



Acts — 1979-1984

Oct. 7, 1979

Fr. Lyle institutes program to deliver communion to shut-ins.

March 31, 1980

Seder Meal held in Ehr Hall.

May 11, 1980

Fr. Lyle celebrates 20th anniversary of ordination.

June 18, 1980

Deacon Mark Pierce arrives for a 6-month stay.

Jan. 14, 1981

Deacon Mark Pierce leaves St. Joe's and returns to La Crosse.

Feb. 15, 1981

Parish members are reminded to "Please, please! No scotch tape on your Sunday envelopes!"

March 1, 1981

St. Joe's holds Listening Day, the first parish in the city to do so.

May 16, 1981

Pacelli High School celebrates 25th anniversary.

May 30, 1981

Members of St. Joe's, led by Fr. Lyle, travel to La Crosse for Fr. Mark Pierce's ordination.

June 14, 1981

First of seven Sunday evening liturgies held at homes of parishioners.

June 15, 1981

Steve Brice arrives from seminary as new intern, will stay for two months.

Jan. 25, 1982

Deacon Steve Brice returns to St. Joe's, for 5 months prior to ordination on May 22.

June 6, 1982

Parish picnic held on church grounds. Gross profits were \$13,500, with net profit of \$7,000.

June 7, 1982

Work begins on repair of church windows.

July 10, 1982

Fr. Lyle leaves for Europe on bicycling vacation.

May 8, 1983

Short-lived parish newspaper begins.

May 15, 1983

Social celebrates Fr. Lyle's 23rd anniversary of ordination.

June 26, 1983

Plans for centennial celebration are announced.

Sept. 9, 1983

Birthday party held for Fr. Lyle.

March 11, 1984

Parishioners are reminded "The money you put in the offertory basket is charity. The money you put in the envelope boxes is justice!"

March 19-22, 1984

Four-day parish renewal celebration held.

Apr. 18, 1984

Bumper sticker competition held for centennial celebration, the winner was "We Love St. Joe's: 1884-1984."

June 2-3, 1984

Parish centennial picnic held. Net profit was \$10,070.86.

July 15, 1984

Centennial ice cream social held, sponsored by St. Anne's.

July 28, 1984

Fr. Lyle celebrates fifth year at St. Joe's.

Sept. 2, 1984

Parishioners are asked to notice the newly-paved parking lot.



Acts — 1984-1987

Sept. 30, 1984

Fifth annual Fall Raffle held, with net profit of \$10,989.65. More than 600 people attended and the event ran out of food. The outdoor Mass at 10:30 also celebrated the "School Centennial Reunion" and unveiled the "Century Of Sharing The Good News" banner.

Oct. 27, 1984

St. Anne's Society holds Craft Fair.

Nov. 25, 1984

Last centennial event held, a 3:30 p.m. Mass with Bishop John Paul as main celebrant. A formal banquet followed at the University Center, with 400 seats available at \$12 each for tickets.

Jan. 14, 1985

Steam pipes and radiators removed from the rectory (a forced air furnace was installed in the fall of 1984).

Jan. 20, 1985

Start of discussion of "Circles of Faith" groups for Lent. This would be groups of 4-6 couples to meet during Lent in homes of the group.

Jan. 27, 1985

Seventh annual Chili Bowl held, sponsored by St. Anne's.

Feb. 9, 1985

Third annual Brother James Miller Day held at UW-SP Fine Arts Building.

Feb. 20, 1985

More than 75 people participating in Circles of Faith groups meeting during Lent.

May 5, 1985

Ladies Spring Breakfast sponsored by St. Anne's Society.

May 14, 1985

Fr. Lyle celebrates 25th anniversary of ordination.

July 28, 1985

Parishioners and Fr. Lyle build cabinets in the school.

Oct. 6, 1985

Fall Raffle event held, with free booyah. Profit was \$11,056.28.

Nov. 4, 1985

Parish Census begins.

Dec. 31, 1985

Third Annual New Years Eve Peace Vigil held at St. Joe's.

Apr. 27, 1986

Jeremy Pawlak, Heath Stoltz and Bob Szymkowiak receive scouting Ad Altare Dei Award. Chad Stoltz and Dennis Ligman receive Pope Pius XII Award.

May 4, 1986

One hundred people from St. Joe's participate in "Hands Across Point" event, holding hands in the 2100 block of Clark Street. Each person donated \$1 to Operation Bootstrap.

Sept. 7, 1986

Wee Worship Program started at 10:30 Mass to run through May 31. Suggested donation \$5 per month.

