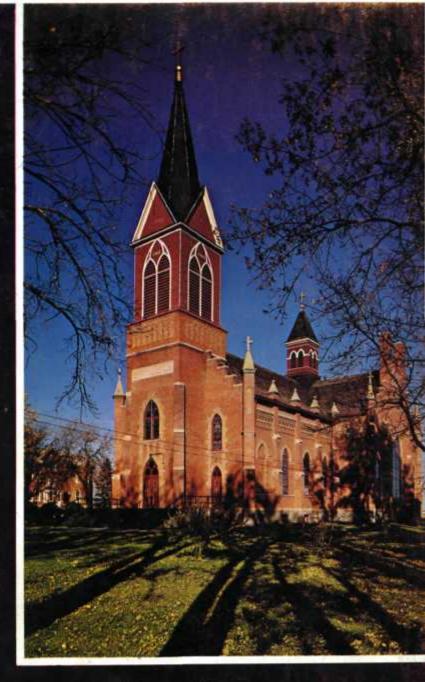
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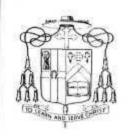
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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA 5810:

June 22, 1975

TO: The Pastor, Rev. Michael McNamee and the People of St. Stanislaus Parish, Warsaw

My dear Friends in Christ,

The year of 1975 is a jubilee year in Rome. His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, has called the Catholic world to a year of renewal and reconciliation in the bond of love of Christ Jesus. "For our sake God made the Sinless One into sin so that in Him we might become the goodness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21).

Your Church likewise is celebrating a jubilee year, the diamond jubilee of the construction of the "Cathedral of the Prairie" of the Diocese of Fargo, St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, North Dakota.

Dedicated to St. Stanislaus, martyr and saint of the diocese of Cracow, Poland, this Church has given living testimony to your faith and devotion to the Redeeming Lord.

I rejoice with you and I congratulate the builders and the supporters of St. Stanislaus Church, an edifice so carefully kept these seventy-five years and now so impressively renewed during this past year. "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts. . . happy they who dwell in your house" (Psalm 83).

I join you in prayer and blessing that God will continue to favor and to protect you to the very end in Christ Jesus.

With every best wish, I remain

Drayerfully yours in Christ, Levelin 9. Driscoll

Most Reverend Justin A. Driscoll

Bishop of Fargo



REV MICHAEL MONAMEE

# Dedication

To the pioneers of this community, the men and women who came here long before the geroplane and the automobile were means of transportation, anywhere in the world, to them and to their children, and to the men and women of the present generation who laboured so hard and so lovingly for the welfare of the church and the state and the horizon, this booklet is respectfully dedicated.

REVEREND MICHAEL MICHAMEE

## Chronology of Priests

### St. Stanislaus Church Warsaw, North Dakota

#### FATHERA

John Considine	1880-1883
Alex Michrowski	4883-4885
Peter Flanagan	
John Considine	
D.H. Kolasınski	
Stanley Torarski	
Matthew Grochowski	
Roman Wawizykowski	
Frank Gawlowicz	1896-1905
Bolislow Waldowski	1905-1908
Patrick McGillicudy	1908-1908
W. St. Majer	1908-1910
Theodore Kupka	
Msgr. John Muluski	
Msgr. Petr Lekavy	1959-1974
Michael McNamee	1971-

### Brief History Of St. Stanislaus Parish Warsaw, North Dakota

# Story Of Fortitude And Courage

The history of the Red River Valley of the North is the story of courageous men and valiant women who left friendly homes and friendly people to settle on what was then a bleak trackless desolate prairie. That was approximately one hundred years ago. The story of these intrepid and stalwart pioneers has been written, recounted, and dramatized by competent authorities. This booklet is not intended to be another history of the pioneers of the Red Piver Valley, rather it is to be a brief sketch of the Catholic Church from the time the first settlers came here to the present day.

The first settlers came to this community in the year 1873. sixteen years before North Dakota was admitted to the Union. Some of these early settlers came from Perham and Winona. Minnesota: some came from Pine Creek and other towns in Wisconsin, but the vast majority came from Poland. Many of the Polish families from Minnesota and Wisconsin came here by wagon They crossed the Red River at Fargo and moved up thirty miles north of Grand Forks where they homesteaded on what was then a wilderness, and called it Pulaski in memory of the areat Polish patriol, and hero of the American Revolution. Count Casimer Pulaski, son of a nebleman, born in Poland in 1748, was a soldier from his youth and was expelled from Poland for participating in rebellion. He came to America in 1777 and took up the cause of the American Revolution. George Washington recommended to the Continental Congress that he be placed in command of all the cavalry regiments. He distinguished himself frahting for the cause of American freedom against the then mighty British Empire, in battles at Brandywine and Germantown, Pennsylvania and at Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah. Georgia. He died of wounds received in battle

the 11th of October, 1779. The people of Savannah, in gratitude to Pulaski, erected a monument in his honor. The name Pulaski given to this community was later changed to Warsaw. The nearest place for the people of the Warsaw community to get their food and other staples was in Grand Forks, and some people made that long distance of thirty miles on foot. Later, a small place called Acton was established on the Red River from which people could purchase food and other necessities, and ship their produce by vessel to Grand Forks and other places.

## Pioneers In The Warsaw Community

According to a book published by the Polish National Alliance in 1955 and from other sources we learn the names of some of the Tirst settlers in this community. The first three men to come here from Poland were Julius Riskey, Thomas Wirkus and Frank Narlock. Soon after that came families with names such as Kasznera. (he was a schoolteacher), Szarkowski, Danielski, Warczak, Kiedrowski, Pudnik, Moga, Narlock, Wyscocki, Rogalla, Gerszewski, Jamrowski, Pella, Grzadzieleski, Maszk, Slaminski, Landowski, Byzewski, Polzinsky, Stoltman, Gornowicz, Stanisłowski, Gudajtes, Ebertowski, Duray, Grabanski, Schuster, Feltman, Perkerewicz, Kowatski, and many, many others.

