
 Wuellner, Mary
 Wickenhaus, Mary
 Wyss, Ada
 Vosges, Emma

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Present Officers

Mary Overath, President
 Josephine Braunagel, Secretary

Honorary Officer

Mary Federle, Honorary President



St. Rose's Sodality

Deceased Members

Blum, Maria
 Gottlob, Josephine
 Hartman, Frances
 Hartman, Justine
 Gruse, Maria
 Fahrig, Maria
 Reis, Regina
 Bauer, Ursula
 Struiff, Christine
 Meissner, Emma
 Meissner, Anna
 Schollmeier, Margaret
 Grossheim, Regina
 Grossheim, Theresa
 Sutter, Caroline
 Luly, Maria
 Meyers, Maria
 Vogel, Maria
 Stephanson, Maria
 Dreisoerner, Lizzie
 Fisher, Emma
 Goehre, Wilhelmina
 Drexelius, Mary

Gruse, Catherine
 Holz, Henrietta
 Kleinschnittger, Elizabeth
 Vogel, Emma
 Krug, Maria
 Spaet, Maria
 Bueser, Rosa
 Klasner, Helen
 Eckhard, Theresa
 Hellrung, Francis
 Wolf, Theresa
 Burg, Elizabeth
 Wolf, Regina
 Wickenhauser, Magdalene
 Buesser, Magdalene
 Hentrich, Francis
 Miller, Ida
 Hentrich, Lizzie
 Boehm, Mary
 Atland, Antoinette
 Miller, Theresa
 Gruse, Bertha
 Hilt, Julia

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Our Souvenir has mentioned the names of ten priests who are much pleased, and, as they state, even proud to be looked upon as Sons of the St. Mary's Church. On the other hand there were a great number of young ladies who have become members of religious orders. We might add that at present there are several students of St. Mary's aspiring to the priesthood; one of them, Mr. Charles Flori, is already pretty well advanced and giving good promise of filling, in a few years, a vacancy in this Diocese.

Still, with all this, we should not imagine that our congregation has done enough; "for the harvest, indeed, is great, but the laborers are few." There is an immense deal of good work to be done for priests and religious; everywhere they are clamoring for more priests and for more sisters. Whilst, therefore, we should be mindful of our Lord's words: "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he sends laborers into his harvest," we should unite our efforts in procuring more vocations. Priests and teachers and parents should foster the slumbering aspirations in children and young people, that they might not allow the call of God to go unheeded, and that many of the sons and daughters of the congregation may be encouraged to choose a course that promises to fill the vineyard of the Lord with faithful and good laborers.

If we wish to realize our hopes for a glorious future of the Catholic Church in this country, let us be convinced that this can only be done by the rapid multiplication of religious vocations. In an age where materialism and the almighty dollar are the dominant features, and where the chasing after amusement and pleasures is ever on the increase, the religious vocations are fast vanishing from being the objects of admiration and of sincere search.

As long as each priest must, on an average, attend to the wants of more than 1000 souls, and thousands of small communities of the faithful look in vain for regular services, so long numerous conversions from Protestantism are no particular and adequate satisfaction for one that desires the rapid growth of the Catholic Church in this country. Let us have more priests and more sisters, more religious vocations.

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

No portion of a congregation needs so much solicitude and attention as the young men. They are exposed to a great many dangers, being thrown into company with all classes of people by reason of their occupations and by their natural inclination for pleasure and amusement. Father Ostrop, always watchful over the congregation given to his charge, established, therefore, in the year 1869, a society of young men styled "The Young Men's Sodality." The congregation being at that time small, the members of this sodality were not numerous, but in time augmented to the number of about 50 or 60. From the year 1877, however, its membership decreased by little and dwindled down to about 30. In the year 1889 it again took an upward move and attained a membership of 63, divided into two classes and called "The Seniors" and "The Juniors," under the titles of the St. Aloysius and

St. Stanislaus Societies respectively; the former including young men having attained the age of 16 years and the latter boys of from 12 to 16 years of age. Besides we find in 1895 a new society springing up to the number of about 30, also called the St. Aloysius Society, which was organized by Reverend Father Foerster, at that time Assistant to the Pastor, and which assumed a different character, being a sort of benevolent society affiliated with the Roemisch Catholische Central Verein; the members having the privilege of taking out a life insurance policy in the Verein. This society, however, while for a time exhibiting good life, and no doubt did a great deal to keep the young men together, was short lived; the membership decreased and the society finally dissolved.

The St. Stanislaus Society was not affected by the disbandment of the St. Aloysius Society, and, therefore, continued to exist. In the summer of the year 1902 an effort was made to revive interest in the society; the young men eligible to membership in the St. Aloysius Society were again brought together and a new constitution drawn up and adopted to take effect January 1, 1903. This reorganization, while continuing the religious feature included a savings department, with a view to aiding its members in acquiring and increasing habits of economy, making it compulsory to deposit monthly an amount of not less than twenty-five cents. The entire sum collected in this way was placed on interest in one of the local banks in the name of the society, the members receiving their respective shares upon their withdrawal from the society. In addition, a club was formed for social purposes, under the name of the Columbus Club, whose affairs were carried on independently of the St. Aloysius Society, making, in effect, two societies, the membership of however, not including the entire membership of the other. This fact, together with the unpopularity of the banking feature, brought about its dissolution after two years and gave way to the construction under which the society exists at the present time.

The society offers to the Catholic young men unusual advantages, with its delightful and roomy quarters, equipped with up-to-date bowling alleys, pool table, gymnastic appliances and games, as well as the grounds used in summer for outdoor games. Nor is good literature lacking, and the society has covered itself with glory in its dramatic entertainments, while its smokers afford the members much pleasant entertainment. Then, too, there are the annual outings in summer and the social intercourse has aided the young men in many of their undertakings, which, though not directly connected with the society, have reflected credit upon it. Prominent part has also been taken in the Conventions of the American Federation of Catholic Societies and in all parish celebrations, and the usher duties in church are also young man in the parish should be enrolled in its membership.

Meetings are held monthly. Dues are twenty-five cents per month; initiation, one dollar. Club Rooms are open to members on Tuesday and Thursday evening and on Sundays.

The executive officers have been as follows:

Lawrence Klinke

William Gschwend

John L. Buese

John C. Wuellner

William Schulz

Joseph G. Grossheim

The Spiritual Directors:

Rev. J.B Wand

Rev. P. Asmuth

Rev. F. Neveling

The Honorary Members:

Rev. J.B Wand

Lawrence Klinke

Rev. Asmuth

J.C. Wuellner

Fred Schulz

The Members:

Meckel, Rev. Joseph

Asmuth, Rev. P.

Neveling, Rev. F.

Elfggen, Louis

Gschwend, William C.

Hoehn, George H.

Eckhard, J.E.

Braunagel, H. A.

Buese, J.L

Goeken, Victor

Braunagel, J.A.

Heidrich, Joseph

Grossheim. J.G.

Timper, T.J.

Hoehn, E.E.

Joehl, E. L.

Knapp, E.J.

Miller, J.W.

Lippoldt, Joseph

Elfggen, Henry

Schulte, Edward

Wuellner, C. F

Meyer, F.L.

Gissal, John

Trentsch, Herman

Metzler , Peter

Schmidt, William

Wickenhauser, John.

Wickenhauser, Edward

Acker, Ambrose

Acker, Frank

Miller, Charles

Schulz, Jos.

Betz, Ferd.

Schenk, Christopher

Huebener, F. J.

Gissal, F. E.

Wuellner, J. W.

Wardein, L. A.

Heintz, Leo

Meitner, William

Miller, Frank

Stoehr, Paul

Grossheim, Charles



St. Aloysius Society



St. Stanislaus Society

ST. STANISLAUS SODALITY

Acker, Clemens
 Aldinger, Richard
 Azzarello, Vincent
 Betz, Adolph
 Boschert, Albert
 Budde, Henry
 Budde, Alois
 Caldwell, Henry
 Caldwell, Leonard
 Edwards, William
 Ernst, Henry
 Fahrig, John
 Federle, Albert
 Finkes, Francis
 Flori, Bernard
 Flori, Frank
 Gissal, Louis
 Grossheim, John
 Graf, Joseph
 Grummel, Raymond
 Gschwend, Joseph
 Hartmann, Albert
 Hartmann, Lawrence
 Heidrich, Barth.
 Hellrung, Herbert
 Hoehn, John
 Hoettger, Henry
 Huber, Emil
 Joehl, John

Jun, Leo
 Jun, Henry
 Kelting, George
 Mahler, Francis
 Maul, Henry
 Miller, John
 Misegades, Joseph
 Ostermann, John
 Rathgeb, Anthony
 Reynolds, Peter
 Schneider, Peter
 Schulte, Joseph
 Schenk, Joseph
 Schenk, Frank
 Schmidt, Edward
 Schitter, Fred
 Schitter, Joseph
 Strubel, Alois
 Struif, Leo
 Ursch, Andrew
 Wagner, Clemens
 Wardein, Joseph
 Wegener, John
 Wegener, Theodore
 Werner, George
 Winkler, Edward
 Winkler, Fred
 Weirich, Bernard
 Wolf, Alois
 Wuellner, Henry

THE CHOIR



Music and song have always been the faithful companions of the sturdy Teutonic race. In times of peace and war, at the cosy fireside and in public assemblies, Germans love to sing and listen to the strains of music. For this reason, song is also one of the indispensable features in the program of our schools. Patriotic and religious hymns are taught in our schools from the first to the last classes. But more particularly it is the church where the love of music and song finds its expression. No wonder, then, that our early settlers could not contain themselves in their original humble church from singing the praises of God, as they had been taught in their native country churches. They were German hymns, of course fraught with the sentiments and devotion of their ancestors; and the higher the feast, the louder rose the mighty volume of mingled voices, not always in the finest harmony, however, heavenward.

Our early organists were not the best musicians. Organ and people's song did not always correspond. This gave rise to mutual reproaches. The organist blamed the singers and the singers returned the compliments to the organist. But time brought forth roses. German hymns were not tolerated any more during High Mass. Nor was the choir permitted to sing Vespers in the vernacular language. This necessitated the selection of men and women gifted with good voices, who learned to read and sing Latin Masses and Vespers. Polyphone Music was the ticket. The greatest masters offered their Masses. Mozart, Beethoven and Gounod were their favorite

authors. And you may know that our chorists, men and women, did not pride themselves a little, when, on some solemn occasion, they were permitted to sing their solos to the admiration of the congregation. It goes without saying that little rivalries were sometimes observed between the singers, and pretty sharp compliments were exchanged between the various performers, and the organist was drawn into it also; and what was the result? -- An occasional strike.

About 1880, our St. Mary's Choir was brought under the influence of the Cecilian Society, that worked for the reform of church music, and the rendering of the Liturgical song was a decided step forward in the right direction. Mr. Henry Timper organized a male choir and was rather successful in enlisting thereby the favor of the congregation. This choir, however, was made to retire after a few years and succeeded by a children's choir, which had the command of the services on the day of the Consecration of the church. The parlor organ, which did good service for many years, is still a sometimes needed interpleader and substitute, when the big pipe-organ refuses to speak or starts to squeal or snort. This latter organ, containing parts of the pipe-organ in the former church, was built by Mr. Gratian, Sr., of Alton, 1897, the last instrument which he manufactured. He died soon after the inauguration service at which Father Hartmann preached the sermon.

The following years were years of great activity. St. Mary's boasts of having four church choirs, all of which may pride themselves of being up to the requirements of good order: a men's choir, a mixed choir, a young ladies' choir, and a children's choir. I would not undertake to say which is best. But I will say that each of them have done and are doing excellent service. The various organists: Mr. Anton Bansbach, Mr. B. Wortman, Mr. Julius Kohl, Mr. Phil Bausbach and last but not least, Miss Lena Jehle, are all favorably known to the Congregation and to the members of the various choirs. They all have the spirit, -- are irreproachable characters, all imbued with the idea that the choir must be an humble maid, responsive to the behest of the church and edifying the worshippers whose lips and hearts are occupied about the mysteries of mysteries at God's Altar.

We take pleasure to state that Mr. A. Bansbach is now teacher and Director at the Priests' Seminary, St. Louis, that Mr. B Wortman is giving general satisfaction as organist and music teacher at the boy's college in connection with the Cathedral in the city of Chicago; Mr. Julius Kohl, who for six years had directed the Choir at St. Mary's, has been promoted to the most prominent church in St. Louis, to St. Peter and Paul's Church. In his time there was never complaint by which the relationship between the members of the choir and their director was ever disturbed. Miss Lena Jehle deserves probably more praise than any of our organists for her close application, her foresight and zeal in training the choir boys, which required many sacrifices, and for which she was never duly compensated; thus showing forth her liberal generosity to the Church and congregation. While for a considerable time she was the sole organist, she has, now and then, assisted by a Notre Dame Sister, attended to the organ on week days for the last ten years, and was the ever-willing Directress of the Young Ladies' Choir. Pope Pius X has something to do with our children's choir. It is a very satisfactory result, which has been brought about by the efforts of Miss Jehle, Father Neveling and Prof. Phil. Bausbach, that the new Masses of Solesmes, made obligatory by the *motu proprio* of Pius X are sung by 200 children in a very creditable manner. The present organist, having sat at the feet of one of the greatest masters in church music of Strassburg, will have a bright future before him. He was a former pupil of St. Mary's school and already showed signs of the future musician. His name is Phil Bansbach. In his hands have been the rehearsals for the Jubilee Celebration which promise

to be all that our hearts could desire.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH, ALTON, C. K. L. of A.