Oct. 26, 1986

School consolidation plan revealed: St. Joe's will have K-2. A middle school, for grades 6-8, will be at St. Peter's. Area Commission to vote on Nov. 1.

Feb. 19, 1987

Jean & Steve Brazzale, and Aggie & Ron Kobishop are Picnic Chairmen for 1987.

Apr. 13, 1987

New St. Anne's Society officers for 1987 named: Lorraine Osowski, president; Darlene Marchel, vice president; Nancy Omernick, treasurer; Jean Severson, secretary.

May 6, 1987

Final school consolidation of all area Catholic schools completed for the upcoming term.

May 24, 1987

Stevens Point Area Catholic Cemetery Association announced that the price of a lot will increase from \$175 to \$225.



Acts — 1987-1992

Nov. 15, 1987

Youth groups, for students in grades 9-12, will meet between Sunday morning Masses twice a month for one-year trial. They will be called "C" groups.

Jan. 17, 1988

New Parish Council members elected for three-year term are Steve Schultz, Kathy Smith, and John Lutz. Outgoing Parish Council members are Kay Cooper, Bob Parish and Tim Kaczmarek.

May 22, 1988

Fr. William Nikolai, former pastor, celebrated 40 years in the priesthood at Eau Galle, WI. People of our parish invited to the celebration.

May 29, 1988

Sr. Alexine and Carol Koziol start a Volunteer Respite Care Program to provide relief for persons who are caring for elderly or disabled relatives in their homes. Training sessions will start in June.

Feb. 5, 1989

Tony Jarabek, Tom Raflik and David Tetzloff receive the Parvuli Dei Award.

March 25, 1989

Easter Food Blessing held. Age old Polish custom for over 1,000 years. Food is blessed at Holy Saturday service and then eaten by a family on Easter Sunday.

Aug. 23, 1989

After School Care Program started at three Catholic elementary schools, will operate daily until 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 30, 1989

Parish Census being conducted through forms placed in Sunday bulletins.

Oct. 28, 1989

The parish will have a business ad-sponsored church bulletin starting in 1990. Ads will cost \$204 per year.

Dec. 1, 1989

Beginning of picture taking for the parish photo directory produced by The National Directory Service for Catholic Parishes.

Feb. 4, 1990

New envelope service for all working parish adults announced. A new computer envelope service starts with February contribution envelope.

May 23, 1990

30th anniversary of Fr. Lyle celebrating his first Mass.

June 11, 1990

Fr. Bill Moeschler celebrates 46th anniversary of his ordination.

Aug. 5, 1990

John Stenger retires as chairman of Finance Council after 10 years of service.

Dec. 8, 1990

St. Anne's Society holds first Cookie Walk with Aggie Kobishop and Adrian Mitch as chairs.

Jan. 27, 1991

Catholic schools conduct feasibility study regarding potential new elementary school at St. Bronislava's in Plover.

Feb. 3, 1991

Marie Muhvic believed to be first female Mass server.

April 7, 1991

Talent show added to list of events for parish picnic in June.

April 28, 1991

St. Bronislava's in Plover celebrates dedication of new church.

Aug. 11, 1991

Study conducted on moving times of weekend Masses.

Feb. 15, 1992

10th Annual Brother James Miller Day held.

March 7, 1992

Middle Hour programs being held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sundays during Lent.

March 21, 1992

Profit for Party-Gras held before Lent was \$6920.69.



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Acts — 1992-1993

April 17, 1992

First Good Friday Walk held.

June 7-8, 1992

Annual parish picnic held, with Bingo in Jefferson School Gymnasium. Picnic profit was \$22,599.10.

July 1, 1992

Parish Pastoral Council directs Planning Committee to study the feasibility of a new parish center.

July 4-5, 1992

Parishioners staff Riverfront Bingo and raise profit of \$2134.

Aug. 2, 1992

St. Stanislaus celebrates 75th anniversary.

Oct. 4, 1992

Fall festival held, profit is \$8897.

Oct. 22, 1992

Bishop John Paul gives St. Joe's approval to evaluate possible building plans for a new parish hall.

Oct. 31, 1992

St. Anne's Society holds fall luncheon and bake sale.

Dec. 13, 1992

Parish council and pastor make decision to build Parish Center, with preliminary projected cost between \$450,000-\$500,000.

Jan. 24, 1993

St. Anne's Society holds 15th annual Chili Bowl.