Two sons of pioneers are at the present time the oldest living members of this parish. One is Joseph Riskey, son of Julius Riskey and Rose Skibar. The records show that he was born on the 27th of February, 1883 and was baptized on the 4th of March, 1883 by Father John Considine. He was marked to Anastasia Stanislowski on the 22nd of July, 1908. The marriage was blessed with six children.

The other oldest member of this pansh is August Byzewski, son of August Byzewski and Julia Byzewski. August was born on the 12th of March, 1883 (13 days after Joseph Riskey). He was baptized on the 1st of April, 1883 by Father John Considine. He was married to Rosalia Duray on the 21st of November, 1910. The marriage was blessed with seven children. We hope and pray that Joseph and August will enjoy-life for marry, many mare years to come.



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JOE RISKEY FAMILY



AUGUST BYZEWSKI FAMILY

# The Church and the Early Settlers

From the days of the Apostles, the Catholic Church has always been a pioneer. From the earliest days her priests and missionaries have gone to the bambao buts of Africa. The rice fields of Ching and to the igloos of the frozen northland to bring the lave and the teachings of Christ to their fellowman. It was only natural then that they should come and minister to the spiritual needs of the pioneers of the Red River Valley, According to a Polish National Alliance brochure, Father Grynole and Father. Flandaan and some other prests visited the Warsaw community from time to time between 4878 and 4880. During these visits they offered the holy sacrifice of the Mass, heard contessions. distributed the Bread of Life and performed other spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Unfortunately we have no church records to verify the above facts. The first Mass was said in the locality in 4878 in the Paul Pella farm home located isear the present Warsaw community half Later on, Mass was said in the Peter Kiedrowski farm home located one and one half mile: north of Warsaw. That farm is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Tea. Gerszewski. Mass continued to be said in these and other torn. homes in the locality until a small church was erected in 1991 at a cost of \$2500.00. This church was later used for a half-in if was finally destroyed by fire.

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### Monsignor John Considine



MONSIGNOR CONSIDINE

The priest whose name appears on the earliest records of this church is Father John Considine. We herewith give you a few highlights of his life. John Considine was born in the County Clore in the southwest of treland in the year 1847, a year memorable in the annals of lish history. That year a blight destroyed the potato crop and a famine of the worst type set in ver a million and a half people died of starvation. That year also saw the beginning of the lish exodus to the New World. The lish came to America in great numbers, poor in worldly goods but strong in faith, and this lish exodus has been instrumental to a great extent for the rapid growth and development of the Church in America, especially in the East.

John Considire came to Canada as a young boy, and enlared the La Grande Seminary in Montreat. After spending some time there, he went to St. Joseph's Seminary in Three Rivers, Quebec, where he was ordained a priest by Bishop Let lesche in the year 1880. A short time after ordination he was appointed pastar of Pembina. While pastar of Pembina he also look care of Warsaw from 1880 to 1883. In 1888 he was appointed pastar of Minto, Ardioch, and Manyet. Pope Pius the X-made him a domestic pretate in 1941. He died in 1946 and is buried in Minto. North Dakota.

# The Priest Who Built St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, N. D.

Father Frank Gawlowicz, the priest who built St Stanislaus Church here in Warsaw, was born near Krakow, Poland on aptember the 4th, 1854. His early studies were made in his native Polanid. His theological studies were made in Rome. He carne to North Dakota directly from Rome and it seems that Archbishop Ireland was instrumental in having him come to America.

On the way to North Dakota, Father Gawlowicz stopped oft at St John's University, Collegeville, Minnesofa, where he was offered a job teaching Latin, but he declined saying he preferred pastoral work and the wide open spaces.

He came to Warsaw in 1896 and was vitally interested not only in the spiritual welfare of his people but also in feaching the

voluna people athletics, band music, and marching.

While in Warsaw Father Gawlowicz saw on the prairies of North Dakota the possibilities of a splendid future, and so decided to build a church that his people would be proud of, and that would be an inspiration to them. By the year 1900 he had hired an architect and had a complete set of plans drawn up. Work on the new church was begun in 1900 and was completed in 1901. Father did not enjoy his new church for very many years as he had a stroke and died in 1905. He is buried in our cemietery.

Father Gawlowicz must have been a man of great foresight and vision to build such a magnificent church as St. Stanislass on the prairies of North Dakota seventy five years ago. I am sure hewas inspired to do this work from seeing the beautiful churches in Pome and in his own native land. St. Stanislaus stands today as a manument, a lasting memorial to his memory.

Father Gawlowicz seems to have been a scholarly man. He was not only affered a job teaching at St. John's University, Minn., but he also has written some books. One of his books was written while he was pastar of Warsaw. If was written in 1898 and in the Polish language. If has the imprimatur of Bishop John Shanley of the Fargo diocese. The name of the book is "True Religion" and can be seen at the parish rectory where it will remain until a suitable place is made for it and other memorabilia of Father Gawlowicz in the church auditorium.



Dedication Ceremonies St. Stanislaus Church July 9, 1901



FATHER GAWLOWICZ Buried in Parish Cemetery

### Warsaw Band 1896 To 1905



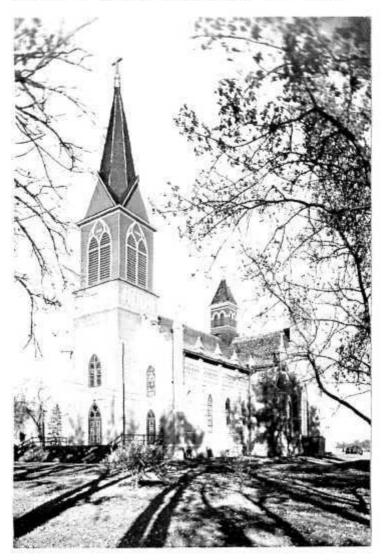
Front row, left to right—Lawrence Wisniewski. Joseph Maszk, Joe Grzeskowiak, band leader, Alex Merchlewicz, Stanley Reski, and Leo Klava. Back row, left to right—Peter Rose, John Czapiewski, Joe Bazel, band director, John Babinski, Barney Wysocki, Frank Masck, Aloysius Czapiewski, Dick Babinski.