This branch was founded March 1, 1901, after many deliberations. Once started it grew very rapidly. Three members died: Mrs. Lizzie Keller, having been a member only five months, July 29, 1901; Mrs. Theresa Sutterer, February 2, 1902; Mrs. Catharine Manns Sept. 6, 1903. R.I.P.

We cannot forget that this Society has always shown a good Catholic spirit, and has every year shown its liberality in helping the church financially. The latter is of greater importance than one would imagine. For a society united in an effort to do for the church will always have a right to God's special blessings.

There is one thing that the members must always keep in mind: That the assessment rates must be sufficiently high so as to insure its safety. Many so-called fraternal organizations have existed and operated for a number of years and then went under because provisions had not been made to insure the payment of benefit certificates for future calls.



Catholic Knights and Ladies of America

MEMBERS

Acker, Louise
Budde, Elizabeth
Betz, Theresa
Brunner, Mary
Budde, Helen
Brucker, Elizabeth

Miller, Theresa
Miller, Rosa
Manns, Mary
Manns, Catherine (dead)
Merkle, Mary
Overath, Mary

Budde, Elizabeth M.
 Baumeister, Theresa
 Berner, Catherine
 Bensmann, Mary
 Christian, Minnie
 Duenschen, Josephine
 Eckhard, Agnes
 Elfggen, Frances
 Finkes, Minnie
 Fahrig, Josephine
 Frey, Bertha
 Finley, Mary
 Fuller, Elizabeth
 Grossheim, Mary
 Geissal, Theresa
 Guertler, Catherine
 Gerner, Emma
 Huber, Sophia
 Hoettger, Frances
 Henkhaus, Julia
 Hentrich, Theresa
 Hellrung, Clara
 Jun, Rose
 Jun, Appolonia
 Kloss, Georgia
 Klasner, Minnie
 Keller, Elizabeth (dead)
 Leady, Caroline
 Leuck, Mary
 Luecker, Catherine
 Merrick, Bertha
 Maas, Lena
 Misegades, Julia

Overath, Helen
 Ohley, Mary
 Overath, Caroline
 Reyland, Theresa
 Rohrmoser, Susan
 Rathgeb, Christina
 Rathgeb, Mary J.
 Snyder, Clara
 Sieben, Josephine
 Schulz, Anna
 Struif, Theresa
 Spaet, Minnie
 Schenk, Jennie
 Schmidt, Mary
 Schmidt, Bertha
 Schneider, Theresa
 Sutterer, Theresa (dead)
 Schulte, Elizabeth
 Ulmrich, Mary
 Vanpreter, Minnie
 Wardein, Hendina
 Weber, Ella
 Wuellner, Frances
 Wagner, Anna
 Wutzler, Elizabeth
 Weinrich, Mary
 Wetzstein, Caroline
 Wolf, Agnes
 Winkler, Amelia
 Wolf, Elizabeth
 Wardein, Minnie
 Taphorn, Gerhardt

Officers of the C. K. L. of A.

Mary Overath, President
 Helen Overath, Financial
 Secretary
 Minnie Finkes, Sentinel

Catherine Berner, Vice-
 President

Theresa Struif, Treasurer

Susan Rohrmoser, Recording
 Secretary

Bertha Frey, Sergeant

Trustees

Bertha Merrick

Theresa Betz

Mary Ulmrich

ST. BONIFACE SOCIETY W. C. U., BRANCH No. 9

The St. Boniface Society is a branch of the Western Catholic Union, established in Quincy, Ill., in the year 1828 by the Very Rev. J. Janssen, V.G., then pastor of St. Boniface Church of that city, and warmly approved of by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Baltes. This Union has gone through various changes, found necessary in course of time, and is now one of the best and safest fraternal Insurance Societies in the land. It provides for life insurance and permits its various branches to have sick benefit for their members.

With full approval of Father Peters our St. Boniface Society was organized May 1, 1880, with twelve charter members. Its membership increased slowly but steadily and has now reached the number 205. When in 1905 the Silver Jubilee of the Society was celebrated a souvenir was printed, to which we refer to for particulars.

Death has claimed its victims. The deceased members are as follows:

	DIED,
Joseph Volbracht	October 1883
Joseph Elgen	September 1887
A. Doering	March 1888
John Schatz	July 1888
Anton Hufker	November 1889
Henry Timper	August 1891
Henry Schulz	January 1895
Henry Dunschen	January 1895
Joseph Klopfer	September 1895
John Overath	September 1890
Peter Maley	February 1897
Andrew Nolte	September 1897
Louis Berger	September 1897
Charles Eckhard	March 1900
Joseph Miller	December 1901
Thomas Jun	March 1902
John H. Budde	June 1902
George Siegel	June 1902
Frank Hanei	February 1903
Joseph Hefner	May 1903
Louis Walter	July 1904
John Kloss	November 1904
Peter Maul	March 1905
Ernst Wolf	July 5, 1905
Michael Rathgeb	April 19, 1906
Eugene Rathgeb	May 18, 1906
Henry Miller	January 4, 1907
Frank J. Niederkorn	April 8, 1907
Michael Niederkorn	August 8, 1907
William Hentrich	October 6, 1907

John Hentrich	December 23, 1907
Joseph Hufker
Joseph Merkle	June 5, 1908
Conrad H. Dreisoerner	August 22, 1908
James Sieben	October 29, 1908

Their families received \$63,086.00 insurance.

The amount of sick benefit paid, up to date is \$4,359.00.

Members in good standing who carry policies to the amounts of \$2,000.00, \$1000.00, \$500.00 or \$250.00 are as follows:

Acker, Ambrose	Merkle, William
Acker, John	Metzler, Christopher
Budde, August	Metzler, Rev. Joseph
Budde, Christopher	Metzler, Joseph
Budde, Frank	Miller, B.J.
Budde, Frank J.	Miller, Charles H.
Budde, John F.	Miller, Frank
Budde, Joseph	Miller, Jacob
Berghoff, Joseph	Miller, J.B.
Berner, John A.	Miller, Joseph H.
Boschert, Edward	Miller, Sebastian
Boschert, Martin	Misegades, John
Braunagel, Emil	Nestor, Michael
Braunagel, Frank	Niederkorn, Henry
Braunagel, Henry	Niederkorn, J.A.
Braunagel, John	Ohley, Edward
Brown, Joseph	Ostermann, Bernhardt
Brucker, Jacob	Pieper, Frank Jr.
Brunner, John	Pohlman, John
Cappel, Henry	Rathgeb, Adolph
Dannemann, Henry	Rathgeb, Anton
Degenhardt, A. J.	Rathgeb, Joseph
Donner, Jerome	Rathgeb, Michael
Dreisoerner, Henry	Reyland, Alphonse
Droste, Theodore	Reyland, Peter Sr.
Eckhard, Christopher	Reyland, Peter, Theodore
Ehret, John	Rohrmoser, Frank
Ehrhardt, Anton	Schatz, John
Eichelmann, Wilhelm	Schenk, Charles
Eichorn, Frank	Schenk, Henry J.
Ernst, Emil	Schenk, Joseph
Fahrig, Bernhard	Schmidt, George
Fahrig, John	Schmidt, Henry F.
Fahrig, Lawrence	Schmidt, Louis
Finkes, Martin	Schmidt, John W.

Flachenecker, George	Schmidt, William W.
Flori, Jacob	Schneider, John
Flori, Nicolaus	Schneider, Joseph
Flori, Phillip	Schneider, William
Flori, William	Schroeder, John
Foerster, Rev. Joseph	Schuetter, Anton
Gissler, John	Schuetter, Jacob
Goeken, Albert	Schulz, Bernhardt
Goeken, Clemens	Schulz, Fred F.
Gottlob, Joseph	Schulz, Fred J.
Grossheim, George	Schulz, William F.
Grossheim, John	Schulte, Edward J.
Gruse, John Sr.	Schwegel, Nicolaus
Guertler, Peter	Seibert, Charles
Gundall, Adam	Senz, William H.
Haary, Nick	Siemer, Hermann
Hackenthal, Joseph	Spaet, Henry
Hansen, Frank	Spaniol, John Jr.
Hauck, August	St. Cin, G.W.
Heidrich, Frank C.	Stahlschmidt, Frank
Heidrich, Joseph A.	Stiegler, George
Hellrung, Christopher	Struif, Frank
Hellrung, Henry A.	Struif, Henry
Hellrung, Henry C.	Struif, Joseph
Hellrung, Lawrence W.	Sutterer, Anton
Hellrung, Peter	Taphorn, Dr. G.
Hirtz, Paul	Theisen, Phillip
Hoettger, Henry	Trentch, Hermann
Huber, Fabian	Uhle, Frank
Huber, John	Ulmrich, Adam W.
Huebner, Frank J.	Ursch, Andrew
Jehle, John	Ursch, Joseph
Joehl, Meinrad	Voges, Edward
Jun, Edward	Volbracht, Ferdinand
Jun, Jacob	Walter, Sebastian
Jun, John	Walter, Louis
Jun, John N.	Wardein, Henry
Jun, Joseph	Wardein, Joseph
Jun, Joseph T.	Wardein, Lawrence
Jun, Thomas	Wardein, Vincent
Klasner, John	Weber, Frank
Klasner, William	Weirich, Henry
Klebolt, F.W.	Weirich, John T.
Klebolt, Frank	Weinrich, Frank
Klebolt, Joseph	Weinrich, John
Kleinschnittger, Anton	Weinrich, Joseph

Klinke, John
 Kolk, James
 Krug, Aloisius
 Krug, Joseph, Sr.
 Krug, Joseph, Jr.
 Kulp, Henry
 Kunz, John
 Leady, Henry
 Leady, Joseph
 Leady, Louis
 Leuck, Peter
 Maas, Henry
 Maas, Joseph
 Mahler, Frank J.
 Manns, August
 Manns, Frank L.
 Manns, John W.
 Martin, Gebhardt
 Meckel, Rev. Jos.
 Merkle, Frank
 Merkle, Leo J.
 Merkle, John

Weinrich, Valentine
 Wendle, Charles
 Wendle, George
 Wendle, John
 Wendle, Nicolaus
 Wetzstein, John
 Wetzstein, Joseph Sr.
 Wetzstein, Joseph Jr.
 Wetzstein, Matth.
 Wickenhauser, George
 Wickenhauser, John
 Wickenhauser, John W.
 Wickenhauser, Joseph
 Wickenhauser, William
 Wolf, John
 Wolf, Nicolaus
 Wuellner, Christopher
 Wuellner, John C.
 Wuellner, Joseph J.
 Wuellner, Joseph W.
 Wyss, S. H.

Let it be understood that the Patron Saint of the Society, the great Apostle St. Boniface, should not be slighted. While we must strive to imitate his example we should also pray to him and have at least once in the year, either on his feast day, June 5, or within the octave of his feast, a solemn Mass offered in his honor. And whenever the Society has its general Communion, which should be three or four times a year, the hymn in honor of St. Boniface should always be sung by the whole Society. Now that we have a beautiful banner, blessed under appropriate ceremonies, Nov. 15, and shall have this banner displayed on our general Communion days, we cannot help being reminded of this, our duty.

The Present officers are as follows:

L.W. Hellrung, President	John W. Schmidt, Vice-President	Jos. Budde, Financial Secretary
Nicolaus Wolf, Recording Secretary	Vincent Wardein, Treasurer	Henry Dreisoerner, Marshall
Nicolaus Flori, Banner-carrier		

The Trustees:

Clemens Goeken	Emil Ernst	Meinrad Joehl
Fred Schulz	Peter Reyland	



St, Boniface Society, W. C. U.

ST. MARTHA SOCIETY

It was established in the year 1898 for the purpose of doing needlework for the church and for the poor and to attend to the cooking at various festivities at which children or guests are entertained by St. Mary's Congregation. The members of this Society pay a small contribution monthly, and have their meetings every week at the club house, which was built principally for the young men in the same year 1898. The St. Martha Society has done a great deal of good in the course of years, principally for the church. And it is but just that they should be mentioned in the Souvenir as particular benefactors of the church.

Several members have died, and among these Mrs. Teresa Schenk, Mrs. Mary Schuelle, Mrs. Hannah Emert, Mrs. Elizabeth Flachenecker, Mrs. Anna Maria Grossheim, Mrs. Emma Braunagel, Mrs. Theresa Hellrung, Mrs. Cath. Buerkle, Mrs. Barbara Merkle, Mrs. Carolyn Wyss, and Mrs. Rosa Beiser have shown particular interest in the affairs of the Society. The former two ladies, particularly, will ever be bright examples for the members to imitate, and their memory will be long and honored.

Mrs. Clara Snyder, Mrs. Rosa Knapp, Mrs. Josepha Gruse and Mrs. Johanna Stoehr are the present officers.