Feb. 20, 1993

St. Joe's Party-Gras dance held at Moose Lodge.

Feb. 28, 1993

Projected price for Parish Center increases to \$585,000.

March 14, 1993

First phase of fundraising for new Parish Center begins. A total of \$215,000 toward the projected cost was pledged the first week.

March 21, 1993

Parish Mission held with Fr. Lester Bach and Mary Gunspina. The theme was "Healing."

Apr. 1, 1993

Parish Center Committee and Fr. Lyle meet with Bishop John Paul and his staff. Plans are approved for the new Parish Center.

May 2, 1993

Capital campaign for new parish center will enter last phase of seeking financial support from remaining 600 parishioners.

May 23, 1993

Capital campaign for new parish center exceeds goal of \$585,000. Cash and pledges totaled \$613,513.72.

June 5-6, 1993

Pony rides added to the list of events at annual parish picnic.

June 27, 1993

Groundbreaking ceremony held for new St. Joe's Family Center.

July 18, 1993

Fundraiser profits reported: Picnic, \$21,938.02; Riverfront Bingo, \$2,542.11; Party-Gras, \$6,303.02.

July 31, 1993

Excavation begins for new Parish Family Center.

Aug. 4, 1993

50th Anniversary of Bishop John Paul's ordination to the priesthood. St. Joe's sends contingency of parishioners to La Crosse.

Aug. 15, 1993

Portage County Deanery sends 76 people to World Youth '93 in Denver.

Aug. 22, 1993

SPACS unveils plans for \$2.1 million capital fund drive to renovate fine arts center and build student activities center at Pacelli, and construct elementary school at St. Bron's in Plover.

Sept. 9, 1993

Fr. Lyle's birthday celebrated with open house.

Oct. 3, 1993

Autumnfest event held, generates profit of \$7,109.96.



Acts — 1993-1995

Nov. 14, 1993

Parishioners are encouraged to adopt a tree for landscaping around St. Joe's as part of the Family Center project.

Nov. 21, 1993

Parish Council promotes "Evangelization Committee" and "Welcoming Committee." Donors' plaques are being worked on, listing names of those contributing to Family Center project.

Feb. 12, 1994

St. Joe's Party-Gras dance at Moose Lodge raises \$5,347.43.

Feb. 27, 1994

Fr. Lyle's bulletin letters for the next 10-15 weeks will be geared toward the youth of the parish.

Apr. 14, 1994

First planning meeting held for neighborhood gatherings to be held during the summer.

June 4-5, 1994

St. Joe's Picnic generates profit of \$23,710.50.

June 15, 1994

First of seven neighborhood parish gatherings held.

June 26-27, 1994

Listening sessions held to brainstorm how to best utilize the new Family Center.

July 4, 1994

Riverfront Bingo staffed by St. Joe's parishioners yields profit of \$3,100.

Oct. 2, 1994

Dedication of new Family Center held in conjunction with Autumnfest. Profit for the event is \$7,275.15.

Nov. 5, 1994

\$crip Program begins, selling gift cards in the gathering space following weekend Masses.

Nov. 12, 1994

Advisory vote to have 5:15 Mass on Saturdays changed to 4:30 p.m. Final decision will come later this month.

Dec. 3, 1994

Saturday evening Mass time changes to 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 1, 1995

Outstanding pledges for the Family Center total \$115,680.21.

Jan. 8, 1995

Fr. Raymond Burke announced as new Bishop of La Crosse Diocese.

Feb. 25, 1995

Annual Party-Gras Dance relocates to new Parish Family Center. Profit is \$6,529.46.

March 1, 1995

St. Joe's begins Operation Rice Bowl project.

March 12-16, 1995

Parish mission held, with theme "Called to Compassion." Presider was Fr. Alan Hathway.

Apr. 2, 1995

Bulletin Reminder: "Common courtesy is expected – please wait for the lectors, Eucharistic ministers and pastor to exit the church before you leave the church."

May 4, 1995

Fr. Lyle undergoes back surgery. Planning meeting held for the 2nd season of neighborhood gatherings.

July 9, 1995

Financial Update: June Picnic had profit of \$27,668.36; Riverfront Bingo netted \$2,282.50.

Aug. 17, 1995

Workers started putting new roof on the church. The last roof was put on 35 years ago.

Sept. 11, 1995

Picture-taking begins for parish photo directory.

Sept. 18, 1995

"St. Joseph Parish Parishioners In The News" bulletin board starts in the gathering space. Articles of parishioners in the newspaper are clipped out and put on the board.