



**Through the Years at Sacred Heart.**

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CAP at Orchard Lake.

- 9/15/12 - Polish population in LaPorte meet to organize a Parish.
- 10/20/12 - Committee meets with Bishop Alerding of Ft. Wayne and presents to him a petition requesting a parish. Bishop promises to send a Polish Priest. White Eagle Hall established as temporary Church.
- 1/25/13 - Rev. John Osadnik named first Pastor.
- 1/26/13 - First Mass celebrated at White Eagle Hall of the newly organized Parish.
- 2/9/13 - The Parish is officially organized and is to be named "Sacred Heart" Church. Meanwhile, the committee begins the task of raising funds for the building of a church building. Five lots are purchased on the corner of Bach and Mechanic (Pulaski) Streets.
- 5/27/13 - Committee accepts bids of \$20,000 for a Church/School building. Contract awarded to Larson-Danielson of LaPorte. Times were hard but every parishioner helped.
- 8/13/13 - Dedication of cornerstone takes place.
- 12/24/13 - Building built! First Mass celebrated on Christmas Eve in the Church on the second level of the new building.
- 1915 - New Church decorated with murals and pictures of Saints by Polish artist.
- 1916 - Franciscan Sisters of Kunegunda of Chicago invited to staff the Sacred Heart School. Nun's living quarters were in the back room of the school (this room is now the pre-school CCD class).
- 1920 Building at 501 Park Street purchased to serve as Sister's Convent.
- 2/7/20 Rev. John Osadnik transferred to South Bend. New Pastor appointed, Rev. Ignatius Gapczynski.
- 7/1/26 - Rev. Gapczynski transferred to Hammond, replaced by Rev. W. Szczukowski.

- 1/26/30 Rev. Gapczynski reappointed to Sacred Heart as Pastor.
- 7/7/36 - First assistant appointed to Sacred Heart, Rev. John Szot.
- 7/-/40 - Rev. F. Wojcicki replaces Rev. Szot as assistant Pastor.
- 6/28/42 - Rev. Joseph Ciecka, C.S.C., native son of our Parish, celebrates his first Solemn Mass.
- 7/8/43 Rev. John Jakubielski named assistant.
- 1/27/44 - Rev. Stanley Zjawinski named Pastor. 7/6/44 - Rev. Louis Jeziorski named assistant.
- 6/12/45 - Rev. John Bargielski named assistant.
- 11/7/48 - Statue of Sacred Heart of Jesus dedicated on Parish grounds as a monument to the servicemen who died for their country.
- 1949 - Rev. Anthony Szeszutek named assistant.
- 3/19/50 - Open house in the newly renovated hall.
- 11/-/51 - Sacred Heart School wins first Parochial League football championship.
- 10/12/52 - Shrine to the Blessed Virgin built and dedicated.
- 11/20/52 - Once again, Sacred Heart School wins elementary Football championship.
- 5/30/54 - First field Mass celebrated at Patton Cemetery.
- 6/11/54 - Sacred Heart School wins Parochial League Baseball title and trophy.
- 1955 - Rebuilt two-manual organ purchased with donations. Dream of a new Church becoming more evident.
- 3/1/55 - Rev. Walter Pawlicki appointed Pastor.
- 8/6/56 - Rev. Thaddeus Plawecki appointed assistant.
- 7/1/57 - Rev. Michael Tomaszewski appointed assistant. Rev. Emil Bloch replaced Rev. Tomaszewski.
- 4/28/61 - We bid farewell to Father Bloch, our last permanent assistant.
- 6/-/63 - Golden Jubilee celebrated. The Parish has much to be thankful for. About this time, it was becoming more apparent that a new Church was needed.
- 11/-/64 - English Mass introduced except for the homily which was spoken in Polish. Folk Mass introduced (Guitar Mass).
- 6/29/67 - Rev. Pawlicki transferred to North Judson. Rev. Joseph Buczyna appointed Pastor.