St. Martha's Society

Berner, Catherine
 Betz, Theresa
 Budde, Helena
 Eck, Louisa
 Eckhard, Agnes
 Ernst, Theresa
 Gruse, Josepha
 Haas, Henrietta
 Hoehn, Bertha
 Horn, Adelaide
 Hufker, Helena
 Jehle, Caroline
 Joehl, Josephine
 Joehl, Mary
 Kirchoff, Eliz.
 Kleeschulte, Mary
 Kleinpeter, Mary
 Klinke, Anna
 Klinke, Mary
 Kloss, Margaret
 Knapp, Rosa
 Leaday, Elizabeth

Manns, Cecilia
 Meitner, Mary
 Miller, Frances
 Miller, Georgina
 Morick, Mary
 Rathgeb, Christina
 Reyland, Frances
 Reyland, Teresa
 Schmidt, Mary
 Schulz, Elizabeth
 Schwegel, Caroline
 Snyder, Clara
 Stoehr, Johanna
 Struif, Teresa
 Timper, Louisa
 Trentschi, Pauline
 Vanpreter, Wilhelmina
 Volbracht, Wilhelmina
 Wagner, Anna
 Wolf, Regina
 Wyss, Dorothea



The Altar Society

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SOCIETIES OF AMERICA

About the beginning of the present century there was a great deal of discussion upon the advisability of a union of Catholics for the purpose of asserting their rights as members and as citizens of the republic. The sentiment was that Catholics in this republic did not enjoy such privileges as they should enjoy, and that their influence was not felt as it should be for the betterment of social conditions and for removal of such social evils, abuses and errors, as were destructive to the welfare of the republic.

The Catholic Church, it was said, is possessed of such principles and moral power that cannot help doing immense good if properly organized and directed. The Rt. Rev. Bishops McFaul and Messmer consulted with prominent societies and individuals laymen and brought about a meeting which was held in the city of Cincinnati in the month of December, 1901. Clergymen and laymen of different nationalities and from various states of the Union were present. A constitution was drafted and amidst great difficulties the federation was organized. The National Union of Catholic Societies was subdivided into State and County Unions and into individual societies. The various societies in a county may unite to a county federation; the various county federations may consolidate as a state federation. But the National Federation embodies all. This federation is non-political in scope, leaving its members free to espouse the cause of whatsoever political party they may choose to follow. Its aim is to regenerate society by the application of Catholic principles to social conditions, and to take its place and rank among the powers that work for the welfare of the human family, actuated by adherence to the aims of the Church and by the love of our country. In one word the federation should be the union of Catholic and patriotic activities.

No sooner had the National Federation been organized, when in December, 1902, Rev. J. Meckel, who had attended the meeting at Cincinnati, called a meeting at St. Mary's Hall and explained why the Catholics of Madison County should organize and affiliate their societies with the National Federation. At this meeting a temporary organization was effected, and a committee

was appointed to confer with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan. Messrs. Wm. Gschwend and Ferdinand Vollbracht called in person on the Rt. Rev. Bishop, who heartily endorsed the movement with the following statement:

St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Alton, Ill., Jan. 5, 1903. To the Committee of the Federation of Catholic Societies:

Dear Sirs:

"The Bishop has already given a full and cordial approval to the Federation of Catholic Societies and he heartily approves the movement to organize in Madison County and hopes it will be promptly followed in the other counties of the Diocese."

Respectfully,

Signed: E. L. SPALDING, Chancellor."

A meeting was then called at the Spalding Club Rooms on February 15, 1903, and all Catholic Societies of Madison County were invited to participate. At this meeting the Federation organized and the following officers were elected:

William Gschwend, President	Peter Lafferty, 1st Vice- President	Louis Spengel, 2nd Vice- President
Frank Troeckler, 3rd Vice-President	C. J. McHenry, Treasurer	Joseph Budde, Secretary

An Advisory Board consisting of Rev. O.J. Meckel, Rev. E. L. Spalding, Rev. P. J. O'Reilly and Rev. F. A. Meyers were also elected.

The foregoing clergy with one accord strongly advocated the advisability of pushing the matter vigorously. President Gschwend and Secretary Joseph Budde together with the Advisory Board were then instructed to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the next Convention to be held on May 17, 1903, at St. Mary's school hall.

Meeting May 17, 1903, at St. Mary's school hall. All officers reelected. Constitution was read and adopted.

Object of the Federation

Its object shall be the cementing of the bonds of fraternal union among the Catholic laity and the Catholic Societies of the county; the fostering and protection of Catholic interests; the promotion of works of religion, piety, education and charity; the study of conditions in our social life; dissemination of the truth, the encouragement of the spread of Catholic literature, and the circulation of the Catholic press.

The next Convention was held in Alton on May 28, 1904, at St. Mary's Hall, and has proven a success in every respect. Resolutions for the benefit of the Federation were adopted. Wm. Gschwend was reelected President and Joseph

Budde, Secretary, Frank Troeckler was elected Treasurer.

On May 21, 1905, the third Convention was called to order at Collinsville, and, all officers were reelected, except that Simon Kellermann, of Edwardsville was elected Vice-President.

The fourth Convention was held at Mitchell May 27, 1906, with a large attendance. Officers reelected.

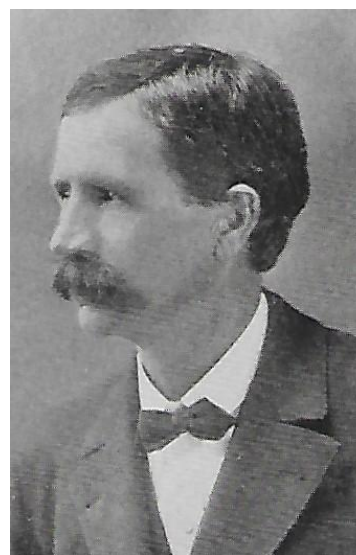
On May 26, 1907, the fifth Convention was held at Highland at which the following officers were elected: Wm. Gschwend, Pres., Simon Kellermann, Jr., 1st Vice-President, Wm. Niehaus, 2nd Vice-President, Martin Huber, 3rd Vice-President, Joseph Budde, Secretary and Frank Troeckler, Treasurer.



**William Gschwend,
President**



**Frank Troeckler,
Treasurer**



**Joseph Budde,
Secretary**

Officers of the Federation

We do not wish to enter into details; but the fact that each succeeding convention has proven a decided improvement to the preceding one tells better than anything else that the various parishes of the county have taken a warm interest in the Federation movement. A spirit of mutual good will has been created and the thought that we have lending a helping hand in the accomplishment of the grand results, which the Federation may boast of, is ample compensation for our little effort and inspires us to new endeavors to proclaim the message of the Federation, to show forth the numerical strength of the Catholic Church in this country and to preach its doctrines from the house tops. Catholic Federation is, as has been said, the apostleship of Catholic laymen bound to work miracles in the way of social reform.

St. Mary's has formed a new society called Pius Society, comprising all men old and young, whose aim is to further the objects of the Federation.

The officers are:

John Snyder, President	Vincent Wardein, Treasurer	John Wuellner, Secretary
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Next County Federation will take place at the county seat, Edwardsville.

MISSIONS

After the first Mission given by Father Wenninger, S.J., the congregation has been frequently afforded the blessing of a mission since the advent of Father Peters. The Franciscan Fathers, the Jesuits and Redemptorists have visited the congregation, and though they were not attended by immediate conversions from Protestantism, many luke-warm Catholics have been brought back to the practice of their religion. But a very sad experience may also be chronicled, which showed that the neglect of attending those spiritual exercises on the very part of some was followed soon thereafter by the death of those negligent ones which gave them apparently no chance of preparing for the final account at tribunal of justice. Let this sad statement suffice to warn the careless members of the church to not miss the opportunity of making good use of special graces which are offered from time to time and to heed the admonitions of their priests of being prepared for the hour of departure from this world.

FORTY HOURS PRAYER

This devotion has been kept up in St. Mary's Church for many years; and it would seem that its attendance on the part of the people and the wholesome fruit thereof increases from year to year. This is a time of particular grace, the three days commencing "Laetare" Sunday, as it has been fixed for the last twelve years. A Mission, if you will, of particular importance and as beneficial in its telling results. After all, the devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament can never be emphasized too much. It is the devotion of all devotions. Jesus is in our midst to teach us by his example, to strengthen us by his graces, to feed us with his sacred flesh, in one word to make us like unto himself; what could be more attractive, more reassuring of everything that is good and inspiring and redeeming? How desolate would this world be without Jesus living in our midst! It is, therefore, a very good sign, if a congregation is very much concerned about the forty hours prayer, if old and young mingle in their voices in prayers and hymns to rise up to the throne of the Sacramental God like the clouds of incense. Let us ever reverence the Lord in his humble abode that we may be worthy to be lifted up to that temple above, where we shall see God unveiled and where we shall be happy with him for ever and ever.

SACRILEGE

Six years ago, it was the night from the 14th to the 15th of April, 1902, when some ruffians dared to enter the church and demolish the tabernacle door of the High Altar, where the Blessed Sacrament is kept, and extracted the holy vessels, scattered the Sacred Hosts about the altar and carried the vessels off. The Pastor entering the church at 6 o'clock in the morning,

collected the Sacred Hosts and after Mass on that same morning pointed to the ruined tabernacle and informed the people of what frightful thing had happened during the night. An atonement service was announced at once and prayers were asked and offered that the ciborium and the case with the Sacred Host might be found. The prayers were heard. Next morning even before Holy Mass the priest was informed that the sacred vessels had been hidden under the wooden steps of Mr. Theodore Wegener's house on E. Fourth Street. The priest put on surplice and stole, betook himself to the place pointed out. People meanwhile had gathered around the place and were in the attitude of prayer, tears in their eyes. The priest knelt down, finding the Sacred Host still intact, but for a small piece taken off, and carried it together with the holy vessels to the church. There was a great excitement; all kinds of suspicion arose; but up to this day the sacrilegious ruffian has not been detected. May the Lord spare him to understand what he has done and atone for it before he dies!

THE HIGH ALTAR

The tabernacle was fixed up again, a temporary wooden door replaced the marble one. Soon a collection was taken up and the contract was let to widen the High Altar and to build a new tabernacle with all such ornaments that it practically became a new altar. Also the side altars were changed. This required the sum of \$2000.00. Mr. Adam Morek presented a new ciborium to the church at a cost of almost \$100.00. None was more perplexed over the sacrilege than Mr. Theodore Wegener. He has died since; but he never allowed April to go by without having a Mass said in honor of the Blessed Sacrament in atonement, as it were, for the crime committed we know not by whom.

In connection with this, it may be well to mention that the relics of the Holy Martyrs Boniface, Bonifacia, and Maria Anna a Jesu de Paredis are contained in the high altar. Those of the Holy Martyrs Bonifacia, Virgilans, and Justa are contained in the altar of the Blessed Virgin, dedicated under the title of Perpetual Succor. Those of the Holy Martyrs Bonifacia, Victorina, and Hororata are contained in the altar of St. Joseph. An indulgence of forty days granted to those who visit these altars on the anniversary of the consecration.

THE TRUSTEES

There was a time in other congregations as well as in St. Mary's when the pastor was pretty well left alone to carry the burden of attending to the necessities for keeping up church and school. It is true, sometimes meetings were held and deliberations were carried on when the one or other thing of special importance was to be done. But these consultations have often been the cause of troubles and difficulties. Someone ready with the tongue, but poor in judgment and fact, would easily put the whole assembly in confusion. And when the meeting was over the grand result of hours of talk and discussion was possibly an increased dose of impediments to forestall the undertakings needed.

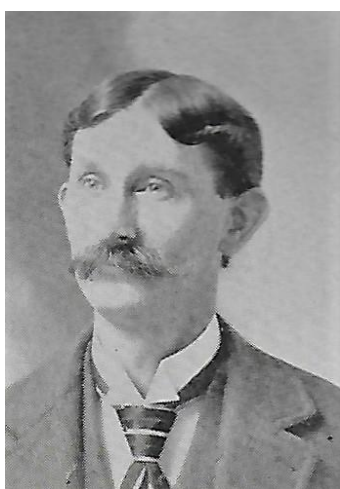
For this reason Bishop Baltes, of blessed memory, saw fit that two lay trustees should act with the pastor and with the Bishop and his Vicar-General to attend to the financial affairs of the congregation. These two lay trustees should be chosen by the pastor and presented to the Bishop and to be confirmed as such. It is left to the pastors to select other men as directors, who are to cooperate in such work as laymen can perform for the benefit of the congregation.

There have been, as far as the history of St. Mary's Church goes, five trustees in all, Mr.

Lawrence Fahrig, Mr. Henry Budde, Mr. Joseph Merkle, Mr. John Snyder, and Mr. John Merkle. Mr. Budde had resigned before he had served long, because living far away in the country he was not easily at hand to attend to duties of the Trusteeship. His successor was Mr. Joseph Merkle, who has been trustee for more than 30 years, always willing and ready to render assistance when needed. Mr. Lawrence Fahrig was a very generous man; for the church he would make any sacrifice. He remained Trustee until he died shortly before completion of the third church. He was succeeded by Mr. John Snyder, who certainly has done his share in supporting the church and rendering such help as was demanded. When Mr. Joseph Merkle, who declined in health and grew feeble, his son, Mr. John Merkle, who had been treasurer of St. Boniface Society for many years, was thought to be the right man to fill the vacancy, especially also in consideration of the great services rendered by his venerable father, who has gone to his reward.



Joseph Merkle



John Snyder



John Merkle

Trustees of St. Mary's Church

The time will come when the duties of these trustees must be more numerous. But we have all the confidence in the world, enjoying reputation as they do, that they will not be remiss in taking upon themselves the burden that will fall to their lot. There are excellent men in the congregation from whom trustees and directors may be chosen and who would be qualified to act in any capacity. The difficulty is rather, who to select than whom to find for the greater satisfaction of the people.

The tradition of St. Mary's under all previous pastors has been, to leave matters, financial and otherwise, to the pastor, more particularly the business of collecting. The people seem to think that it is good for the members of the congregation if they meet the pastor from time to time. Thus a good opportunity is given them to consult him in family affairs and to be advised for the regulation of their family affairs, if there be any need.