#### Warsaw Band - 1912



First row: Tony Kozwarski, Gert Babinski, John Kamrowski, Paul Lutanstanski—Leader, Stanley Gerszewski, Jacob Kowalski, Second row: Vincent Kamrowski, Joe Kalka, Frank Stoltman, John Gerszewski, Adam Kiedrowski, Martin Riski, John Grzadzielewski. Third row: Stanley Roguska, Joe Babinski, Leo Kowalski, Leo Klava—Asst. Leader, Frank Kowalski, Walter Greevers, John Glanner.

### Saint Stanislaus Church



As more and more Polish people arrived in the Red Piver Valley of the Dorth. The meet for a newer and kinger church became necessary in 1900, the Wassaw community, under the direction of the top of high partial, tather is awkness, became a ratio from of the rew church. The church reliablic in architecture and was trimed attended built Jamislans, a Polish Entry and marty, who like tath the traptal of all, had the corrage and daring to

reprimand his King Bosleslow the Second for leading a reckless and dissolute life. The King became angry and ordered two of his soldiers to kill the Bishop but they retused. The King then took matters into his own hand and murdered the Bishop as he was saying Mass at the altar.

The architect for the new church was J. W. Ross of Grand Forks and the contractor was one Mr. Valentine who represented a twin city firm. Some of the brick used in the church. came from Minto, but most of it came from Grand Forks. If was shipped by rail to Minto from where it was taken by horse cart to Warsaw: The church seats approximately 1100 people and cost fifty thousand dollars to build. It was completely free of debt at its dedication. Bishop John Shanley assisted by over fifty priests. dedicated the church on the 9th of July, 1901. When the Bishop arrived by train at Minto, he was met by the Warsaw and Veseleville bands and by an honorary guard known as the Pulaski auards dressed in full regalia and mounted on horseback. They escorted the Bishop to Warsaw, a distance of five miles, where nearly four thousand people had gathered for the dedication ceremonies. A few years later the church was decorated and the paintings, the murals and the stencil work are the same today as when originally done. The parishioners. donated the beautiful stained alass windows and stations of the cross, and in 1925 a Kilgan pipe organ costing \$3,500.00 was installed. In 1974 a contract was let to the DelVardo Decoratina. Studios of St. Paul, Minnesota, to have the church re-decorated. at a cost of \$18,000.00. As this work was most satisfactory, the parishioners decided to have the vestibule, the statues, the stations of the cross and the pews all repaired, re-painted, and re-finished. This extra work cost six thousand dollars more. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the people of this parish and to some not of this parish, for contributing so unselfishly, so wholeheartedly and so generously to the redeccration of this church. It is indicative of your strong faith and love of our Eucharistic Lord. who lives night and day in your midst in the labernacle on our altar. With the Psalmist you too can say, "I have loved the beauty." of your house on Lord and the place where your alory dwelleth."

In 4972 Peter Kosmatka donated the carpeting on the church steps which makes it so much easier for older people to climb the steps during the winter months. He also donated the loud speaking system in the church.

The parish rectory was built in 1892 and is at the present time one of the fine rectories of the diocese of Fargo. It was extensively repaired during the Pastarate of Monsignor Lekawy



Church Rectory Built In 1892



Mr. And Mrs. Frank Riskey

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### Monsignor Petr Lekavy



MATER PETPLEKAVY

Mansignor Petr Lekawy was born in Gzechoslovakia and ardained in Pome in 1936. He was in a refugee camp in Germany from 1948 to 1950. He came to the United States in 1950 and was appointed assistant in Walhalla, North Dakota.

That same year he was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Church in Wales, North Dakota, where he remained until 1959 when he was appointed pastor of Warsaw.

Hewas pastor of Warsawuntil 1974 when he was appointed pastor of St Bridgets Church in Cavalier, North Dakota. He was made a monsignor in 1943.

During his pastorate in Wanaw a driving room and a well equipped little in were made in the church basement. Also, the beautiful stained glass windows were repaired and an automatic bell ringer installed. Extensive repairs were also made on the rectory such as putting in a full basement and many other improvements.

#### Cardinal Beran Visits Warsaw





One of the most recent significant events in the parish of Warsaw took place in May 1966, when the parish observed the millenium Poland's 1000 years of christianity. In the year 966, the archbishop of Prague, ST. Adelbert, visited Poland which was then a pagan nation. He went to the ruler of the country, Prince Mieszko, the 1st, and explained to him about God and christianity. A short time lafer the Prince and the whole nation received christianity, and they received it without the shedding of a single drop of blood. A thousand years later, another archbishop of Prague, Joseph Cardinal Beran, honored the Polish community of Warsaw, North Dakota with his presence, and with many other priests concelebrated a millenium Mass and blessed a millenium cross especially erected in front of its church for the occasion.

### FATHER KUPKA



FATHER I A KLIPKA

Eather Theodore Anton Kupka, son of Herman Kupka and Scothie Permann, was born in Opole, Poland on the 30th of Doverniber, 1883. He received his early education in the schools near the place of his birth and also at the University of Wroclaw. Poland His theological studies were made at St. Paul Seminary. St. Paul, Minnesota.

He was ordained a priest June 11, 1909. He was appointed.

Pastor of Warsaw in 1910 where he remained until 1926. From

Warsaw he went to Geneseo where he remained until his death
in 1951. He is buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Owatonna,

Minnesota, where his kinfolk are sleeping the sleep of the just.