- 1/21/69 - First Parish Council appointed. 6/9/69 - New Parish Council elected!
- 9/1/69 - Sacred Heart School closes due to shortage of teaching Nuns.
- 3/24/70 - Father Buczyna and Parish Council meet with Bishop Grutka for permission to purchase property and usage of former school playground as land for new Church.
- 7/1/70 - Building Fund Drive started. Family Carnival reappears - proceeds for the new Church.
- 9/70 - Parishioners to teach CCD to Parish children.
- 9/2/70 - Bids of 13 contractors were accepted. Lowest bidder Mollberg Construction Company. Architect chosen - Norbert Schaaf.
- 9/20/70 - Ground for foundation of new Church broken.
- 2/-/71 - Father Buczyna incapacitated by surgery. Rev. Joseph Niezgodka appointed as Parish Administrator.
- 5/1/71 - Father Buczyna resumes Pastoral duties.
- 6/13/71 - Blessing of cornerstone.
- 7/17-18/71 - Parish Carnival becomes an annual event.
- 10/31/ 71 - New Sacred Heart Church completed and dedicated.
- 6 12/72 - Rev. Joseph Buczyna retires. Rev. Dennis Teles appointed new Pastor.
- 1/73 - New Parish Council appointed and elected.
- 2/28/73 - Younger Generation undertakes the renovating of the old Church for recreational purposes. Remodeling of the exterior of the Rectory to begin. Front porch to be torn down and replaced with a concrete slab and steps to the front entrance. Siding and a new roof will also be added.
- 4/4/73 - Pole Barn to be built in back of the Rectory.
- 10/2/73 - Fund Drive for "God's Little Wheels" begins. God's Little Wheels (a jeep) will cost \$5000 and will be purchased to be sent to Bolivia where a native son of the Parish is stationed.
- 1/74 - Oplatek Dinner held.
- 2/23/74 - First Parish Pre-Lenten Dance held at the Civic Auditorium.
- 9/4/74 - Two classrooms partitioned to allow two additional classrooms for CCD.
- 1/75 - Oplatek Dinner becomes an Annual Event.

- 1/8/75 - The Pre-Lenten Dance becomes an Annual Event. Name changed to Polka and Waltz Night.
- 5/7/75 - School entrance remodeled with paneling.
- 10/-/75 - Rev. Henry Lazarek, a son of the Parish, celebrates his first Solemn Mass.
- 1/12/76 - Former Pastor, Rev. Joseph Buczyna succumbs. Funeral Mass held at Sacred Heart.
- 2/4/76 - A new organization formed, to be called "Progressive Circle".
- 6/2/76 - Auxiliary boiler and baseboards installed in Parish Hall.
- 8/4/76 - Dankert and Teets property on Bach Street purchased for future parking lots.
- 3/2/77 - Jones property on Niesen Street purchased for additional parking.
- 6/5/77 - Former Pastor, Rev. Walter Pawlicki observes 45th Anniversary of Ordination. Mass celebrated and an Open House held.
- 10/5/77 - Two parking lots paved - (Dankert and Teets properties)
- 1/29/78 - Sixty-fifth Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church observed,
- 10/4/78 - New sidewalks installed along with curbing along new parking lots.
- 12/6/78 - New carpeting replaced in Church. Parking lot (Jones property) paving completed.
- 4/4/79 - Alarm System installed in the Church. New steps to be placed at rear entrance of Rectory and entrance to Gym.
- 5/2/79 - Altar Rosary Society to publish first Parish Cookbook. Sacred Heart to have their first Parish Pictorial Directory.
- 5/79 - Children's Choir reorganized - to be called "The Little Angels".
- 8/6/79 - Parish suffers a loss of a dear friend and worker for our parish. Custodian Emil Pawlik succumbs.
- 9/1/79 - Don Stiller hired as new custodian.