The pastor embraces this occasion to offer his thanks for the valuable help or assistance rendered by the various trustees to the various pastors, and he is confident that such assistance, though not always appreciated to its fullest extent, will find its full reward sometime.

ORPHAN ASYLUM OF THE ALTON DIOCESE



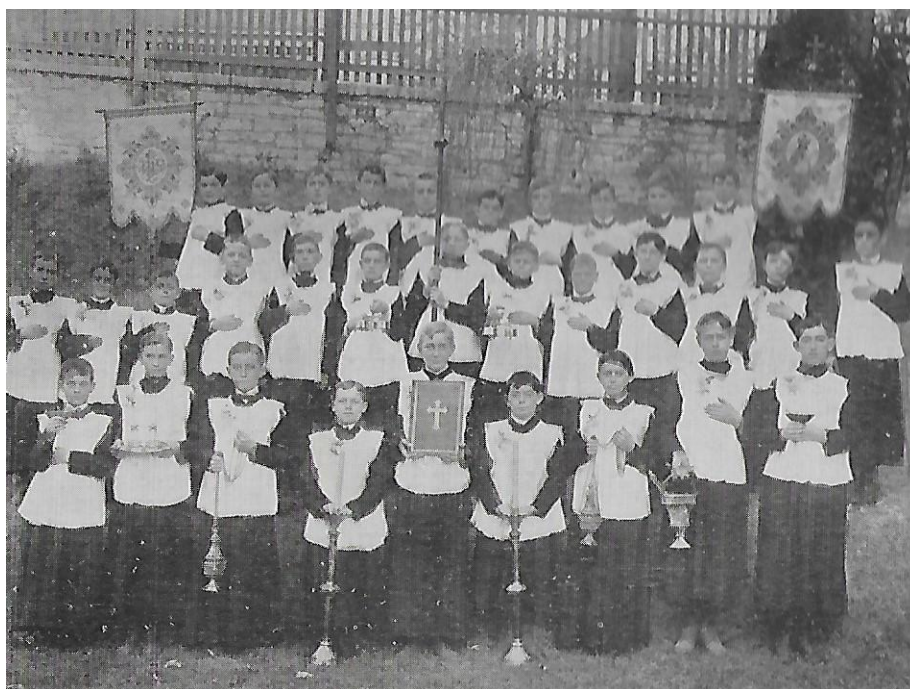
The Catholic Orphanage of this city was established in the year 1883. On the grounds, now belonging to this institution, there was a residence built and formerly inhabited by a family named Lee. This afforded room for 18 children. Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, who have their mother house in Ruma, this State, took charge of these children June 9, 1883. Ven. Mother Cecilia being the superioress. The building was soon found to be inadequate; the number on applicants increased from year to year. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan had hardly been uninstalled as the Ordinary of the Diocese when he planned and carried out an addition to the orphanage in 1889. But in a few years the Sisters were unable to accommodate the ever increasing homeless children. A larger addition was built in 1895. However, neither did this satisfy the needs for any length of time. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan resolved, therefore, to make a desperate effort. The annual collection for the orphans had hardly sufficed to keep the institution going, much less to make the needed improvements. He now, in a forcible circular letter, addressed to the clergy and people of the Diocese, urged the crying demand for better accommodations. His appeal to the generosity of well-to-do people and to the various congregations was responded to beyond expectation. And in two years the amounts donated and collected were sufficient to enlarge and improve the plant in such a way as to challenge the admiration of the citizens of Alton. The institution now, with its equipment and modern improvements, and its stone wall all around the spacious property, is at once an ornament to the city and a credit to the Diocese. There is now room for 150 orphans. One hundred and ten are being cared for at the present time, under the direction of nine Sisters.

There is only one thing missing. That is a chapel, where the children might convene morning and evening for their prayers and where ever busy Sisters might now and then find a few moments, if not longer, the sweet recreation in company with their Savior in his Blessed Sacrament. But the time will come when also this need will be supplied. Meanwhile there is a number of charitable ladies of the Cathedral Congregation who are taking pains to assist the Sisters in the laborious work for those poor children and to furnish to the latter such enjoyments

and comforts as the seasons of the year suggest. While we feel that these orphans are deprived of many things that other children receive through the solicitude of their parents, we cannot help envying them for the motherly care the good Sisters and benefactors of the orphanage are bestowing upon them. Surely to help the orphans as is done in Catholic asylums means to do a work, the importance of which can hardly be sufficiently realized and will reap its rich reward.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Novena in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is always faithfully kept in our church from Corpus Christi to the feast of the Sacred Heart. There might be a better attendance of this most beautiful devotion of the year. Since a few years we keep also the so-called Holy Hour. Thursday from three to four o'clock is a time allotted for this. While some of our people are most fervent in the observance of this hour, a great many remain away, that might attend if they had a good will. It is a most striking feature by which our time challenges our admiration. The devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the frequency of Holy Communion is fast increasing. The Eucharistic League of Priests and that of the people are to be credited with it, and not less the exhortation of our present Pontiff, Pius X, who is most anxious to have our people return to the practice of daily Communion as it was observed in the early times of Christianity. May the process of coming to this be slow, it is bound to do infinite good and make the sacramental devotion the center of our best efforts.



Altar Boys

ST. MICHAELS CONGREGATION, BELTREES

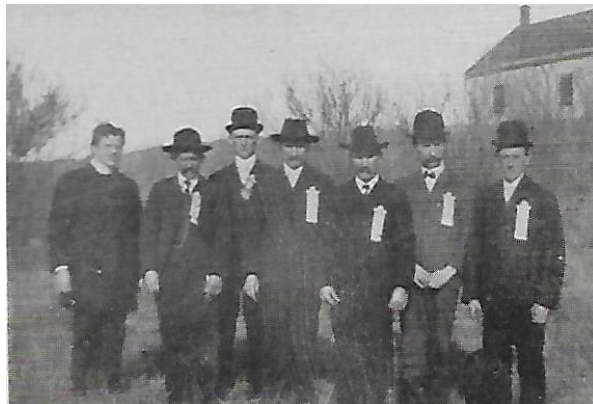
Father Peters, of Alton had some parishioners living in and near Elsah. The long distance from St. Mary's would not allow them to go to church very often. For this reason the pastor would now and then say Mass in a private house, owned by Mr. Christ. Loehr, at Elsah. But in the year 1877 a movement was set on foot to organize a new congregation. It had its effect. Encouraged by Father Peters the Catholics of Elsah and vicinity. About 35 families, concluded to build a church. The land for the church was donated by a family named Proetzgen, and the land for the cemetery was given by Mr. Andreas Wachter. So they undertook to collect money and buy the necessary material for the church building. One man, named Phil. Spatz, was unfortunate in loading or unloading lumber for the church and was killed. The church was completed by the 9th day of March, 1878; then Father Peters came and blessed it in a solemn manner. The first visit by the lamented Bishop Baltes to this congregation took place on the third day of March, 1881. In the fall of the year the congregation built a school. Father Marks opened the same in 1880 with 20 children. Mr. Henry Schloemer was the first teacher. The priest's house was built on five acres of land bought for that purpose. Father Marks superintended this also, and you find today the land adorned by a fine orchard old enough to promise a fair crop next season.



The priest who had been attending the congregation were the following: Father Peters until April, 1878, Rev. B. Rosmoeller from 1878 to 1885; Father Marks took great interest in the thriving congregation and attended it very faithfully from 1885 to 1898. He was followed by Rev. C.S. Bell who attended it, from Grafton, for over a year. Rev. C.F. Snyder visited the congregation rather irregularly from 1899 to 1901. Rev. J.B. Wand then took charge of the congregation attending it once every month from Brighton, where he was stationed. The school was kept up under his administration by Mrs. L. Hansen, then Miss L. Berner, and by Mrs. Hogan, until the number of the children grew so small as not to justify the expense of keeping it up. Father wand decorated the church and made it appear worthy of the object for which it served. In May, 1907, he left for Europe, and the congregation was attended by different priests until Father Joseph Mauer took charge in November of that year. Since Jan. 1, 1908, the congregation returned to the original place from which it had been organized and Father Hochmiller has been attending it ever since, twice a month. On May 24th, 1908, it was on a Sunday, lightning struck the tower of the church, and in a few hours the whole church was a mass of debris and ashes. All the people could do was to save the altars and the confessional; everything else was devoured by the fire. No vestige of the organ and even of the bell was to be found anywhere.



Old Settlers of Beltrees



**Beltrees Members of St. Boniface Society,
W.C.U.**

Sad as it was, the people were not discouraged but, at once decided to rebuild the church more beautiful than before. The people of the congregation, assisted by some benefactors, accomplished their plan under the wise management and direction of Father Hochmiller, and on September 27 the church was solemnly dedicated by the Very Rev. Zabel, D.D., of Bunker Hill. Father Hochmiller singing the first High Mass, assisted by Father Henry Becker, D.D., of Brussels, and Rev. A. Schockaert, of Grafton.

The plans for the building had been furnished by architects Lucas Pfeifferberger and Son, and Mr. Henry Wardein, who 31 years previous in this had been baptized as the first one in the old church, was the builder of the new one.

The windows, furnished by a glass painter Other of St. Louis, had been donated by the families Wardein, Wendle, Bunse, Miss O'Hare, Joseph Schmeider, Mrs. Mary Bummer and Peter Wittmer, Miss Cunigunde Wendle and Miss E. Traeger, H. Wagner and Elisa Hansen, family Reintges, I.M., of Mrs. M.E. Loehr, Steven Snyder, the Young Men's Sodality and Rev. Father Hochmiller. A picture of the Holy Family was given to Rev. Joseph Meckel and the bell has been donated by Frank Hansen.

The trustees of the congregation have been A. Wachter and Mike Michael, Wm. Bunse, Joseph Schmeider, and A. Finkes. Joseph Wardein and George Wendle are the trustees at the present time.

May the Lord bless the thrifty congregation and compensate its generous benefactors! You may find the congregation assembled in the church every Sunday and holy day of obligation. When there is no Mass, Mr. Lawrence Wardein leads the prayer. The time, we trust, will come when the St. Michael's congregation will be large enough to justify the appointment of a pastor exclusively for them.

STREET NAME CHANGES

This re-mastered edition presents street addresses as listed in the original commemorative document. But please note that some of the streets identified in the directory of parishioners have had their names changed over the years. So, if the reader is interested in locating the home address of a specific parishioner, be aware of some street name changes. There is no guarantee that all the house numbers remained the same after the street name change but we are aware that many house numbers that did remain the same after street name changes.

Apple Street is now called **Monument Street**.

Clement Place and Clement Street are now called **Royal Street**.

Common Street, North Street, and Walnut Street (portion) are now called **Central Avenue**.

Grafton Road is now **Delmar Avenue**.

Merchants Avenue, Stanton Street and Staunton Street are now called **College Avenue**.

Vandalia Road is now called **Brown Street**.

Second Street is now called **Broadway**.

Weigler Street (east of Henry) is now called **Third Street**.

Third Street (east of Henry Street) is changed to **Fourth Street**.

Fourth Street (east of Henry Street) is changed to **Fifth Street**.

Fifth Street (east of Henry Street) is changed to **Sixth Street**.

Sixth Street (east of Henry Street) is changed to **Seventh Street**.

Eighth Street (east of Henry Street) is changed to **Ninth Street**.

Ninth Street (east of Henry Street) is changed to **Tenth Street**.

Fifteenth Street (east of Henry Street) is changed to **Sixteenth Street**.

**CENSUS OF ST. MARY'S CONGREGATION
A.D. 1908**

A

Acker, John and Louisa Maier, 1115 Union St.
 Ambrose, Frank, Clemens, Mary, Lorenz, Louise,
 Ahrens, † Theodore and Henrietta Loeffler, 530 East Second St.
 Emma
 Albrecht, Miss Paulina, 624 East Fourth St.
 Aldinger, (m) John and Emma Ziegenfuss, 637 East Fourth St.
 William, Julia, Bertha, Richard, Alfred, Victor.
 Angel, † Nicholas and Anna Mauer, Upper Alton
 Nicholas, Anthony, Margaret, Frances.
 Atland, (m) Henry and Caroline Gottlob, 522 East Third St.

B

Baecker, John and Bertha Lenz, 417 Cherry St.
 Richard, Anna, John, Mary, Lizzie, Gerthie, Catharine.
 Bass, George and Emma Deucker, 711 East Sixth St.
 Albert, Emil, Wallace Deucker.
 Baumeister, Herman and Theresa Maul, 516 East Third St.
 Leona, Richard, Anna, John, Mary.
 Bauer, Ludwig and (m) Louisa Depken.
 Bauer, (m) William and Caroline Ernst, 634 East Third St.
 Bezany, Werner and Johanna Biemeck.
 Gilbert, John, Peter, Michael.
 Beiser, (m) William and Theresa Gargis, 912 East Fifth St.
 August, Louis.
 Bensmann, Andrew and Henrietta Walker, North Alton.
 Mary, Theresa, Andrew, Anna, Joseph, Jacob, Michael.
 Berger, Phillip and Louise Zeller, Upper Alton.
 Philippine, Henry, Henrietta, Lilia.
 Berghoff, Henry and Mary Wulf, Fosterburg.
 Sophia, Fred, Julia, August, Rebecca, Berthel.
 Berghoff, Joseph and Mary Klebolt, Fosterburg.
 Josephine, Leona, Frank, Elizabeth, August, Viola, Sabina.
 Berghoff, Joseph, Jr., and Adelheid Klinke, Bethalto.
 Berner, Fred and Clara McDonnell, 830 East Fourth St.
 Fred, James
 Berner, John and Catharine Federle, 500 East Second St.
 Elizabeth, Leo
 Berner, John, Jr., and Laura Ridder, 514 East Third St.
 John.
 Berner, Mrs. Theresa, 500 East Second St.

