



Acts — 1964

March 1, 1964

Wisconsin Save Our Sundays Society asks "Don't shop on Sunday" – look for signs that say "Closed on Sunday – Family Day."

March 8, 1964

At a Home and School Association meeting, it was reported that it costs approximately \$65 per child in salaries, maintenance and upkeep of St. Joseph School.

March 22, 1964

A special Easter collection was made "to improve our priest and altar boy sacristies – and help towards an eventual modernizing and fixing up of our church bells."

April 16, 1964

Catholic Charities Drive information sent to St. Joseph's 650 envelope holders.

May 3, 1964

Change in communion prayer while receiving: priest will say "Corpus Christi" and lay person will say "Amen" before receiving.

May 12, 1964

Holy Name Society meeting featured a Green Bay Packers movie and cards.

May 14, 1964

At a CCD board meeting, it was reported that St. Joe's recently received a special Diocesan award for its CCD program.

May 24, 1964

Solemn investiture of altar boys was held.

June 7, 1964

Summer school reminder: "It will be too late parents when you stand before God in judgment to be making excuses for not sending your child to receive a religious education. I presume you will receive little mercy for neglecting the one and most important duty of your office of parenthood – to bring your children to a knowledge of God and His teaching."

June 14, 1964

Designation of the church hall as "Msgr. Ehr Hall" will be made official by the hanging of his picture in the hall.

June 21, 1964

Fr. Charles Hiebl has been transferred to Pacelli High School. Fr. Jerry Willkom joins the parish as the new assistant pastor.

July 5, 1964

Change in Sunday Mass schedule to 5:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 and 12:00.

July 12, 1964

Request from the pastor: "We urge and exhort you to be a member of some one definite parish. Those people who float from parish to parish Sunday after Sunday looking for the shortest sermon or the greatest bargain are spiritual misfits and have lost sight of the whole purpose of Christian living – the getting to heaven to save our souls."

July 19, 1964

We are beginning to build up a fund for our new convent, and now have the three homes on East Ave. for future development.

Aug. 2, 1964

"Do you have insurance on your home, your car, your TV antenna, yes your life – why not take out insurance on your soul? Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on First Fridays."

Aug. 16, 1964

There are a few vacancies in some of the school classrooms for further registrations. We do, however, cut off with a maximum of 50 in each classroom.

Aug. 23, 1964

A 9-day Novena period will be held from Aug. 26 – Sept. 3. The intentions are that the Communists will be defeated in the elections on Sept. 4 in Chile.

Nov. 1, 1964

"Do you realize that for every boy attending Pacelli from St. Joseph's, the parish pays about \$70 per year towards tuition costs?"



Together In Faith

St. Joseph Parish - Stevens Point, Wisconsin



Acts — 1964-1966

Nov. 22, 1964

Next Sunday we begin the new changes in the ceremonies of the Mass – more changes will come in Lent. A substantial part of the Mass prayers will be in English to better help you to have a deeper understanding of the Mass ... The priest will be permitted to say Mass facing the people ... Too long have many of our good people been merely spectators at Mass. Now they will be invited to take a very active part and to enter into the whole spirit of the Holy Sacrifice ... We ask for your full cooperation in this great movement.

Dec. 6, 1964

Forty Hours devotion opens with High Mass on Friday, followed by Mass of Exposition on Saturday and Sunday, and Solemn Close on Sunday afternoon with 25-30 priests here.

Dec. 20, 1964

New rule: Those who receive Holy Communion at Midnight Mass may return to another Mass on Christmas Day and receive Holy Communion.

Dec. 27, 1964

Our assessment to support Holy Cross Seminary is \$3750 ... Because so many of our envelope holders never have responded to this or any other appeal, we must rely upon about 300 envelope holders. The rest seem to care little whether we have a seminary to educate priests – or whether they have a priest to bring them the Last Sacraments when they die.

Feb. 24, 1965

Installation of Bishop Frederick Freking in La Crosse.

June 15, 1965

Holy Name Society holds first-ever steak fry at Iverson Park.

June 8, 1965

Steve Gross and Robert Brezinski from St. Joseph Parish ordained as deacons.

June 20, 1965

Fr. LeRoy Keegan celebrated his final Mass at St. Joe's.

June 27, 1965

Msgr. James Finucan installed as new pastor, a social followed.

Aug. 22, 1965

Pacelli students led singing and commentating of Fr. Rivers Mass at 8:00 a.m. Mass (Fr. Rivers was a Negro priest who brought the music of his people into church worship).

Oct. 17, 1965

A sale of school desks, chairs and equipment no longer used was held in Ehr Hall.

Jan. 9, 1966

Houses for sale removed on East Ave., Jefferson St. and Lincoln Ave. Also being taken down is St. Joseph Convent on Lincoln Ave.

Jan. 28, 1966

Sisters of St. Francis asked permission to withdraw their sisters from St. Joseph's as of June 1966. Fr. Keegan had looked for other staffing in 1961 and they agreed to stay on, but again have asked for their release.

March 27, 1966

Mission Sewing Group meets in Ehr Hall.

May 29, 1966

Bishop Freking ordained Fr. Steve Gross and Fr. Robert Brezinski. In one year we are doubling the number of active priests from our parish.

July 24, 1966

Parish Income: 4-week average as of this week is \$1911. Our goal is \$2000 to cover the new budget.

July 31, 1966

Ray Repp's "Mass for Young Americans" music is being used at 10:45 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

Sept. 4, 1966

Building Committee recommends that parishioners use our newly-leveled parking lot every Sunday. This will help the area before surfacing next Spring. Enter off East Ave. and leave onto Jefferson or Lincoln.



