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NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

We wish to thank all who assisted and participated in making our May 8th Grist Mill Rededication and May 10th Pot Luck such successful Historical Society activities.

We were recipients of furniture from the Parkerest Housing Authority which will need to be located in our museum along with a retired voting machine from the city. We still must find a place for boxes of photos from Lakeshore Photography. As you can surmise we are somewhat hampered for space.

Dick Thinnes has really got the landscaping at the Historical Society Museum looking nice. Thanks Dick.

We will have a "identified" trolley in the Heritage Day Parade, Saturday, July 24th. Join us in this and other activities. We will be enjoying the weekend Rummage-Open House and hot dogs!

Happy Days,

Chet Grobschmidt, President



St. Sylvester Parish History was not in the booklet of history of churches in South Milwaukee, so I have included it in this newsletter. (ed.)

## **St. Sylvester Parish History**

In March 1957 a petition for a new parish in northeast South Milwaukee and southeast Cudahy was circulated. Three months later the petition and a cover letter were sent to Archbishop Meyer. In the Spring of 1958 he granted permission to buy land between College and Badger Avenues.

On September 20, 1962 St. Sylvester Parish was officially established by Archbishop Cousins. That winter the land was purchased and a temporary rectory was established at 200 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee. St. Sylvester's temporary church was located at Victory Hall, 3665 E. Grange Ave., Cudahy.

Fr. Frederick N. Schmidt was appointed the first pastor, and celebrated the first parish mass at Victory Hall on September 16, 1962. Weekday masses were in the rectory.

In 1963 Auxiliary Archbishop Atkielski broke ground for the new St. Sylvester Church.

The church opened for the first mass on September 4, 1964. School opened five days later for classes Kindergarten through 8th grade. The first staff included two sisters, nine lay teachers, and a lay music teacher. The enrollment was 408 students.

On October 18, 1964, Archbishop Atkielski laid the cornerstone. Archbishop Cousins celebrated the Solemn Day of Dedication on June 27, 1965.

### **Pastors of St. Sylvester Parish**

Fr. Frederick N. Schmidt September 1962 to July 1967  
Fr. Gerard Clark July 1967 to August 1970  
Fr. Edwin "Ginger" Grzendzielewski August 1970 to February 1973  
Fr. Stan Baranowski February 1973 to June 1987  
Fr. Anthony McCarthy June 1987 to June 1993  
Very Rev. Thomas Trepanier June 1993 - June 1999  
Fr. Ron Gramza June 1999 - present

### **SUNNY SUMMER SPINACH SALAD (4 servings)**

1/2 Bag of spinach, washed and stems removed  
4 -5 large strawberries, washed and sliced  
1/4 cup pecans, sliced almonds or chopped walnuts  
2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
2 Tablespoons sugar  
Mix balsamic vinegar and sugar until dissolved. Pour over other ingredients.

**Membership dues in Jan. 1999**

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