Berry, (m) Benjamin and Louise Stumpf, 460 East Second St.
Otis, Henry, Mary.

Bertier, Mathias and Anna Ursch, 623 East Eighth St.
Eleanora.

Bertmann, William and Bertha Hibbler, 535 East Sixth St.
Hilda, Aloysius, Bertha.

Betri, (m) Hugo and Theresia Muck, 723 East Sixth St.
John, Eleanora, Anna, William.

Betz, † Louis and Theresa Richter, 2614 State St.
Ferdinand, Louisa, Adolf

Bickel, † Louis and Mary Kohler, 513 Liberty St.

Biewer, Clara, Agnes.

Bissinger, Louis and Josephine Joehl, 538 East Seventh St.
Mary.

Bissinger, William and (m) Carrie Stierley, 620 East Fourth St.

Boehm, Louis and Mary Gerlach, 1033 Union St.

Bohmann, John and Catherine Held, 136 West Second St.
Mary.

Boppa, Herman and Catherine Stahl, 824 East Third St.

Borntrager, Nicholas and Mary Malone, 505 Washington St.
Lawrence, Charles, Ellen, Thomas.

Boschert, Joseph and Mary Hartmann, 711 East Sixth St.

Boschert, Martin, Sr., and † Cecilia Gerwitz, 322 Royal St.

Boschert, Martin, Jr., and Bridget Convey, 622 East Ninth St.
Walter, Felix, Paul, Louisa.

Boschert, Edward and Maria Burg, 713 East Sixth St.
Bertha, Mary, Albert.

Boschert, Leo and † Rosa Cahill, 713 East Sixth St.
Edward.

Boschert, Frank and Maria Arnold, 1719 Liberty St.

Brandt, Charles and Francisca Klinke, Wood River.
Lucy.

Braunagel, Emil and Louisa Ehert, 822 East Third St.
Mary, Lucy, Henry, John, Josephine, Agatha, Wilhelmina, Aloys.

Braunagel, Frank and † Emma Schneider, 824 East Third St.
Joseph.

Bregenzer, Jacob and Justina Hellrung, 610 Hoffman Ave.
Henrietta, Elizabeth.

Brinkmann, Benjamin and Anna Greve, Godfrey.
Mary A. Haag

Brown, Joseph and Mary Jun, 638 ½ East Fourth St.
Joseph, Elmer.

Brucker, Jacob and Elizabeth Dunschen, 813 Stanton St.

Brumleve, Phillip and Margaretha Angel.
Johanna.

Brunner, John and Mary Metzler, 715 East Third St.
 Sophie, John, Edna, Bertha.
 Budde, August and Emilia Massula, Godfrey.
 Anna, Clara, Mary, Elizabeth, Agnes.
 Budde, John and Anna Stiens, Godfrey.
 Henry.
 Budde, Christopher and Elizabeth Manns, 920 East Sixth St.
 Ida, Mary, Raymond.
 Budde, Bernard and Rebecca Harris, Fosterburg.
 Paul, Maria, Clarence.
 Budde, Frank and Emma Recher, Fosterburg.
 Aloys, Lilia, Emelia, Florence.
 Budde, Frank and Helena Weirich, 914 Clement Place.
 Elizabeth, Theresa, Alphonse, Mary, Helena, Lucille, Frank, Charles, Dorothea.
 Budde, Henry and Theresa Ressmann, 636 North St.
 Budde, ✠ John and Therese Hellrung, 801 Henry St.
 Budde, August and Emilia Recher, Fosterburg.
 Budde, Joseph and Elizabeth Joehl, 816 Arch St.
 Mary, Leo, Emil, Walter, Otto, Irene.
 Budde, Mary, John, 816 Arch St.
 Buese, John and Mary Dueringer, 1403 Bloomfield St.
 John, Mary, A. Joseph.
 Buesser, ✠ Jacob and Magdalena Joehl, 1222 Union St.
 Jacob

C

Caldwell, Alexander and Josephine Kleinpeter, 712 East Fifth St.
 Margareth, Josephine, Emil, Frank, Archibald, Henry, Leonard, Raymond, Walter, Oscar.
 Camp, William and (m) Anna Recher, North Alton.
 William, Alice, Henrietta.
 Cappelle, Henry, 807 East Third St.
 Christian, ✠ George and Wilhelmina Klebolt, 1021 East Sixth St.
 John, George.
 Cilien, Joseph and Wilhelmina Teppe, 908 East Fourth St.
 Coleman, (m) Mary Ludwilla Hanri, 1442 East Third St.
 Crow, (m) James and Theresia Fahrig, Fletcher St.
 Catherina, Theresa, John, Bertha.
 Crowe, Mary, Bertha, Agnes, 1222 Union St.

D

Dannemann, Henry J. and Matilda Gerwolf, Grand Ave., S. Alton.
 Matilda, Henry.
 Daubman, (m) George and Bertha Hartmann, 819 Union St.

Degenhardt, Albert and Anna McCarthy, 537 East Seventh St.
 Bertha, Bernard, Albert, Joseph, Edgar, Louis.
 Denker, Mrs. Mary, 1107 East Sixth St.
 Detten, ✠ John and Anna Barths, Godfrey.
 Frank
 Deucker, Henry and (m) Elizabeth Reher.
 William, Henry, Louis, Edward, Florence, Roy.
 Dietz, ✠ Phillip and Wilhelmina Ehrhardt, 1100 East Second St.
 Rebecca, Frank, Anthony, Theresa, Adam, Gustave.
 Donner, Jerome and Martha Schitter, North Alton.
 Bertha, Matilda, Anna, Theresa.
 Dreisoerner, ✠ Conrad B. and Matilda Butz, Garden St. Upper Alton.
 Henry.
 Drexelius, Bernard and Stanislava Depke, East Alton.
 Drexelius, John and Anna Hesse, Fosterburg.
 Mary, Christina, Regina, John, Joseph, Anna, Henry.
 Drexelius, Anthony and Catherina Relleke, Fosterburg.
 Anthony.
 Droste, Theodore and ✠ Catherine Kappel, Godfrey.
 Catherine, Frances, Theodore, John.
 Dunschen, Benjamin and Catharine Leady, 639½ East Third St.
 Elizabeth M., Cletus, Emma.
 Dunschen, ✠ Henry and Josephine Joehl, 634 East Fourth St.
 Josephine, Clara, Elizabeth.

E

Eck, Richard and Lucy, 26 West Second St.
 Rosa, Charlotte Maria.
 Eckhard, John, 528 East Second St.
 Eckhard, Chris and Agnes Joehl, 721-723 East Second St.
 Josephine.
 Eckhard, Henry and Caroline McGuire, 1208 North St.
 Elizabeth.
 Eckhart, Joseph and Laeta Robinson, 313 Monument Ave.
 Lucille.
 Edwards, ✠ Thomas and Louise Papa, 719 East Fifth St.
 Charles, William.
 Ehrhardt, ✠ Anthony and Ida Keller, 901 East Second St.
 Anthony.
 Ehret, Joseph, 824 East Third St.
 Ehret, John and Elizabeth, 1302 Belle St.
 Eichelman, Anna, William, 706 East Second St.
 Eichorn, Frank and ✠ Catherine Lamb.
 John.
 Eikel, Frank, St. Joseph's Hospital.
 Elble, (m) John and Anna Ahrens, 230 Alby St.
 Bernard and Henrietta.

Elfgen, Henry and Mary Geppert, 1104 Garden St.
 Frances, Louis, Henry.
 Elfgen, ✠ Joseph and Catharine, North Alton.
 Emilie.
 Elfgen, Berthold and ✠ Lena Mayerhofer, Mather St., North Alton.
 Margaretha, Lucilla, Helena, Berteline.
 Ernst, (m) Henry and Caroline Hanold, 636 East Third St.
 Ernst, Emil and Theresa Denker, 640 East Second St.
 Henry, Alvina.
 Esche, Max and Fanny Rief, Mayfield Ave, near Spaulding, Upper Alton.
 Linda.

F

Fahrig, Bernard and Josephine Denz, 1129 Hampton St.
 Theresa, Ferdinand, Mary, John, Margaretha, Dorothea.
 Fahrig, Bernard and Theresa Ursch, Milton Road.
 Fahrig, Dorothea, Francesca, 806 East Second St.
 Fahrig, Henry and (m) Wilhelmina Feltrich, 930 Union St.
 Carrie, Edward.
 Fahrig, John A. and Mary D. Oklass, 817 Liberty St.
 Mary, Eugenia, Adelheid, Margaret, Helene, John, Eugene.
 Fahrig, ✠ Ignaz and Catharina Lellpopp, 930 Union St.
 Fahrig, Lawrence and Dora Janssen, 801 Liberty St.
 Lawrence, John, Theresa.
 Federle, Miss Mary, 410 East Twelfth St.
 Finkes, Martin and Wilhelmina Albrecht, 200 East Seventh St.
 Pauline, Francis, Joseph.
 Finley, John and Mary Hellrung, 619 East Seventh St.
 Joseph, Leo.
 Fischbach, ✠ Martin and Christina Elble, 620 Weigler St.
 Augusta, Louisa.
 Flachenecker, Charles and (m) Mabel Sommers, 817 Arch St.
 Lucilla.
 Flachenecker, George and (m) Mary Champion, 1120 East Fifth St.
 Theresa.
 Flachenecker, Leonard and ✠ Elsa Kurzweiler, 1120 East Fifth St.
 William, Joseph.
 Flori, Jacob and Amelia Linn, Pearl St. Upper Alton.
 Charles, Phillip, Mary, Aloysius, Joseph, Frank, Michael.
 Flori, Nicholas and ✠ Mary Schmidt, 204 East Seventh St.
 Rosa, Bernard, Anthony.
 Flori, William and Charlotte Schmidt, 629 North St.
 Helen, Clara, John, Theresia, Anna.
 Fox, Alexander and Cecilia Larose, 620 East Third St.
 Alexander.
 Frederick, (m) John and ✠ Emma Merkle, 1700 North St.
 John

Friedrich, Christian, 400 East Second St.
 Froehli, Mary, 638 East Fourth St.
 Fuchs, † Peter and Sophia Zeller, Upper Alton.
 Peter, Ludwig, Johanna, William, Margaret.
 Fuller, † (m) Asa and Elizabeth Ulmrich, 811 East Fourth St.

G

Gaston, Thomas 132 West Second St.
 Ellis, Harry.
 Geiben, John and Maria Schitter, West Alton.
 Geissal, (m) Henry and Theresa Winnenberg, 1200 Alby St.
 John, Fred, Amelia, Louis, Leo, Agnes.
 Gent, Anna, 1419 Henry St.
 Gerard, James and Anna Jansen, Upper Alton.
 Rosa, Eveline, Bernice, James.
 Gerber, Henry and Elizabeth Kunkel, 1123 Pearl St.
 Clara, Elizabeth, Henry, Arthur, William, Alice.
 Girth, (m) John and Rosa Boschert, corner Royal and Elms Sts., 327.
 Frank, John, Bernard, Cecilia, Joseph, Edward, Rosa, Henry, Mary, Albert, George.
 Gissler, John and Mary Rottler, North Alton.
 Mary, Elizabeth, Leo.
 Gleich, (m) Louis and Mary Boschert, 910 East Third St.
 Blandina.
 Goebler, Felix and Dora Evan, Park near College, Upper Alton.
 Goeken, Albert and Barbara Seibert, 514 East Fourth St.
 Goeken, Clemens and Catherine Bruch, 520 East Fourth St.
 Clara, Victor, Joseph, Caroline and Albert Federle.
 Goeken, George and Mary Mohrmann, 504 East Fifth St.
 Leo.
 Gottlob, Bernard and Louis Altvogt, 624 East Fourth St.
 Joseph
 Gottlob, Miss Sophie, 522 East Third St.
 Graf, Charles and † Anna Vogel, 822 East Second St.
 Joseph.
 Gramlich, Louis and Dora Hartmann, 802 Bloomfield St.
 Rosa, Mary.
 Grenzebach (m) Gustave and Catherine Elfgen, North Alton.
 Gutsave, Pearl, Mary, Fred.
 Greve, Frank, Godfrey.
 Greve, John and Fannie Holliday, North Alton.
 Mary, Lillie, Harry, John.
 Grossheim, George and Mary Hentrich, 522 Oak St.
 Joseph, Theresa, Bertha, Charles, John, Alphonse.
 Grossheim, Joachim and † A. Mary Weinhardt, 512 Oak St.

Grossheim, John and Clara Kaiser, 512 Oak St.
 Louis, Edmond.
 Grossheim, Otto and Sophia Renz, 313 Apple St.
 Gruen, William and Mary Drewery, 2200 Holman St.
 Gruen, Michael, 2200 Holman St.
 Grunnel, Henry Phillip and Lucilla Dignan, 214 Monument St.
 Anita, Raymond.
 Gruse, John and Josepha Schmidt, 905 Royal St.
 John, Mary, Sophia, Rosa.
 Gschwend, William and Mary Schwaess, 1131 Warren St.
 Mary, Matilda, William, Emilie, Josephine, Joseph, John, Alphonse.
 Guertler, Peter and Catherine A. Hundt, 101 East Fifteenth St.
 Walter, Otilia.
 Gundall, Adam and Rosa, 610 East Seventh St.
 William.