Acts — 1966-1968

Oct. 23, 1966

With approval from our pastor and Parish Board, the old convent will now become a Parish Youth Center for high school students.

Jan. 1, 1967

Babysitting first provided at 10:45 a.m. Mass.

May 31, 1967

Fr. William Moeschler shows film on his assignment in Peru.

June 5, 1967

From now on, only one weekday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

June 11, 1967

An average of 36 students enrolled in each grade for coming school year.

June 25, 1967

Because of the new parish boundary changes, a parish social was held for all who will be leaving and going to other parishes and those staying. The party was held on the church grounds to ease the transition. Cub Scouts passed out nametags saying "staying" or "leaving."

July 30, 1967

Msgr. Finucan and Fr. Willkom will start making home visits to parishioners as part of the new census.

Aug. 19, 1967

Backyard Mass held for the Frontenac, Ellis, Algoma and Minnesota streets area.

Sept. 3, 1967

Jo Frank is new parish secretary.

Sept. 17, 1967

Lorraine Kabat, Harold Chapman, Fran Orella and Dominick Stroik chaired a picnic at Bukolt Park to greet all new parishioners as a result of the boundary changes.

Sept. 24, 1967

Parish Board sets rental for Ehr Hall, \$25 for hall and kitchen, and \$15 for hall only.

Oct. 22, 1967

Change in Mass schedule – from 10:45 to 10:30 because of traffic congestion between the 10:45 and 12:00 Masses.

Oct. 29, 1967

Fr. Willkom took sick leave.

Nov. 12, 1967

Fr. James Barney is named the new associate pastor, replacing Fr. Willkom.

Feb. 18, 1968

Welcome home gathering held for Frank Danczyk, a papal volunteer who was serving in Torreon, Mexico the past 3 years.

June 2, 1968

Honoring and welcoming for Fr. James Miller, a newly-ordained priest of the diocese.

June 23, 1968

The Bishops Committee for Spanish Speaking urges a boycott of California grapes.

July 21, 1968

Msgr. Finucan and Fr. James Barney will be taking census between now and September. You can expect to see them walking through your neighborhood.

Aug. 11, 1968

Agnes Wachowiak, long-time housekeeper for the parish dies. "She was more than a housekeeper – she was a mother to the priests of our parish."

Sept. 8, 1968

Bob Gregorich, grand knight of the local Knight of Columbus Council #1170, reported that "The Knight of Columbus are rapidly losing ground in regards to membership. In 1958, a short 10 years ago, the average age of our membership on a national level was 36. In 1968, the average age is 48. We are rapidly becoming an order of 'old' men."

Sept. 15, 1968

Clara Charneski becomes the new rectory housekeeper.



Acts — 1968-1971

Oct. 19-21, 1968

40 Hours Devotion to be held. Saturday is designated for men and boys, Sunday for ladies and girls, and Monday is general.

Dec. 16, 1968

Nativity Scene play presented by the entire Cub Scouts pack, Girl Scouts and Brownies in Ehr Hall.

Jan. 27, 1969

A new adult weekly class in the Catholic faith, based on the new (Dutch) catechism will begin. The class is for "curious Protestants, confused Catholics, and prospective converts."

Feb. 2, 1969

Average parish income for the past 4 weeks was \$1,678.33.

Feb. 23, 1969

Ten Webelo Scouts – Joe Mitch Jr., John Wrycza, Kevin Clark, Topper Thompson, Robert Rajski, Steve Sievwright, Tom Phillip, James Wayer, James Konopacky and Mark DeYoung – receive the coveted Parvuli Dei Award.

Apr. 6, 1969

Fr. Alex Bombera offered several Masses at St. Joe's before his departure for Brazil.

Apr. 20, 1969

Lorraine Kabat received St. Pius X medal from Bishop Freking at the Cathedral in La Crosse.

June 29, 1969

The bells of all churches in the city will be rung for 3 minutes just before the July 4th parade.

July 27, 1969

Sr. Diane of St. Joseph School received a U.S. Leadership Grant from Wisconsin State University – Stevens Point.

Sept. 7, 1969

Tuition for St. Joe's School is \$90 per family.

Sept. 14, 1969

Parish picnic held at Bukolt Park. The picnic featured pot luck, games, talent show and entertainment.

Dec. 7, 1969

First Craft Fair held in Ehr Hall. Mrs. Lawrence Hebal was chairman. Featured were crafts, baked goods and candy.

Jan. 15, 1970

Msgr. Finucan has "Folk Mass" for workshop on evangelization at the university.

Jan. 18, 1970

Fr. Austin Mohrbacher presides over Communal Penance and Byzantine Mass.

March 30, 1970

Men's choir of St. Joseph to begin, conducted by Fr. Peter Knippel.

July 4, 1970

Float built by St. Joseph's Scout Troop #294 won first prize in 4th of July parade.

July 26, 1970

"Letzallfest" festival for senior parishioners was held.

Aug. 2, 1970

Fr. Bill Moeschler, native member of St. Joe's who served 3 years in Peru, returned and said 12:15 Mass.

Aug. 9, 1970

Communal confession will be held every month during 7 p.m. Mass the second and last Saturdays.

Sept. 17, 1970

Bishop Freking announces formation of Newman Parish, for WSU and vocational school students.

Sept. 20, 1970

St. Joseph Picnic held on the church grounds.

Oct. 7, 1970

Children will receive First Holy Communion throughout the year on an individual basis, not in a group as in previous years.

Jan. 10, 1971

Citizens for Educational Freedom ask for help to pay non-public school tuition.