## Monsignor John Maluski

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He was from a Witness Minnesola on the 47th of car, laber, 1887, and attended St. Stempleres Permetural School there for ax years in 1889 the family moved to a term near Jamestown Ljorth Dalosta where he attended a rural school Later he went to St. John's University in Collegeville Minnesola, where he did his philosophical and theological studies and was ordained a prest by Ristrip James r Tradly in it Litriny's Coffice chal de l'arche I peris Diale da on the Athers care 4 ALI

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### Reverend Michael McNamee



PEVEREND MICHAEL MICHAEL

Peverend Michael McNamee was born in the County Longtord Ireland, on March the fith 1905. He attended the national schools near his home and after that went to St Mary's Classical School, Moyne, County Longtord. His philosophical and theological studies were made at St. Kieran's College, Kilkeniny, where he was ardained a prest the 8th of June, 1930. He came to America in September of that same year and was appointed assistant in Michigan, North Dakota, to Father Jack McDonald, the poet prest of North Dakota in February 1931 he was appointed postor of St. Thomas and the mission Crystal where he remained for over thirty two years. During his pastorate there a brick church with a seating capacity of three hundred was erected in Crystal at a cost of \$10,000,000 and a new rectory was built in St. Thomas at a cost of approximately \$33,000,00.

In 1963 he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church in Park Piver and the mission Conway. Later St. Mark's in Conway became a mission of Pisek.

During his pastorate in Park River a new church with a seating capacity of 450, a new rectory, a social and catechetical center were built. The total cost of church, rectory, social and catechetical center was approximately \$265,000.00.

In 1971 he was appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Warsaw Great changes have taken place in the Red River Valley at the North since 1873. The pioneers came to a bleak desolate prairie. They didn't have much in earthly goods but were strong in Faith and Hope and Courage, and those of us now living in this land of Canan - the land flowing with milk and honey - can point with pride to the pioneers. The men and women who had the courage, the foresight and the vision to come here and make a home for themselves and for their children. With the poet we too can say,

"Oh those good old pioneers passing from us one by one Who can write the noble story of the good that they have done"

Like Caesar of old they came, they saw, and they conducted, and we of the twentieth century owe a debt of gratifude to the men arid women who came here in the seventies and made this Red River Valley of the North one of the richest and most fertile not only in America but in the whole world.

# The Christian Mothers Society -Altar Society

The Christian Mothers Society was first organized in France in 4850. Pope Pius IX gave it his approval by establishing it as an Arch-confraternity and endowing it with special rights and privileges. The purpose of the society is to give Christian mothers an opportunity to meet together for mutual advice and encouragement, to pray together, to bring the spirit of a holy life into their homes, to assist pastors in their parish undertakings, to aid in the pramation of works of charity and to show an interest in all things that pertain to the spiritual and material well-being of the parish.

The Christian Mothers Society was not organized in this parish until 1964. In that year on the 8th of March the ladies of the parish met in the newly constructed dining room in the church auditorium to elect officers of the society. Monsignor Petr Lekawy presided at the meeting. The following ladies were elected the first officers of the society. Mrs. Harry Habiriski, President, Mrs. Helen Plutowski, Vice President, Mrs. Pichard Gerszewski, Secretary, and Mrs. Henry A. Lizakowski, Treasurer. The members of the society were divided into six aroups with a chairman and two co-chairmen for each aroup. During that year and the following years the society purchased tables and chairs and kitchen equipment and utensits necessary for serving meals in the new diring from, especially on the occasion of weddings and funerals.

The members of the Altar Society in this parish have been very cooperative in all things pertaining to the spiritual and material welfare of the church. Much of this is due to believe to the fine leadership shown by the officers of the society. The members of the society not only keep the church spotfessly clean, but the sanctuary—the holy of holies, the after linens and the sacred vessels are kept immaculate. The members of the After Society take excellent care of the church, and also the rectory. A rady comes one day a week to wash, scrub and clean the rectory from top to bottom, and at least once a year several ladies from the society descend upon the rectory to paint and paper and polish, and hide things so well that it takes the pastor a month to

know where all his things are. In the past three years the Altar Society has carpeted the vestibule and stairways in the church. They have painted and papered the rectory and put new carpeting in the hallways. They also have assumed responsibility for the printing and payment of the Sunday bulletins.

Since the Altar Society was organized in 1964 the following ladies have served as President of the society:

1964 Mrs. Harry Babinski, 1965 Mrs. Steven M. Slominski, 1966 Mrs. Herman Schuster, 1967 Mrs. Earl Grabanski, 1968 Mrs. Bruce Marynik, 1969 Mrs. Ed Gudajtes, 1970 Mrs. Earl Plutowski, 1971 Mrs. Leonard Schuster, 1972 Mrs. Frank Feltman, 1973 Mrs. Ernest Dauksavage, 1974 Mrs. Edwin Kowalski, 1975 Mrs. Edwin Kowalski. The following members have passed away since the society was arganized: Stella Czapiewski, Stella Ebertowski, Amelia Babinski, Florence Slominski, Frances Sczesney, Veronica Gerszewski, Helen Słominski, Lillian Kosecki, Victoria Korczak, Josie Weselowski, Kate Wysocki, Frances Kosmatka, Frances Grabanski, Pauline Griegel, Anna Kasprick, Julia Skibitski, Marcia Mielcarek, Veronica Gozdal, Julia Altendorf, Julia Kasprick, Phoebe Kosmatka, Mary Rogalla, Cecilia Wosick, Agnes Feltman.

## 1964 Altar Society Officers



Left to right—Mrs. Harry Babinski, Pres., Mrs. Helen Plutowski, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Richard Gerszewski, Secretary, Mrs. Henry Lizakowski, Treasurer (not pictured).

## 1975 Altar Society Officers



Left to right—Mrs. Merlyn Grabanski, Vice Pres., Mrs. Clarence Walski, Secretary, Mrs. Edwin Kowalski, President, Mrs. Ray Ebertowski, Treasurer.