H

Haas, Julius and Henrietta Chesson, 930 East Second St.
 Hattie, Mary, Helena.
 Haas, William and Julia Ringering, 1008 East Second St.
 Hanei, † Frank and Mary Tischler, Yager Park.
 Herman, Frieda, Frank, Isedori.
 Harris, William and Julia Riecher, Fosterburg.
 Ethel, Gertrude, Rudolph, Lucille, Douglas, Henry, August.
 Hartmann, Henry and Dorothea Fahrig, 801 Liberty St.
 Bernice.
 Hartmann, Jacob and Josephina Stolze, 730 East Fourth St.
 John, Mary, Albert.
 Hartmann, Elizabeth, 525 East Fourth St.
 Hartmann, † Lawrence and Elizabeth Schneidinger, 819 Union St.
 John, Frank, Theresa, Emerentia.
 Hartmann, Peter and Theresa Janssen, Vandalia Road.
 Peter, Martin, Mary, Theresa, Lawrence, Joseph, Bertha, Rosa, George, Henry.
 Hassler, Joseph and Catherine Schwartz, East Alton.
 Josephine, Clara, John, Mary, Magdalene.
 Hauck, August and Frances Brady, 1019 Diamond St.
 Earl, Bernard.
 Hauck, William and Elizabeth Setton, 1401 Bloomfield St.
 Ella, Cyril.
 Hauck, Miss Catherine, 513 Liberty St.
 Haunsperger, Simon and Philomena Schwartz, Upper Alton.
 Philomena, Simon, Anna.
 Hefner, † Joseph and Josephine Kaiser, 120 East Second St.
 Henry, William, Anna, Leo, Emil.

Heidrich, Charles and Theresa Gruse, 900 Union St.
 Frank, Joseph, Anthony, Edward, Bartholomew, Mary.
 Heintz, Victor and Catharina Schoenerer, 328 Dry St.
 Charles, Mary, Frank, Victor, Leo.
 Hellrung, Christopher and Ida Fehr, North St.
 Hellrung, ✠ Christopher and Mary Budde, 1123 East Sixth St.
 Hellrung, Henry C. and Clara Jun, 1114 East Sixth St.
 Clara, Henry.
 Hellrung, Henry and Theresa Pape, 1432 Harrison St.
 John, Charles.
 Hellrung, Joseph and Christina Burr, 723 East Fifth St.
 Joseph, Anna.
 Hellrung, John and Jennie Kaufold, 1600 Belle St.
 Mary, Francisca, John.
 Hellrung, Lawrence and Julia Acker, 1111 East Sixth St.
 Mary, Herbert, Frances.
 Hellrung, Lawrence and Frances Nolte, 620 North St.
 Mervin, Maria, Dolores.
 Hellrung, Barth, Catharina, Juliana, Genofeva.
 Hellrung, Peter and ✠ Theresa Fahrig, 610 East Seventh St.
 Charles.
 Henkel, ✠ Helwig and Frances Buns, 447 East Second St.
 Frederick.
 Henkel, Mrs. Mary, East Second St. and Langdon St.
 Henkhaus, Henry and Julia Hesse, Yager Park.
 Mary, Anna, Edward. Ida, Victor.
 Henkhaus, John and Beatrice Stanton, Yager Park.
 Henkhaus, Mrs. Josephine, North Alton.
 Henkhaus, ✠ John and Florentine Wittmer, 960 Union St.
 Hentrich, William.
 Hentrich, ✠ John and Theresa Bensmann,
 Gertrude, John.
 Herren, Harry and Agnes Miller, 1008 East Sixth St.
 Margarethe, Agnes, Loretta, Hazel.
 Hess, Emil and Francisca Reis, 1230 East Second St.
 Fred.
 Hesse, Ferdinand and Mary Greve, Fosterburg.
 Hesse, John and Gertrude Sutter, Fosterburg.
 Anna, Leo, Mary, John, Louis, Gertrude.
 Hibbler, ✠ John W. and Bertha Gottlob, 535 East Sixth St.
 Hindrichs, Albert and Evelina Eckhoff, 720 Clement Place.
 Hoehn, John and Bertha Ernst, 636 East Third St.
 George, Emil, John.
 Hoettger, Henry and Francisca Budde, 820 Arch St.
 Josephine, Wilhelmina, Henry, Sylvester, Gertrude, Mary, Anna.
 Horn, Casper and Adelheid Knetzger, 416 East Second St.

Adelheid, Louis, Casper.
 Howard, Adolph and Clara Stolze, 623 Jackson St.
 Viola.
 Huber, Fabian and Sophia Rathgeb, 1806 Garden St.
 Emil, Albert, Eugenia, Sophia.
 Huebner, Frank, 517 East Third St.
 Hufker, ✝ Joseph and Helena Thelken, 115 Grafton Road, North Alton.
 Joseph, Henry, William, Helena, Mary, Anna.

J

Janssen, Mrs. Maria A., Nazareth Home.
 Jehle, ✝ John and Caroline Wiegand, 1100 Alby St.
 Lena, John,
 Joehl, ✝ Casper and Josephina Haemmerli, 634 East Fourth St.
 Joehl, Louis and Veronica Manns, Godfrey.
 Walter, Robert, Ella, Leo, Clara, Paul, Raymond.
 Joehl, Meinrad and Mary Grossheim, 811 East Second St.
 Edward, Hildegard, John, Albert, Viola, Alvina, Fred.
 Joerger, August and Catharine, 63 East Twelfth St.
 Johnson, Edmund and Maria Schmiz, Garden St.
 Ada.
 Jun, Edward and Mary McBride, 647 East Fourth St.
 Roland, Albert.
 Jun, John and Anna Uffert, 732 East Second St.
 Rosa, Leona, Hilda.
 Jun, Jacob and ✝ Mary Spangenberger, 818 Union St.
 Jun, John and Rosa Girsch, 1025 Diamond St.
 Leo, Henry, Mary, Agnes, Louis, Bertha.
 Jun, Joseph and Apollonia Manns, 207 Spring St.
 Dorothea, Joseph.
 Jun, Joseph and Mary Weirich, 1027 Diamond St.
 Gertrude, Anthony, Edna.
 Jun, Miss Theresa, 818 Union St.
 Jun, ✝ Thomas and Mary Gibbs, 647 East Fourth St.
 Bernard, Charles.
 Jun, Thomas and Flora Twitchel, 641 East Fourth St.
 Erwin.

K

Kaiser (m) Henry and Josephine Meinhofer, Mather St.
 Leone, Anthony, Henry, Margareth, Mary.
 Kasener, Franks and Maria Niederkorn, Upper alton
 Joseph.
 Keller, William and (m) Anna Fitzinger, 1115 East Fourth St.
 Josephine, Charles, Lillian, Edith, Helena, William.

Kelly, William and Anna Lippold, 204 Henry St.
 Stephen, Joseph, Mary, Ruth, Cecilia.
 Kelting, † George and Anna, 810 East Second St.
 George, Anna.
 Kern, Anthony and Frances Mohrmann, East Third St.
 Kesten, (m) Henry and Catherina Metz, 1207 Union St.
 Kinsella, Martin and Maria Maul, 619 East Second St.
 Kirbach, Frank and Rosa Rohak, 1006 Diamond St.
 Kirchhoff, † John and Francisca Ledi, 731 East Fifth St.
 William.
 Kirchhoff, Joseph and Adeline Cox, 652 East Second St.
 Myrtle, Amos.
 Klasner, John and Louisa Miller, 1012 East Sixth St.
 Clara, Clarence, Rosalie, Lucille.
 Klasner, John and Margaret Maier, 649 East Fourth St.
 Agnes, Anna, Catherine.
 Klasner, Mathias, North Alton. Tel. 3274.
 Mary, Agnes Pitts.
 Klasner, William and Wilhelmina Manns, 619 North St.
 Fred, Emil, Louisa, William, Angela, Leonia.
 Klebolt, Frank and Alice Benson, 1208 East Fifth St.
 Klebolt, Frank W. and Katherine Merkle, 1020 Union St.
 Klebolt, † Anthony and Wilhelmina Wittmer, 974 Union St.
 Klebolt, Joseph and Mary Kolb, 1114 Green St.
 Viola
 Klebolt, William and Mary Bockstroh, 927 East Third St.
 Joseph, Warren, Hilda, William.
 Kleeschulte, Mary, 620 Weigler St.
 Kleffner, Fred and Theresa Dunschen, 2231 Common St.
 Werner, Lizzie, Joseph, Wilhelm.
 Kleinpeter, † Jacob and Anna Maria Wagner, 715 East Fifth St.
 Kleinpeter, Edward and Lilly Percival, 1310 State St.
 Margaretha.
 Kleinschnittger, Frank and Anastasia Hilbert, 820 East Third St.
 Mildred, Lilia, Frank.
 Kleinschnittger, John and Amelia Maier, 707 Henry St.
 John, Amelia, Leo, Edward.
 Kleinschnittger, Anthony and Mary Hoettger, Upper Alton.
 Klinke, John and Mary Schenk, 1010 East Fifth St.
 Eleanora, Margareth, Florence, Adele, William.
 Klinke, Lawrence and Anna Budde, 559 East Second St.
 Adelheid, Anna.
 Klinke, Theresa, Fred, Fosterburg.
 Klinke, Peter and Carrie Benway.
 Frances, Mary, Albert, Adelheid, Edgar, Anna.

Kloss, ✠ John and Margareth Flori, 204 East Seventh St.
 Knapp, ✠ Oswald and Rosa Mauch, 523 Oak St.
 Eugene, Mary, Oswald, Victor.
 Koeller, August and Bernadine Droste, Godfrey.
 Theresa, Elizabeth, Louisa, August, Frances, Anna, Henry, Mary.
 Koeller, Fred and Theresa Ressmann, 103 East Twelfth St.
 Koenig, Christian and Anna Schuler, Upper Alton.
 Jacob, Henry, John, Mary.
 Kolk, James and Mary Wolf, 1111 Union St.
 Thecla, Paul, Margarethe.
 Kortkamp, ✠ William and Maria Baumann, corner East Fourteenth and Alby Sts.
 Emma.
 Kratschmer, Fred and Anna Zimmermann.
 Mary, Fred, Frank, Emil, Theresa, Edith.
 Kremer, Peter and ✠ Catherine Rademacher, 6 West Seventeenth St.
 Krug, Joseph and Elizabeth Blum, State St., near North Alton.
 Barbara, Catharine, Elizabeth, Anna, Clara, Stella.
 Kuntz, John and (m) Catharine Christopher, 1212 East Third St.
 Paulina, William, Charles, Fred.
 Kulp, Henry and Lena Held, 128 West Second St.
 Bertha, Rosa.

L

Lampert, Joseph and Theresa Gottlob, 535 East Sixth St.
 Lampert, Mary, 624 East Second St.
 Lang, ✠ John and Mary Snyder, 1314 Pearl St., cor. Vandalia St.
 William, Clara, Joseph Richardson.
 Lachance, Joseph, and Lena Thomas, 552 East Second St.
 Alfred.
 Leady, Henry and Lena Pfeiffer, 216 East Sixteenth St.
 Amelia, Henry, John, Mildred, Raymond.
 Leady, Joseph and Caroline Budde, 801 Henry St.
 Josephine, Frieda, Elmer, Caroline.
 Leady, Louis and Anna Pfeiffer, 418 East Fourteenth St.
 Leady, ✠ Phillip and Elizabeth Brown, 115 West Fourth St.
 Emelia, August, Maria, Joseph.
 Leitner, Oscar and Wilhelmina Eden, East Alton.
 Lilia, Arthur.
 Leuck, Peter and Mary Manns, 906 East Fourth St.
 A. John, A. Peter, Alois, Rosa.
 Lowe, W. A. and Anna Niederkorn, 1050 Tremont St.
 George, Aloysius, Helena, Agnes.
 Luecker, Conrad, Mary, Godfrey.

Luecker, Louis and Catharine Manns, 924 Fountain St.
 Lawrence, Aloysius, Louisa, Margaretha, Mary, Frieda.
 Luer, August and Helena Scharf, Upper Alton.
 Viola, August William.

M

Maas, ✠ Henry and Theresa Droste, North Alton.
 William, Joseph, Mary, Anthony, Fred, Theresa.
 Maas, Henry and Helena Meissner, 1217 East Sixth St.
 Charles, Helena Meier; Henry, Anthony
 Mahler, Frank and Anna Wolf, 1125 North St.
 Rosa, Leo, Frank, Celeste.
 Manns, August and Rosa Daub, 1305 Bloomfield St.
 August, Frieda, Walter, Earl, Lavern.
 Manns, Frank and Catharina Berghoff, 512 Main St., Upper Alton.
 Florence, Victor, Eldridge.
 Manns, John and ✠ Veronica Seifert, 908 East Fourth St.
 Manns, Frank and Helena Senz, 800 East Second St.
 Leone.
 Manns, John H. and Maggie Kinsella, 1001 Union St.
 Sophie, Charles, Albert, Margareth.
 Manns, John W. and Cecilia Morick, 956 Pearl St.
 Adam, Joseph.
 Manns, Joseph and Mary Berghoff, Godfrey.
 Leo, Leona, Lilly.
 Manns, William and ✠ Elizabeth Grue, 646 North St.
 Manns, William H. and Mary Relleke, 1108 Putnam St.
 Charles, Fred, Veronica.
 Marshall, (m) Charles and Antoinette Wyss, 1015 East Fifth St.
 Mathieu, Fritz and Mary, Upper Alton, 921 Garden St.
 Regina, Lillian.
 Maul, ✠ John and Otilia Boschert, 823 East Third St.
 John, Mary, William, Albert.
 Maul, Joseph and Caroline Ahrens, 436 East Third St.
 Theodore, Gertrude.
 Maul, Paul and Theresa Meissner, 513 Walnut St.
 Blanche, Mary, Florence, Fred, August, Henry.
 McQuery, William and Pauline Schmiz, Vandalia St.
 Meierhofer, ✠ Eugene and Margaretha Barnett, Mather St., North Alton.
 Meisenheimer, (m) Phillip and Elizabeth Wieschaus, 634 North St.
 Dorothea, Bertha.
 Meitner, John and Mary Leadly, 115 West Fourth St.
 William.
 Merick, Bertha, 10 East Twelfth St.

