



# Together In Faith

St. Joseph Parish - Stevens Point, Wisconsin



## Acts — 1971-1973

**Jan. 17, 1971**

First marriage retreat mentioned at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon.

**March 25, 1971**

Anointing of Sick Mass held for elderly and ill.

**Apr. 3, 1971**

First Pre-Cana program held for those contemplating marriage or recently married.

**Apr. 4, 1971**

New lecterns made from old communion rails by Ron Kobishop and Chet Raflik.

**Apr. 25, 1971**

Pancake Breakfast held.

**May 23, 1971**

Fr. LeRoy Keegan, former pastor, said Mass and launched Mission Program to distribute offertory collection for missions.

**June 6, 1971**

Spring Round-Up held on church grounds.

**July 1, 1971**

Lay leaders given permission to administer communion in parishioners' homes.

**Sept. 12, 1971**

New piano donated by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Debot for Ehr Hall.

**Nov. 14, 1971**

Daily Mass will be compulsory for St. Joseph School children and CCD children in Advent.

**Jan. 9, 1972**

Elected to the Parish Board were James E. Clark, Ozzie Dehlinger, Dick Freiberg, Lawrence Hebal, Rodney Hopp and Paulette Stroik. Some issues that candidates for the board gave their positions on: The parish should publish with its annual report the name of each envelope holder and the amount he or she gave; The board should favor placing all Stevens Point Catholic schools in one Catholic educational system directed by one superintendent; The board should generally favor continuing some guitar

Masses, communal confessions, individual First Communions, a projection screen at Mass, and other similar innovations; The board should provide more religious education courses for adult parishioners.

**Feb. 5, 1972**

The 2nd Annual Pardi-Gras is held. Billed as "masquerade optional, with prizes given for the best costume," music was provided by The Happy Notes with dancing from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**May 12, 1972**

Confirmation held for students in grades 6-8.

**Sept. 10, 1972**

St. Joseph Picnic held on church grounds.

**Oct. 1, 1972**

St. Joe's pays \$245 per year for each student who attends the Catholic high school or a seminary school.

**Oct. 15, 1972**

Diocese directs all parishes to begin pre-baptism classes for parents/godparents by 1973.

**Nov. 2, 1972**

St. Anne's Society holds 4th Annual Craft Fair. This was the first year a luncheon was held with it.

**Dec. 20, 1972**

St. Joe's school children presented a Christmas pageant, "The Promise Fulfilled."

**Jan. 7, 1973**

Frank Napiwocki Construction donated new warm-up jackets for the 8th grade basketball team.

**Jan. 21, 1973**

New Parish Board meets for first time with representatives from parish committees part of the board. Board members were Jim Clark (chairman), Bill Nuck (vice chairman), Dominic Stroik (Buildings and Grounds), Frances Frank (Finance), Bob Krause (Liturgy), Carol Marion (Education), Irene Krueger (St. Anne's Society), and Gerry Phillip, Sister Florence, Rod Hopp, and Lawrence Hebal (at-large member).



## Acts — 1973-1974

**Feb. 4, 1973**

The following boys from scout pack 294 received the Parvuli Dei Medal: John Gilkay, Jeff Kujawa, Richard Zywicki, Steve Marten, Tom Kerske, Robert Jaworski, Kevin Raflik, and Mark Daniels. Elgie Suplicki was the scoutmaster and Joe Mitch was the instructor.

**March 11, 1973**

Lenten Schedule announced: 6:30 a.m. daily Mass will be started, but will be discontinued if attendance is small; Senior parishioners will say the Stations of the Cross after 7:40 a.m. Mass; Stations of the Cross will be held Friday evenings at 7 p.m.; A Lenten service on one of the sacraments will be held on Wednesdays; Gorzkie Zale service will be held on Sundays at 2 p.m.

**April 19, 1973**

Three Masses held on Holy Thursday: 7:40 a.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**May 3-4, 1973**

Home and School Association holds a rummage sale.