## GROUP ONE



Chairman—Mrs. Daniel Narloch, Co-Chairman—Mrs. Frank Gerszewski, Co-Chairman—Mrs. Robert Plutowski

Pictured, seated, front row: Mrs. John Paschke, Mrs. Frank Gerszewski, Mrs. Daniel Narloch, Mrs. Robert Plutowski, Mrs. Frank Walski, 2nd row: Mrs. Frank Zolondek, Mrs. Harry Slominski, Sr., Mrs. Florian Mozinski, Mrs. William Zola, Mrs. Gilbert Riskey, Mrs. Dick Duray, Mrs. Cyril Stoltman, Mrs. Harold Zola, Mrs. Helen Plutowski, Mrs. Steve Mozinski, Mrs. Earl Plutowski. Not pictured: Mrs. Harry Narloch, Mrs. Ernest Czapiewski, Mrs. Harry Czapiewski, Mrs. Julian Ginter, Mrs. Mary Kowalski, Mrs. Barney Lizakowski, Mrs. Cecelia Lizakowski, Mrs. Isadore Paschke, Mrs. Stanley Paschke, Mrs. Leo Ostrowski, Mrs. Louis Plutowski, Mrs. Ted Slominski, Mrs. William Slominski, Mrs. Mike Zola, Mrs. Louis Zolondek, Mrs. Carl Osowski

## GROUP TWO



Chairman-Mrs. Harry Babinski, Co-Chairman-Mrs. Dick Grabanski, Co-Chairman-Mrs. Victor Stollman

Pictured sealed from left to right, Row 1: Mrs. Richard Gerszewski, Mrs. Dick Grabanski, Mrs. Harry Babinski, Mrs. Victor Stoltman, Mrs. Gregory Stoltman, Row 2: Mrs. Steve Rogalla, Mrs. Harry Kulwicki, Mrs. Henry Duray, Mrs. Frank L. Ebertowski, Row 3: Mrs. Salvin Popowski, Mrs. Joe Perkerwicz, Mrs. Hifadore Sczesny, Members not pictured; Mrs. William Bishop, Anna Duray, Mrs. Syl Duray, Mrs. Bill Grabanski, Isabella Grabanski, Mrs. Mike Hudacko, Mrs. Adam Kiedrowski, Minnie Kiedrowski, Mrs. Edwin Kosmatka, Mrs. Louis Kosmatka, Mrs. Ludwig Kulas, Martha Rogalla, Mrs. Paul Rogalla, Mrs. Steve Hudacko, Mrs. John Bishop.

## GROUP THREE



Chairman—Mrs. Steve T. Slominski, Co-Chairman—Mrs. Ray Lizakowski, Co-Chairman—Mrs. Neman Gudajtes

Pictured seated from left to right: Mrs. Isadore Rolczynski, Mrs. Ray Lizakowski, Mrs. Steve Stominski, Mrs. Clarence Walski, Mrs. Phillip Narlock, Mrs. Eleanor Kowalski, Mrs. Tom Walsi, Mrs. Edwin Plutowski, Mrs. Richard Duray, Mrs. Matt Stominski. Not pictured: Mrs. Kenneth Collette, Mrs. Ted Gerszewski, Mrs. John Gudajtes, Mrs. Neman Gudajtes, Mrs. Lucian Grzadzielowski, Mrs. John Kamrowski, Mrs. John Nice, Mrs. Date Plutowski, Mrs. John Rudnik, Mrs. Frances Shoults, Mrs. Charles Stominski, Mrs. Kenneth Stominski, Mrs. Joe Stanislowski, Frances Stanislowski, Mrs. Edward Stottman, Mrs. Richard Stottman, Mrs. John Wysocki, Mrs. Joseph Riskey, Jr., Mrs. John Mesheski, Mrs. Fred Stominski.

## GROUP FOUR



Chairman—Mrs. Wallace Feltman, Co-Chairman—Mrs. Leonard Schuster, Co-Chairman—Mrs. Merlyn Collette

Seated: Mrs. Edwin Kowalski, Mrs. Leonard Schuster, Mrs. Wallace Fellman, Mrs. Merlyn Grabanski, Mrs. Frank F. Ebertowski, Middle row: Mrs. Mike Grembowski, Mrs. William Teske, Mrs. Frank Fellman, Mrs. Eugene Schuster, Mrs. Stanley Stanislowski, Top row: Mrs. Steve Perkerwicz, Mrs. Dick Gornowicz, Mrs. Ted Ebertowski, Not pictured: Mrs. Mr. Metlyn Collette, Mrs. Clara Lepak, Mrs. Dick Wesalowski, Mrs. Ed Schuster, Mrs. Peter Kula, Mrs. Helen Rudnik, Mrs. Anton Czapiewski, Mrs. Martha Ebertowski, Mrs. Ronald Pokrzywinski, Mrs. Bruce Marynik, Mrs. Minnie Grembowski.

## GROUP FIVE



Chairman—Mrs. Steven Slominski, Co-Chairman—Mrs. Hilary Feltman, Co-Chairman—Mrs. LeRoy Kamrowski

Pictured, seated, front row: Mrs. Walter Kosmatka, Mrs. Hilary Feltman, Mrs. Steve Slominski, Mrs. Eugene Dauksavage, Mrs. Raphael Ebertowski, Back row: Mrs. Minnie Knaus, Mrs. Bill Feltman, Mrs. John Ebertowski, Jr., Mrs. John Lizakowski, Not pictured: Mrs. Willie Kosmatka, Mrs. Herman Schuster, Mrs. Harry Osowski, Mrs. Joe Osowski, Mrs. Edwin Walski, Mrs. Ernest Dauksavage, Mrs. Robert Walski, Mrs. Max Walski, Mrs. Jack Ebertowski, Mrs. John Ebertowski, Sr., Mrs. Mike Allendorf, Mrs. William Allendorf, Mrs. Mary Ebertowski, Mrs. Kenneth Feltman, Mrs. Earl Grabanski, Mrs. Martha Gerszewski, Mrs. Kosmatka, Mrs. Richard Kosmatka, Mrs. Steve Kosmatka, Mrs. Joseph Riskey, Sr., Mrs. Stanley Rogalla.

# Rosary Societies

Father Patrick Peyton, the internationally known rosary priest, would be very happy if every parish in the world was like Warsaw Rosary-wise, because here we have two rosary societies. One is known as the Living rosary society, the other the Perpetual rosary society.