Merkle, Frank and Augusta Formhals, 960 Union St.
 Merkle, John and † Helena Klasner, 322 Ridge St.
 Bertha, Ida, Agnes, Anna, Helena.
 Merkle, William, Leo, 501 Shields St.
 Merkle, Joseph and Josephine Fehr, Shields St.
 Merkle, † William and Emelia Froehli, 638 East Fourth St.
 Clarence, Roy, Virginia, Bernadette.
 Merkle, William and Mary Theissen, North Alton.
 Magdalene, Bernard, Aloysius, Elmer.
 Metz, John and Barbara Bouvy, 1407 Bloomfield St.
 Anna, Mary, John, Johanna, Frederick, Catharina Bouvy.
 Metz, Sebastian and Catharine Meyer, 1124 East Fifth St.
 Metzler, Christopher and Frances Rudolf, East Alton. Route 2.
 Peter, Lawrence.
 Metzler, † Peter and Louisa Maul, 713 East Third St.
 Joseph.
 Metzroth, Mrs. Josepha, 1217 East Sixth St.
 Meyer, Louis and Louise Metzger, Common St.
 Fred, Julia, Reinilla, Blanka, Rudolph, Hildegard.
 Meyers, Gustav, 517 East Third St.
 Michael, † John and Anna Bissinger, 1712 Maple St.
 Aloysius, Robert, Elizabeth, Caroline.
 Miller, † Andrew and Catharina, 1028 East Second St.
 Caroline.
 Miller, Emerich and † Elizabeth Grossheim, 648 North St.
 Miller, † Fred and Mary Jun, 618 Ridge St.
 Jacob.
 Miller, † Henry and Theresa Schuelle, 1105 East Third St.
 Bernard, Joseph, Frank, Theresa, John, Adolph, Louisa, Margaretha.
 Miller, † Joseph and Justina Hellrung, 1108 East Sixth St.
 Charles.
 Miller, Joseph R. and Frances Eckhard, 648 North St.
 Florence.
 Miller, Louis and Georgina Manhardt, 1722 Bozza St.
 George, Louis, Emma.
 Miller, Sebastian and Rosa Grossheim, 1215 North St.
 John, Louis, Salome, Herbert, Elizabeth.
 Miller, Thomas and Mary Herren, 1029 Diamond St.
 Fred.
 Misegades, John and Julia Joehl, 608 East Fifteenth St.
 Fred, Meinrad, Julia, Joseph, Frank.
 Mohr, (m) William and Theresa Shelle, 821 East Sixth St.
 George.
 Mohrmann, † Joseph and Bernadine Bartholomae, 517 East Third St.
 Joseph, Anthony.

Mook, (m) Fred and Frances Kirchhoff, 719 Clement Place.
 George, Ida, Esther, Caroline, Frances.
 Morick, Adam and Mary Gruse, 956 Union St.
 Nehls, Irene, Isabella, Elsa.

N

Nieder Korn, Henry and Elizabeth Cox, Yager Park.
 Florence.
 Nieder Korn, Henry and Anna Altendorf, East Alton.
 Joseph, Catharine, Nicholas, Mary, George.
 Nieder Korn, John and Philomena Fortin, Yager Park.
 Aloysius.
 Nieder Korn, Michael and Magdalena Holtz, Yager Park.
 Frank, Agnes, Michael.
 Noethen, John and Agatha Hildebrand, Godfrey.
 Anna, Philomena, Louisa.
 Noll, † George and Elizabeth Mohrmann, 506 East Fifth St.
 Catherine, Elizabeth, George, Clement.
 Nolte, † Albert and Frances Biermann, 1100 Pearl St.
 Dorothea, Emma, Antoinette.
 Nolte, Joseph and Anna Leady, 718 East Fourth St.
 Claudia, Mary, Viola.

O

Ohley, Edward and Mary Klebolt, 1012 East Sixth St.
 Joseph, Elizabeth, Catharine, Frances, Emil.
 Oller, Jessy and Tillie Weinrich, 1211 East Sixth St.
 Margaretha.
 O'Neill, Bernard J. and Margaretha Schaefer, 520 East Sixth St.
Bernard Schaefer, Margaretha M., Mary.
 Ostermann, Bernard and Theresa Fahrig, 600 Ridge St.
 Lawrence, Caroline, John.
 Overath, Louis and Caroline Mueller, North Alton.
 Conrad, Louis, John.
 Overath, Max and † Antoinette Biermann, 1106 Garden St.
 Helena, Mary, Leo, John.
 Overath, Henry and Helena Hartfield, North Alton.

P

Pape, † Conrad and Elizabeth Kaufold, 822 East Fifth St.
 Anna.
 Pieper, Frank and Elizabeth Bartholomae, corner Front and Market Sts.
 Ferdinand, Mary.
 Pieper, Frank Jr. and Catharina, 1530 Market St.
 Pierce, (m) Clarence and Wilhelmina Hefner, 711 East Third St.
 Eva.

Probst, John B., 956 Union.

Puetz, ✝ Tillman and Maria Thomas, North Alton

R

Rathgeb, Adolph and Mary Graf, 1934 Common St.

Anthony, Joseph, Michael, Mary, Adolph, Margaretha, Anna, Augusta Klopfer.

Rathgeb, ✝ Michael, Jr., and Christina Elsen, 807 East Third St.

Sophia, Michael, Anthony, Adolph, Ida, Mary, Leo, Herbert.

Read, ✝ Gregory and Barbara Geary, 722 East Third St.

Mary.

Recher, Elizabeth, Theresa, Fosterburg.

Reck, Anton and (m) Augusta Woeckel, 327 East Fifteenth St.

Louise, Bertha, Herman, Emilie.

Reilly, James and Catharine Huss, 911 East Third St.

Ora, Phillip, Eva, Cecilia, Vera, Harvey, Roma.

Relleke, Mrs. Josephine, Fosterburg.

Ressmann, Stephen and Caroline Paur, Godfrey.

Joseph, Henry.

Rexford, William and Josephine Schmiz, 1115 Harrison St.

Ida, Leo, Paul.

Reyland, Nicholas and Frances Schiene, corner East Sixth and Ridge Sts.

Theodore, Leo, Nicholas.

Reyland, Peter and Theresa Schiene, 815 Henry St.

Elizabeth, Alphons, Frieda, William.

Reyland, Peter and Josephine Merkle.

Rieger, Joseph and Frances Hentrich, 1712 Maple St.

Leo, Eleanora.

Ritter, William and Rosa Pulliam, 818 East Second St.

Laura M.

Rohrmoser, Frank and Susanna Cilien, Hampton St.

Elsa, George, Rosa, Mary.

Rost, ✝ Henry and Catharine Finley, 1003 Easton St.

Henry, Fred, Nellie, Joseph.

Rudolf, Miss Regina, Upper Alton.

Runtz, Nicholas and Elizabeth Struif, Godfrey.

Theresa, Frank, Joseph, Nicholas.

S

Schaller, Dr. Robert and Mary Hergott, 904 East Fifth St.

Robert, August, Dora, Herman, Joseph, Benjamin.

Scharff, ✝ Phillip and Emma Scharff, Upper Alton.

Emilia, Helena.

Schatz, ✝ John and Anna Schneider, 1203 Union St

John.

Schelle, Conrad and (m) Lizzie Schwartzbeck, 1402 Bloomfield St.

Julia.

Schelle, Henry and Alice Braddick, 1123 East Sixth St.
 Schenk, Charles and Genofeva Joehl, 1103 East Sixth St.
 Agnes, Charles, Hilda, Edna.
 Schenk, Frank and Ella Lorch, 1219 North St.
 Schenk, Frank and Theresa Hellrung, 611 North St.
 Henry, Christopher, Joseph, Frank, Raymond, John, Theodore, Lawrence, Walter.
 Schitter, Anthony and ✠ Christina Struif, Godfrey.
 Elizabeth, Joseph, Anna, Johanna.
 Schitter, Jacob and Catharine Helwacht, Godfrey.
 Louis, Fred.
 Schmerge, Joseph and (m) Wilhelmina Rose, 1603 East Second St.
 Theresa, Helena, Wilhelmina, Elsa, Josephine, Thelma, Agnes.
 Schmidt, John and Mary Simon, 946 Union St.
 Rosa, William, Leo, Mary, Edward, Joseph, Frieda, Pauline.
 Schmidt, Otto and Mary Overath, 400 Ridge St.
 Clara, Amelia, Helena, Emma, Antoinette, Julia, William.
 Schmidt, Louis and Bertha Staupp, 705 East Third St.
 Louis, Mary, Alois, Leo.
 Schmidt, Mrs. Rosa, 705 East Third St.
 Schmiz, Mrs. Mary, 800 East Second St.
 Albert, Wilhelmina.
 Schnaebler, Jacob and Christina Koenig, 800 East Second St.
 Phillip, Christina, Helena, Emma, Edward.
 Schneider, Frank and Susanna Waltzer, Yager Park.
 Maggie, Susanna, Mary, Irene, Jacob, Frank.
 Schneider, Peter and Theresa Stanka, 1511 Belle St.
 Peter, M. Theresa.
 Schollmeier, Frank and Elizabeth Butz, 925 Langdon St.
 Mary, Henry, Matilda, Bertha, Elizabeth.
 Schreiber, Conrad and Caroline Graf, 200 Walnut St.
 Louisa, Charles, Henry, Phillip, Fred.
 Schroeder, Anthony, Fosterburg.
 Schroeder, John and Josephine Buesser, 1222 Union St.
 Clara, Bernard.
 Schroeder, Michael and Leona Schulze, Yager Park.
 John.
 Schulte, Anthony and Elizabeth Wittmond, 824 East Third St.
 Edward, Clara, Joseph, Frances, Agnes.
 Schulz, ✠ Fred and Elizabeth Brandt, 919 Pearl St.
 Schulz, Fred and Anna Manns, 919 Pearl St.
 Edmund, Elizabeth, Frieda, Bertha, Fredrich.
 Schulz, Henry, William, Elizabeth, Joseph, 801 Union St.
 Schulz, John and Dominica Hellrung, 801 Union St.
 John B.
 Schulz, Fred and Julia Hellrung, Royal and North St.
 Schulz, Bernard and Maria Hauck, 836 Spruce St.

Catharina, Johanna, Heinrich.
 Schuelle, Henry and Caroline Lampert, 920 East Second St.
 Henry, Mary.
 Schwab, Henry and (m) Julia Linsig, 753 Union St.
 Joseph.
 Schwan, Phillip and Belle Atlantic Schneider, 313 Apple St.
 Frank, Alma.
 Schwegel, Nicholas and Mary Rohr, Yager Park.
 Nicholas, Albert, Aloys.
 Schwegel, Peter and Caroline Franz, 808 East Second St.
 Otto, Edward, John.
 Scovell, (m) William and Anna Jun, 640 East Fourth St.
 Sylvester, Levi.
 Seiben ✠ Jacob and Josephine Ehrhardt, 810 East Second St.
 William, Leo, Hilda.
 Seibert, Charles and Bertha Goeken, 518 East Fourth St.
 Helena, Paulina, Edward, Victor.
 Seibert, ✠ Charles and Agatha Jun, 518 East Fourth St.
 Seiler, John and Anna Calvey, 535 Spring St.
 Mary, Henry, Rosa.
 Senz, Jacob and Catharine Koenig, 169 Sanford Ave., Upper Alton.
 Catharine, William, Henry, Phillip, Charles, Mary.
 Serf, William and Mary Schorn, Bloomfield St.
 Margaret, Mary, William.
 Shoemig, John and Barbara Kutzenberger, Nazareth Home.
 Siegel, ✠ George and Dora Heik, 1124 East Third St.
 Siemen, Herman and Elizabeth Held, Fosterburg,
 Fred.
 Singer, John and Louisa Gottlob, Yager Park.
 Henry, Lucille M.
 Smyth, Clarence and Caroline Kirchhoff, 731 East Fifth St.
 Paulina, Margareth.
 Smitz, Adolph and Mary, 1117 East Fourth St.
 Louis, Albert, Minnie.
 Snyder, Henry and Rosa Richardson, 819 Liberty St.
 Agnes, William.
 Snyder, John and Clara Burg, 1715 Liberty St.
 Snyder, Joseph and Nellie Glas, 726 North St.
 Gertrude, Stella and Lilly Glas.
 Snyder, Michael, Sr., and ✠ Mary Rickhauer, 1715 Liberty St.
 Anna.
 Snyder, Michael, Jr., Caroline Leady, Vandalia St.
 Robert, Leo, Margareth.
 Snyder, William and Johanna Schmiz, 796 Franklin Ave.
 Mary, William, Rosa, Helena, Bertha.