**May 16, 1973**

Parish Board approved many projects proposed by Building & Grounds Committee: A new see-through railing for the church balcony, new risers for the choir loft, wiring projects, painting in the school and church exterior.

**June 3, 1973**

Farewell to Msgr. James Finucan. No 12:15 p.m. Mass today because of the anticipated length of 10:45 a.m. service. Welcome to Fr. James Falconer as new pastor.

**July 4, 1973**

St. Joe's parishioners "Friends of the 4th" took first place for their "Peace Through Understanding" float in the July 4th parade.

**Aug. 26, 1973**

Msgr. Finucan sent a check for \$2000 toward the Education Aid Fund. Parish Board agreed to match this with \$2000 from the tithe fund. The \$4000 will be used to help pay the tuition for deserving students of

St. Joe's who otherwise would not be able to attend Pacelli or St. Joe's School.

**Nov. 1, 1973**

The F.F. "Pete" Kabat family donated \$400 toward a new baptismal font in memory of Lorraine Kabat.

**Dec. 9, 1973**

During Advent, there is a 5:15 p.m. Mass, but attendance has been poor. Better attendance is expected at the Mass.

**Dec. 19, 1973**

St. Joseph's Grade School children present "The Story of Christmas" in song and narration.

**Jan. 31, 1974**

A religion class for deaf and hard of hearing children begins.

**Feb. 3, 1974**

Work on the choir loft begins. Approval was given by the Parish Board a year ago.

**Feb. 23, 1974**

Fourth annual Pardi-Gras held at Pacelli Auditorium, with admission charge \$1. Music was by The Cavaliers. Profit was \$376.66.

**March 3, 1974**

Financial report for 1973 was included in the bulletin. We wound up 1973 with a minus-\$1014.13 balance.

**March 31, 1974**

Pledge cards sent out to all members with their weekly contribution penciled in. If the card is not returned, members of the Finance Committee will personally call on parishioners.

**Apr. 21, 1974**

Senior parishioners participate in a get-together hosted by students at Neale Hall.

**Apr. 28, 1974**

John Simonis of St. Joe's received the Distinguished Citizen Award at the annual Jaycees banquet.



## Acts — 1974-1976

**June 2, 1974**

Fr. Bob Kulinski, associate pastor, requested and received a leave of absence from the active ministry.

**July 28, 1974**

The following were designated by Bishop Freking as lay ministers for the distribution of communion: Sr. Eileen Trebiatowski, Sr. Sandra Setterlund, Ed Horgan, Greg Gilkay, Ted Olszewski, Bob Decker, Earle Sievwright, Chet Raflik and Jim Shafranski.

**Sept. 22, 1974**

Non-diocesan priest Fr. Bruce Schutt welcomed as our new temporary associate pastor.

**Dec. 15, 1974**

Winners of Parish Board election were Don Benzmilller, Lillian Engebretson, Sr. Florence, Dick Jaworski, Ted Olszewski, Gerry Phillip and Sue Fliehr (alternate).

**Jan. 12, 1975**

Baptisms in Stevens Point's 5 largest parishes dropped from 522 in 1965 to 302 in 1973.

**Jan. 19, 1975**

Joseph Farrell is re-doing the church sign and is making it look very artistic.

**Jan. 26, 1975**

Hansen Studios of Winona, MN is working on the stained glass windows for a total cost of \$2660.

**March 23, 1975**

Children urged to bring eggs to be hung on the Easter egg tree on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday.

**Apr. 20, 1975**

Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary, a new organization for all mothers, wives, widows and daughters of Knights of Columbus members is formed.

**May 18, 1975**

Spring Round-up, where newcomers can get acquainted with old-time parish members, held on the parish grounds.

**May 25, 1975**

Fr. Josef Cieciora (retired) is assisting Fr. Falconer.

**June 25, 1975**

St. Joe's senior parishioners host picnic with guest from Trinity Lutheran at Izaak Walton Lodge.