The Living rosary society was started in this parish in 1931 by the Resurrection Sisters. Its first president was Mrs. Mike Prondzinski Approximately seventy-five ladies are members of this society. These seventy-five members are divided into five groups with lifteen members in each group and each group has a leader, and every member promises to say one decade of the rosary each day. A complete rosary of fitteen decades is said.

every day throughout the year by the seventy-five members. In the event of sickness the leader of the group is to say the decade.

The following ladies at the present time are the leaders in each of the five groups; Mrs. Steve Mozinski, Mrs. Victor Stoltman, Mrs. Steve Perkerewicz, Mrs. Steve Slominski and Mrs. Hilary Feltman.

The other Rosary Society is known as the Perpetual rosary society. It was started about seventy-five years ago and Mrs. Andrew Maszke was its first president. Each member promises to say a rosary every day. There are approximately forty members. Every Sunday throughout the year the president says the rosary before the second Mass, and on the first Sunday in October, Mass is celebrated for all the members, who come to Holy Communion holding lighted candles in their hands.

Officers of the Perpetual rosary society are: Mrs. John Paschke, President; Mrs. Florian Mozinski, Treasurer; Mrs. Frank Zolondek, Secretary:

Our Divine Lord said, "Where one or two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the mid'st of them". Surely He is in the midst of a family and a parish where so many rosaries are said every day.

# Sacred Heart Society

A devotion that is quite popular in this parish is Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All the members of the Sacred Heart Society are familiar with the revelations and the twelve promises of the Sacred Heart to blessed Margaret Mary, a humble French nun. I am writing only two of these promises. The others you can find in any good prayerbook. One is "I will bless the home where a picture of my heart shall be exposed and honored". "Sinners who have devotions to my heart will find therein an abyss of mercy".

On the first Friday of every month Mass is offered for all the members, and when a member dies two Masses are offered for the repose of her soul.

Mrs. Helen Plutowski is the present President of the Sacred Heart Society.

## Native Sons in the Priesthood



FATHER FRANK SLOMINSKI

One of the most lovable and holy priests of the diocese or Farao was Father Frank Slominski, son of Joseph Slominski and Frances Moga. He was born on a farm three miles south of Warsaw on June the 6th, 1890. He went to St. Bernard's Academy, Grand Forks: Later he attended and graduated from St. Bonaventures College, Pulaski, Wisconsin, in 1912. He did his philosophy course at St. Mary's Seminary, Richardton, North Dakota, and his theological course at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained a priest by Bishop O'Reilly on June the 3rd. 1918. After ordination he was appointed assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo. After that he was appointed pastor of St. Phillip Neri Church, Napoleon, and St. Anthony's, which is a few miles south of Napoleon. Later he was pastor of Freid and in 1921 he was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Minto, In 1940 he was appointed pastor of Cayuga where he remained until 1946. Since that time he was pastor of Mooreton until his death in 1967. He is buried in the Warsaw cemetery.

Although Fother Darian Bienek was not born in the Warsaw community we consider him one of our own because his family moved here when he was a baby and he received his early education in the Warsaw and Minto schools. He received his philosophical education in Cleveland, Ohio and his theological education at Tentapolis, Illinois, where he was ordained in 1946 as a Franciscan. He has been stationed in Washington, Missouri, Sioux City, Iowa, and also in Chicago, Illinois. His parents are buried in the Warsaw cemetery.

# Native Daughters in the Sisterhood



FLORENCE AND MARION NARLOCK

Florence Narlock, daughter of Harry Narlock and Mary Rapacz Narlock, was born the 17th of December, 1924, and was baptized the 21st of December, 1924, by Father Kupka in St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, North Dakota. She attended grade school near her home and also St. Anthony's School in Warsaw, North Dakota. She entered the community of the Sisters of the Resurrection in Chicago, made her first vows in 1943, and took the name Sister Cecetiane: Most of her life has been spent teaching in elementary schools in Chicago, in catechising, and also assisting in dietary work in the Seeley Memorial Hospital in Minden, Nebraska. Sister is well remembered by the people of this community as she taught in St. Anthony's School in Warsaw for seven years. She has a bachelor's degree from De Paul University. At the present time she is teaching at St. Casimir School, Chicago.

Marion Narlock, daughter of Harry Narlock and Mary Rapacz Narlock, was born August 15, 1923, and was baptized August 19th, 1923, by Father Kupka. She attended grade school near her home and also St. Anthony's School, Warsaw, North Dakota. She received her high school education at the Sisters of the Resurrection High School in Cnicago. Later she attended De Paul University in Chicago, Regina Mundi College in Rome and St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She has a master's degree in religious education and a master's degree in educational administration. She has taught in St. Theckas and St. Casimer Schools in Chicago, Mother Celine House of Studies in Port Chester, New York, Maria Regina High School in Hartsdale, New York, and recently she served as principal in St. Mary of the Angels School in Chicago.

Frances Syzkówny (Nice), daughter of Valentine Syzkówny and Josephine Sobcak, was born in Gorzkawa, Poland, on the 8th of September, 1888. As a young girl she came to America to her brother. Frank Syzkówny, who lived near Ardoch, North Dakota. She received her citizenship papers in Jamestown, North Dakota.

On October the 11th, she entered the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph in St. Paul and took the name Sister Mary Kostka. She served as nurse in St. Joseph's hospital, St. Paul, Minn., and as teacher in St. John's Academy, Jamestown, N. Dak, St. Mary's Academy, Graceville, Minn. and Bethany Home for the Aged, where she died January the 12th, 1966. Sister Mary Kostka has many nieces and nephews in the parish of Warsaw, N. Dak.