Spaet, ✠ Joseph and Christina, 632 East Third St.
 Charles
 Spaet, Henry and Wilhelmina Timmermeir, 632 East Third St.
 Henry.
 Spangenberger, Joseph and Angela Hoffmeister, 448 East Fourteenth St.
 Frank, John, Henry, Anna.
 Spaniol, John and Regina Lampert, 409 Ridge St.
 John, Henry.
 Spurgeon, Henry and Rosa Klinke, Fosterburg.
 Adela, Mary, Bertha, Robert.
 Spurgeon, Joseph and Emma Wolf, Upper Alton.
 Henry, Anna, Charles, Susanna, Leo, Lene, Joseph
 Stanton, Lawrence and Lizzie Henkhaus, Yager Park.
 Steek, Michael and Anna Kross, 310 Washington St.
 Leo.
 Steiner, Mrs. Helena, State St.
 Stemm, (m) Charles and Maria Beck, Indiana Ave.
 John B. Sackers and Anna Bernadina, Caroline Barbara Sackers, Charles August Stemm.
 Stiegler, George and Elizabeth Eichorn, 1203 Union St.
 Elizabeth, Bertha, Otilia.
 Steigler, Frank and Mary Murphy, 1607 Joesting Ave.
 Stirtz, George and Anna Albrecht, Melville.
 Helena, Pauline, Anna.
 Stoehr, Victor and Johanna Schaming, 824 East Fifth St.
 Paul, Rosalie, Louisa.
 Stolze, Anton and Anna Jun, 1114 East Sixth St.
 Stolze, Frederick and Theresa Deuker, 708 Union St.
 William, Catharine, Anna, Eleanora, Ernest.
 Stolze, Henry and Seda Hobbs, 456 East Second St.
 Stratmann, Frederick and Martha Weber, 725 East Fifth St.
 Irene, Theresa, Frances, Fredericka.
 Strotmeyer, Miss Gertrude, 525 East Fourth St.
 Strubel, William and Bertha Wyss, 603 Henry St.
 Clarence, Aloys.
 Struif, Frank and Theresa Budde, 1718 State St.
 Elizabeth, August, Mary, Anna, Bertha, Leo.
 Struif, Joseph, Henry, Theresa, Johanna, Mary, Godfrey.
 Stumpf, Mrs. Catharine, 406 East Second St.
 Bertha.
 Stutz, Fred and Bertha Klinke, Fosterburg.
 William.
 Sutter, Henry and Barbara Kehrs, Fosterburg.
 Sutter, ✠ Michael and Catharine Lehmann, Fosterburg
 Joseph, Barbara.
 Sutterer, Anthony and ✠ Theresa Rathgeb, 1119 East Sixth St.

T

Taphorn, Dr. Gerhardt and Mary Schaefer, Seminary Square.
 Josephina, Magdalena, Louisa.
 Taphorn, Miss Catharine, Seminary Square.
 Theissen, Peter and Catharine Schroeder, Fosterburg.
 William, Otilia, Bernard.
 Theissen, Phillip and (m) Anna Legenhager, 803 Staunton St.
 Leo, Edna, Joseph, Olinda, Elmer.
 Thiele, Mrs. Maria Anna, 644 East Second St.
 Thiele, Frank, 644 East Second St.
 Thomas, Joseph and Louisa Haake, 521 East Third St.
 Edward, Mary, George.
 Timper, † Henry and Louisa Degenhardt, 549 East Ninth St.
 Theodore, Thecla.
 Trentschi, Herman and Paulina Lehmann, 624 East Fourth St.
 Paulina, Herman, Regina.

U

Uhli, Henry, 1113 East Fourth St.
 Uhli, Emma, Frank, Joseph, Barbara, 1113 East Fourth St.
 Uhli, Henry and Barbara Spuller, 1113 East Fourth St.
 Ulmrich, (m) Adam and Mary Brucker, 811 East Fourth St.
 Ursch, Andrew and Wilhelmina Schuelle, Milton Road.
 Andrew, Victor.
 Ursch, Joseph and Christina Herzog, 736 East Fifth St.

V

Vieth, George and Sophie Uhli, 1217 Pearl St.
 Adolph, Emma, Anna.
 Volbracht, Ferdinand and Wilhelmina Buerkle, 214 Spring St.
 Vonnahmen, Henry and Mary Manns, Upper Alton.
 John, William, Catharine, Rosa, Joseph, Henry, Mary.
 Vonnahmen, John and Mary Huebner, Fosterburg.
 Lawrence, Anthony, Wilhelmina, John.
 Vogel, Maurice and Margaret Blum, Godfrey.
 Josephine.
 Vogel, Miss Rosa, 822 East Second St.

W

Wagner, † James and Anna, 518 East Third St.
 Clemens.
 Waldron, Thomas and Elizabeth Henkhaus, corner East Third and Spring Sts.
 Louisa.
 Walter, Frank and Catherine Klasner, corner State St. and Grafton Road.
 Walter, Sebastian, 1025 Diamond St.

Walter, Miss Anna, 416 East Second St.
 Wanura, ✠ Wenzel and Theresa, 714 East Fifth St.
 Wardein, Henry and Wilhelmina Schulz, 1025 Diamond St.
 Herman, Antoinette, Heinrich, Victor.
 Wardein, Mathias and Mary Timper, 1031 Diamond St.
 Frances, Louisa.
 Wardein, Vincent and Hendrina Peters, 931 Pearl St.
 Lawrence, Mary, Joseph, Johanna.
 Weber, Frank and Ella Keller, North Alton.
 Wilhelmina, Alvina, George, Frank.
 Wegener, Alexander and Caroline Vonnahmen, 1005 Pearl St.
 Henry, Anna, Mary, Clara, Gertrude, Sophia, John, Frank.
 Wegener, Alexander F. and Mary A. Jun, 818 Union St.
 Mary, Theresa, Barbara.
 Wegener, ✠ Theodore and Mary Budde, 2211 Common St.
 Theodore, Theresa, Henry, Elizabeth, John, Joseph.
 Weindel, Oscar and (m) Christina Weisbach, 927 East Third St.
 Florence, Herbert, Almeda, Vincent.
 Weinrich, John and Mary Ursch, corner East Third and Cherry Sts.
 Leo, Maria.
 Weinrich, Valentine and Cunigunde Henkel, 1211 East Sixth St.
 Frank, Bernard.
 Weinrich, Joseph and Elizabeth Klebolt, 1205 East Fifth St.
 Johanna.
 Weirich, Henry, Sr., and Mary Jockenhoefer, 1009 Pearl St.
 William.
 Weirich, John and Caroline Miller, 902 Clement Place.
 Florian.
 Welling, Frank J. and (m) Rita Harris, Fosterburg.
 Werner, Charles and Elizabeth Kirchhoff, 731 East Fifth St.
 Leo, Edward, George, William, Mary, Emil.
 Wetstein, John and Anna Weirich, East Alton.
 Mary, Magdalena, Joseph, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Anna, Johanna.
 Wetzstein, John and Magdalena Manns, 814 East Second St.
 Hubert.
 Wetzstein, Joseph, Sr., and Caroline Walter, 1321 Pearl St.
 Josephine, Fred, Emma, Anna.
 Wetzstein, Joseph, Jr., and Lena Gleich, East Alton.
 Wetzstein, Mathias and Anna Relleke, East Alton.
 Edward, Henry, Frieda, Matthew, Frank.
 White, Gabriel and Mary Boschert, 612 Langdon St.
 John, Lucy, Joseph, Clara, Gabriel, Frank.
 Wickart, ✠ Anthony and Mary Fischer, 716 East Second St.
 Joseph, Aloysius.
 Wickenhauser, ✠ Conrad and Otilia, East Alton.
 Joseph, George, Mary.

Wickenhauser, John and Otilia Eichorn, East Alton.
 Albert, Herbert, Joseph, Elizabeth, Emil.
 Wickenhauser, William and Theresa Eichorn, East Alton.
 Aegidius, John, Mary, William, George, Leo, Anna, Frank, Catherina.
 Wieneke, Clemens and Lilly Murray, 1115 Harrison St.
 Wieschhaus, John and Bertha Teipel, 817 East Third St.
 John, Gertrude.
 Winkler, Joseph and Emilia Haurin, 705 Bloomfield St.
 Susanna, Otilia, Edward, Frederick, Olivia M., Anton.
 Winters, Phillip and Barbara Merkle, 501 Shields St.
 Wolf, Adam and Magdalena Thomas, 618 East Second St.
 Henry, Julius, Adam, Phillip, Emil, Edward, Anthony.
 Wolf, † Ernest and Dorothea Grossheim, 623 North St.
 Elizabeth, Agnes, Frieda, Aloys.
 Wolf, Frank and Rebecca Harris, Fosterburg.
 Wolf, Julius and (m) Eva Englehardt, 445 East Second St.
 Virginia.
 Wolf, Nicholas and Regina Biermann, 735 East Fourth St.
 Wonlich, (m) William and Margaretha Dauschen, 13 West Elm St.
 Henry, William, John, Martin.
 Wuellner, Joseph and Frances Hellrung, 1119 Union St.
 Mary, Christopher, Joseph, Henry, Andrew, Louisa, Elizabeth, Gertrude, Albert, Walter.
 Wuellner, John and Ida Joehl, 916 Royal St.
 Wutzler, (m) Alvin and Elizabeth Pieper, 634 Spring St.
 Alvina.
 Wyss, Samuel and Dora Emmert, 914 Henry St.
 Pauline, Emmet, Leo, Margaretha, Florentine, Angela Maria, Bertha Helena.
 Wyss, † William and (m) Mattie Fajan, 632 East Fourth St.
 Henry, Ada, Walter, Roy, Weber.

Y

Young, Julius and Louisa Bell, 529 Spring St.
 Paul, Carol, Bertha, Catharina, Joseph.

Z

Zander, Adam and Emilia Arp, 1141 Long Ave.
 Blanka, Carolina, Clara.
 Zichler, Frank and Rosa Schoenfeld, 1110 Pearl St.
 Anna Frank, John, Otto, Rosa.

Note: The symbol (m) refers to *Matrimonia mixta*, mixed marriage.

Italian Members of St. Mary's Congregation

<p>505 EAST FOURTH ST. Antonio Azzarello Giuseppa Nuzzo Anna Azzarello Vincenzo Azzarello Giuseppe Azzarello Giuseppa Azzarello Rosario Lercara Giuseppe Lercara Rosa Lercardi Girolam Agostino Marretta</p> <p>553 EAST THIRD ST. Vito LaPinta Antonio Amadeo Pietro Torre Antonio Giacalone Goetano Giacalone Vito Giacalone Vincenzo Tardino Leonardo Tugrande Farco Cosimano Antonio Asaro Giacomo Bono Giovanni LaPinta</p> <p>519 EAST THIRD ST. Donato Marrone Maria Bellina Francesco Marino Biagio Marino Giuseppe Marino Biagio Scoma</p> <p>551 EAST THIRD ST. Antonio Ciaccio Benedetta Coniglio Giacomo Coniglio Antonio Nicosia Giovanna Cossata</p> <p>604 EAST SECOND ST. F. Paolo Digangi Caterina Dinoto Nicola Digangi Giovanni Digangi</p>	<p>605 EAST SECOND ST. Giovanni Novareno Giovanni Sante</p> <p>550 EAST SECOND ST. Luciano Gristina Oliva Maro Girolamo Marcatante Pasquale Maro Giuseppe Galletto di Nicola Giuseppe Galletto Damiano Campagna Antonio Faro Damiano Catalano Crocifissa Militello</p> <p>McCLURE PLACE Francesco Romano Grazia Speciale Pietro Romano Francesco Romano Antonio Romano Giuseppa Romano Nunzia Romano Francesco Bottitta Andrea Bottitta Damiano Bottitta Francesco Modica</p> <p>EAST ALTON Salvatore Latragna Carmela Nicosia Michele Nicosia Vincenzo Nicosia Salvatore Tippolto Antonio Catalano Cvorfissa Militello Benedetto Todaro Fillipa Panepinto Vincenzo Todaro Vincenza Todaro Damiano Todaro Salvator Catalano Antonio Nicosia Matteo Nicosia Benedetta Coniglio</p>
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**Program of the
Golden Jubilee Celebration of St. Mary's Church
Alton, Illinois**

Sunday, Dec. 27th – Pontifical Mass and brief Sermons in German and English

In the evening at St. Mary's Hall: Jubilee speeches, interspersed by music and song.

Monday, Dec. 28th – Solemn Mass for Benefactors
In the evening: Children's Entertainment

Tuesday, Dec. 29th – Solemn Mass for the deceased members of St. Mary's Congregation
In the evening: Entertainment by St. Aloysius Society

Wednesday, Dec. 30th – In the evening: General Jollification



St. Patrick's Church

Since we have mentioned the Cathedral congregation, under the Rectorship of the Very Rev. E. L. Spalding, V.G., we wish to insert also the picture of St. Patrick's Church.

The youngest of the Catholic congregations in Alton, though it is, the grand school house, with a large number of children, bids fair a very bright future under the able administration of Rev. F. Kehoe, and under the protection of its noble Patron Saint.



Mayor Edmond Beall

The City of Alton in 1908, with a population of about 25,000 inhabitants; with its magnificent hills, dotted with fine residences; with its grand thoroughfares, almost all paved; with its various factories, teeming with industry and life; with the mighty river of the Mississippi, on whose bosom stately steamers move to and fro – what a spectacle to the eyes of a stranger! What will it be fifty years hence?

Let us be good, law-abiding citizens; may we love sobriety and good morals! Let debauchery and divorce, dishonest and intemperance never find a quiet home in our fair city! Let peace and generous love unite our efforts for the welfare of all that have their homes in this city of ours, in which nature and thrift have done such marvelous things.