**Sept. 2, 1975**

St. Anne's Society holds potluck dinner with husbands invited. Cards were played.

**Sept. 7, 1975**

Picnic held on church grounds, with tug-o-war and bingo.

**Nov. 16, 1975**

Fr. Albert Nienast is the new Sunday assistant, as Fr. Cieciora is spending the winter in Florida.

**Nov. 30, 1975**

Sr. Alexine Meronk hired as "visiting person." She is also organist at 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**Feb. 1, 1976**

Parish collects 9,000 soup labels for school.

**Feb. 8, 1976**

Kindergarten program will begin in 1976-77 school year.

**Feb. 15, 1976**

Parish census taken during Masses at church.

**Feb. 22, 1976**

Spaghetti Dinner held from 4 to 6 p.m. in Ehr Hall.

**Feb. 29, 1976**

Sisters of St. Joseph celebrate 75th anniversary.

**March 21, 1976**

St. Joseph's Seniors group celebrates 5th anniversary.

**Apr. 4, 1976**

Booklet distributed explaining the new confession ritual.

**Apr. 10, 1976**

St. Joseph Parish Night held at the YMCA. All parishioners admitted free of charge.



## Acts — 1976-1979

**Apr. 18, 1976**

New baptismal font makes its debut in church, thanks to donations from the families of Lorraine Kabat and John Turriff.

**May 19, 1976**

Bingo Night held at St. Joseph's.

**Aug. 8, 1976**

Fr. Falconer leaves St. Joseph's. after three years as pastor.

**Aug. 22, 1976**

Fr. William Nikolai becomes pastor of St. Joseph's.

**Aug. 23, 1976**

Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (who would later become Pope John Paul II) visits Stevens Point.

**Aug. 29, 1976**

Fr. Albert Nienast, who helped out on Sundays the last 2 years, is transferred to Fort Worth, TX.

**Sept. 5, 1976**

Fr. Leon Powell named associate pastor. He will start on Oct. 8.

**Oct. 13, 1976**

Home and School Association holds rummage sale.

**Nov. 4, 1976**

St. Anne's Society holds Christmas Craft Fair in Ehr Hall.

**Dec. 15, 1976**

"Golden Mass" held with all people and children of the parish bringing gifts to the Christ child in offertory procession.

**Dec. 24, 1976**

Christmas Eve celebration for little children and tiny tots held at 5 p.m.

**Jan. 2, 1977**

Weekend Mass schedule for Saturdays reduced to one Mass at 5:15 p.m.

**Feb. 13, 1977**

Boy Scout troop holds pizza sale.

**June 19, 1977**

Picnic held on parish grounds.

**Feb. 4, 1978**

Pardi-Gras dance held, admission was \$1.50.

**March 26, 1978**

Traffic alert: "When parking cars by the school, please be careful not to back into the school. Windows have been broken the past several months."

**Aug. 6, 1978**

Weekend Mass schedule reduced from five to four: Saturday at 5:15 p.m., Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Aug. 30, 1978**

Fr. Powell celebrates last Mass at St. Joe's followed by social. Due to the shortage of priests in the Diocese of La Crosse, a new associate pastor will not be assigned to St. Joe's.

**Sept. 3, 1978**

We need an average of \$5 per envelope holder per week in order to meet expenses.

**Dec. 3, 1978**

Four boys from St. Joe's receive Eagle Scout awards: Tim Higgins, Robert Gregorich, Patrick Suplicki and William Bigus.

**Jan. 7, 1979**

Sunday Mass schedule will be reduced to two Masses at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Jan. 14, 1979**

St. Anne's Society holds first Chili Bowl.

**July 22, 1979**

Fr. Nikolai celebrates last Mass at St. Joe's followed by social.

**July 28, 1979**

Fr. Lyle Schulte celebrates first weekend Mass as new pastor of St. Joe's.

**Aug. 19, 1979**

Leo Jacoby hired to run religious education programs.