SISTER LENORE PASCHKE

Georgia Ann Paschke, daughter of John Paschke and Johanna Gerszewski Paschke, was born on September 20th. 1938. She attended grade school near her home, where Mr. Wallace Feltman was her teacher for two years. She also attended St. Anthony's School in Warsaw. Her high school studies. were completed at Mount St. Benedict in Crookston, Minnesota. After araduation she entered the novitiate of the Benedictine Sisters in Crookston in 1956 and took the name of Sister Lenore. She took perpetual vows in 1960. Sister Lenore's work has been in the field of education. She taught in the Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks and in the St. Francis Xavier School in Benson, Minnesata. For six years she worked in Bemidii State Teachers College with the Newman Students. In 1973, Bemidji awarded her the title "Woman of the Year." At the present time she is student prefect at Mount Saint Benedict

When we think of the wonderful work the sisters have done in schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, asylums, and other institutions in America and throughout the world, we are reminded of the words of Canon Shean who said, "these wonderful nuns - silent workers in the army of Christ. No stars or crosses bedeck them, no poet sings their praises, but someday the bederole will be called and the Kina's right hand will pin on

their breasts the cross of His legion of honor."



SISTER MARY THOMAS

Marcella Bozekowski, daughter of Thomas Bozekowski and Mary Ann Jankowski, was born in Warsaw the 16th of January. 1926 and was baptized two days later by Father Kupka. She attended grade school in Warsaw under the Ressurection Sisters and did two years of high school with the French Presentation Sisters in Oakwood. North Dakota. She left Warsaw in 1941 to enter the community of the Sisters of the Resurrection at Norwood Park Illinois. She made her first vows there August the 15th, 1943. and took the name Sister Mary Thomas. She took her final vows the 15th of August, 1948. Sister Mary Thomas has been in the field of education all her life, having taught in parochial schools in Chicago and South Bend, Indiana. She taught in Panama City. Florida, for three years. At the present time she is teaching at Queen of the Holy Rosary School in Elk Grove, Illinois. Her father. Thomas Bozekowski, came from Poland as a young man with his parents in 1890. They homesteaded near Leo. Minnesota. In 1917. Thomas married Mary Ann Jankowski and they moved to Warsaw, North Dakota Thomas was janitor of St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, for several years in the thirties, when coal had to be shoveled by hand. He had to get up at midnight and stay up all night to be sure the church was warm for the 8:00 Mass on Sunday morning. He also had to ring the bell three times a day. for the Angelus. When he was busy his daughter, Marcella, now Sister Mary Thomas would ring the bell.

# Saint Anthony's School



St. Anthony's School and Convent, Warsaw, North Dakota, were built by the Resurrection Sisters. The community of the Sisters of the Resurrection was founded in Rome in 1891 by a widow whose name was Mother Celine Barzecka and her daughter Mother Hedwig. The community spread to Poland and in 1900 sent its first missionaries to Chicaga. Eighteen years later Sister Stephania and Sister Antonia arrived at the village of Warsaw, North Dakota to make arrangements for the erection of a new combination school and convent. Mr. Antony Tocha, an architect from Chicago, drew up the plans for the school and convent. The building was dedicated in July 1921 by Bishop James O'Reilly and served as a lower grade and boarding school. In 1959 an eighth grade parochial school was established.

In the forties and fitties the school had a large enrollment and most of the children were boarders. There were as many as nine sisters in the convent of the peak of the school enrollment.

In the late sixties and early seventies, attendance at the school began to drop off considerably and for this and other reasons the school was closed in 1971. It is still used for Catechetical instructions in summertime.

All who have attended St. Anthony's School here in Warsaw have a warm spot in their hearts for the school and all of the sisters. Many people returning to the parish for a visit want to see the school and show it to their children. All of them have happy memories of their school days here at St. Anthony's and have nothing but the highest praise and admiration for the sisters.

## Choir



Front row: Julie Lizakowski, Kathy Perkerewicz, Kelly Ebertowski, Mary Perkerewicz. Middle row (ladies): Mrs. Stanley Stanislawski, Karen Grembowski, Anne Perkerewicz, Mrs. Robert Plutowski, Clair Plutowski, Mrs. Mike Grembowski, Mrs. Ray Lizakowski, Mrs. Wallace Feltman, Mrs. Isadore Rolczynski and Mrs. Steve Perkerewicz, organists. Top row (men): Stanley Stanislawski, Joe Stanislawski, Ken Mozinski, Florian Mozinski, Don Mozinski, Victor Stoltman, Lauren Babinski.

St. Stanislaus Church, Warsaw, can boast that it has one of the fine choirs of the diocese. It is known as Saint Cecelias choir and has approximately thirty members. During the first Mass on Sundays, hymns are played. The second Mass is always a sung Mass. We also have a sung Mass every day of the week.

Mrs. Aurelia Rolzinski is the organist for the first Mass on Sundays and also for the Masses during the week. She has been organist here for forty-five years. Mrs. Steve Perkerewicz is organist for the second Mass on Sunday and also for weddings and funerals. Our two organists are faithful to the traditional church music and anything savoring of levily or flippancy is faboo. We have a good pipe organ that was purchased in 1925 for \$3.500.00.

The organists and all the choir members have my sincere thanks.

## St. Joseph's Chapel On The Banks Of The Red River



The Polish pioneers who settled along the Red River Valley of the North were men and women of deep religious faith. One of these pioneer women, Mrs. Joseph Wosick (Minnie Kulas), suggested to her neighbors that a cross or some religious manument be erected in their midst. A meeting was called and the following people were present: Joe Wosick, Joe Cetnar, Joe Kosmatka, Joe Rogalla, John Duray, Frank and Paul Rogalla and Frank Ebertowski. It was decided at this meeting to erect a small chapel and to name if St. Joseph's Chapel, because most of the men present were men whose first name was Joseph.

Joseph Wosick donated the land and Joe Kosmatka was architect and carpenter. All in attendance at the above meeting donated \$47.00 each, a total of \$402.00. The chapel was completed and the first Mass was said in 4907. Mrs. Joe Wosick took care of the chapel until her death in 4946. Later Joseph Wosick was married to Anna Merchlewicz, who took care of the chapel until her death in 1967. Since that time Mrs. Heliodore Sczesny has been taking care of it. Nothing much was done to repair this chapel since it was first built in 1907 until the year 1969. In that year, Mr and Mrs. Steve Rogalla and Mr. and Mrs. Heliodore Sczesny called on the parishioners of \$t. Stanislaus parish for a contribution to make the necessary repairs on the chapel. The chapel roof was repaired, the building was put on a cement foundation, new doors and windows were installed, and the interior and exterior got a new coat of paint.

The chapel is located five miles east and one mile north of Warsaw. It is one of the smallest chapels in America, just large enough for a priest to say Mass and two altar boys. The chief reason why the chapel was built was that a priest could come here and offer Mass at least once a year and ask God's blessing on the crops. Mass is said there every year, usually in the month of June and is attended by a large number of people.

# Altar Boys



Front row: Ken Zola, Francis Zolondek, Glenn Gerszewski, Darrin Plutowski, David Stoltman, Neil Feltman, Dennis Narlock, Raymond Osowski. Second row: Darrin Ebertowski, Dennis Teske, Jeffery Duray, Kenneth Zola. Third row: Kevin Kamrowski, David Plutowski, Bryan Schuster, Charles Narlock, Dale Collette, Guy Schuster, Harold Narlock. Fourth row: Jeffrey Riskey, Mark Plutowski, Duane Ebertowski, Jeffrey Schuster, Gregory Feltman, Bryan Grabanski, Jeffery Zola. Not Pictured: Lee Czapiewski, Joel Slominski, Marcelle Dauksavage, Mark Dauksavage, Tommy Kosmatka, Kevin Stanislawski.

## Polish National Alliance

Ninety five years ago an organization known as the Polish Flationial Alliance (P.N.A.) was established in Philadelphia. the City of Brotherly Love. The primary purpose of this organization was to promote the educational, cultural and religious well-being of all of its members, their families, relatives and triends. Like the church if was small and insignificant in the beginning, if had only nineteen members, foday if has over half a million. In 1945 the P.N.A. Society was established in Warsaw, North Dakota. Isadore. Rolzinski was its first president, Joseph Shoults. Vice President, Chester Prondzinski, Secretary. Leona Gudajtes. Honorary. Vice President. Ed. Gudajtes, Financial Secretary, and Joseph. Stanislawski, Treasurer. For further particulars on the P.N.A. in this community and its contribution to society, consult the brochure published by the society in 1955.

# The Community Hall



In 1937 a large community hall was erected in Warsaw costing \$25,000.00 and served as a meeting place and social center for the people of the community. For several years it was not used for any purpose. In 1973 a committee was formed and charged with the responsibility of making the necessary repairs and getting the hall into shape to be used by the young people of the parish for basketball, roller skating and various other athletic activities. Good use is being made of the hall at the present time not only by the children and young people of the parish but also by the adults who have wedding parties, dances, and other social activities there throughout the year.

The following men were elected to the board of directors and advisory board. Steve Perkerewicz, President; Dennis Slominski, Vice President; Ernest Dauksavage, Treasurer; Richard Gersewski, Secretary; Ray Ebertowski, Ray Lizakowski and Herman Schuster.







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## WAYSIDE SHRINES

Among the many pious customs brought from Poland to the Warsaw community by the pioneers was the erection of shines or crosses. At these shrines people passing by would stop and say a prayer. Among the shrines still standing is one on the cross-roads three miles east of Warsaw, erected by Laurence Mozinski Another shrine is one mile north of the Warsaw village erected by Joseph Gerszewski. Another shrine is three miles north and one mile east of Warsaw, erected by Frank Stygar, and another one mile north and four miles east, erected by Teatil Gerszewski. Then there is one erected by a religious pioneer. Frank Marynik, on a site by the Rea Piver two miles north and five and one half miles east of Warsaw.

These strines are indicative of the strong faith and piety of the Polish pioneers that came to the Warsaw community

# Cyprian Rogalla



Cyp, as he is familiarly known to the people of the locality, does a real good job in mowing the cemetery, and the lawn around the church and rectory in the summer months, and keeping the sidewalks and church steps clean of snow in the winter time. In the rectory he does a better job on the dirty dishes than any automatic dishwasher.

He is always on hand to help the members of the Altar Society haul dishes, chairs and tables hither and yon. He never forgets to pay a visit to Minnie's and Neman's at least several times a week and sometimes several times a day. He is always welcome.



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LEFT, HILARY FELTMAN AND STEVE MOZINSK



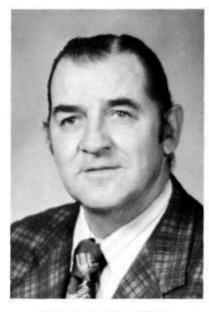
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## Interior Pictures Of St. Stanislaus Church



The entrance of the Church as seen from the middle of the main aisle. The choir loft holds three organs, one of them being a stately pipe organ.

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Painting of St. Stanislaus in the vestibule of the Church.



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The impressive view as one looks down the main aisle.



The station showing Christ being nailed to the cross.



One of the angels holding holy water font.



Large painting of Mary Magdelene at the feet of Jesus reflects meaningful passage (Luke) 7:36-50), as it towers over the confessional. Note the magnificent richness of the Pulpit.



The intricate detail of the baptismal font. Figurines represent Christ being baptized by St. John the Baptist.

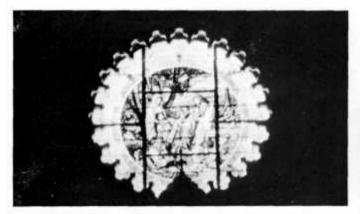


A confessional's hand-carved woodwork paints heavy shadows on the large mural showing Christ saving Peter.

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Angels hold the holy water fonts at the entrance of the building.



Stained glass window of sanctuary depicts Christ talking with a number of children,



The beautiful sanctuary of the church holds paintings of the Annunciation and Ascension.



Details of one of the stained glass windows.

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Nativity Scenes



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