

SILVER LAKE

SILVER LAKE
St. Adalbert

File
Paul K.

St Paul

✓ QUESTIONNAIRE ON PARISH HISTORY

For compiling centennial volume on the Diocese of Saint Paul

This questionnaire is sent by the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul with the approval of the Bishops of Minnesota to aid in the collection of historical data necessary for the preparation of a "History of the Catholic Church in Minnesota" to be issued on the centennial of the establishment of the Diocese of Saint Paul, July 19, 1950. The questions also furnish an outline according to which the material may be elaborated into a narrative of parish history.

Please indicate the sources of information and the location of records. If in some cases answers require more than the given space, add an extra page. Send replies to the Chancery Office, 244 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, Minn., before March 1, 1949.

1) Official name of parish; name of city, town, county. Was the name ever otherwise?
Church of St. Adalbert, Silver Lake, Minn. McLeod county

It was incorporated on November 22, 1878 as St. Adalbertus

2) Present parish boundaries? If a mission parish is attached give its name and boundaries.

East $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles West $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles

South $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles North 8 miles

13, 14.

3) Was the parish ever part of some other parish, and if so of what one? No.

4) Was the parish ever divided; if so what parish or parishes were formed from it? yes.
St. Joseph's (Bohemian) parish, Silver Lake, Minn.

5) When and under whose direction was the present church building erected? If ever enlarged, decorated, or notably altered, when and under whose direction?
See attached schedule

6) If the present church is not the original one, how many preceding ones were there, when and by whom built, and where located? The present church is not the original building. The first church was a small frame bldg. which stood at first on the South side of the lake. Built by early settlers

7) When, where and by whom was the holy sacrifice of the Mass first offered within the present parish limits? In what other places was the Mass offered before the erection of the first church? The first sacrifice of the Mass in the present limits was offered by Rev. L. Tyszkiewicz on Christmas 1889. Before any church was erected, Mass was offered in the homes of Mr. Osmek, Andrew Brenk, Stanly Jaskowiak and Paul Pawlak.

8) What is the first baptism recorded? The first confirmation? The first marriage? The first burial? Baptism - Vincent Kulinski 1879

Confirmation 1889

1st marriage Bartholomew Ziemia and Victoria Sobkowiak, Oct. 14, 187

1st death - Ferdinand Urban 1888

1879

9) What official records are kept at the church, rectory, school, etc. How far back do they extend? Baptismal - 1879 Confirmation 1898
 Marriage - 1879
 Interment - 1888 School Diocesan permanent
 Ledger - 1879 record cards since 1923.

10) What is known regarding the first settlement of the locality and the arrival of the first Catholics? Where did they come from? A small group of settlers of Polish origin came from Poznan, Poland in the year 1850. They were poor, but grateful to be away from the suppression of language and religion from Poland under the German rule.

11) What missionary priests exercised the sacred ministry in the locality before the coming of the first resident pastor? Where did they come from and how frequently?

Missionary priests: Rev. Father Joseph Juskiewicz
 once a month from " " Damasius Socha
 Delano, Minn. weather " " Honorius Povolny 1877-1878
 permitting

12) Name the resident priests (pastors and assistants) to the present time with dates of the beginning and end of their service. Rev. L. Zawadzki, O.S.F. 1879 - 1888

Rev. L. Tyszkiewicz 1888 - 1894

Rev. F. Jiranek 1894 - 1895

1895 - 1897 short periods by Rev. J. Wojtowicz, Rev. V. K. Cermak

Rev. Msgr. Dominic Mayer, Rev. A. Plut.

Rev. A. Zalewski 1897 - 1924

Rt. Rev. Msgr. V. W. Warzalla 1924 - 1932

Rev. S. Julkowski 1932 - (present pastor)

13) Name the priests, if any, who died while in the service of the parish, with date of death and place of burial.

Rev. L. Tyszkiewicz, May 6, 1894 - St. Adalbert's Cemetery

Rev. A. Zalewski, February 27, 1924 " " "

14) Name as many as possible of the pioneer parishioners, especially those who rendered extraordinary service in the parish interests. Andrew Brank, Stanley Jaskowiak, Paul Pawlak, Adalbert Iwinaki, Nicholas Makowski, Lawrence Grzechowiak, Frank Mikolichuk, Adalbert Pawlicki, Adalbert Sobkowiak, Martin Witucki, Albert Zanoth, Joseph Smida, Stephen Slanga, Adalbert Mallak, John Mallak, John Folaron, Andrew Folaron, Vincent Bialejewski, Adalbert Janochowski, Thomas Matuszewski, Andrew Jurek, Frank Pilarski, John Pilarski, Adalbert Osocki (See attached list)

15) Indicate the racial or national composition of the parish population, the sources of immigration, the population at successive stages. In its beginnings the parish

consisted of Polish settlers, later on some Bohemian families

settled around Bear Creek. Then also came some French.

Population at successive stages: 1870 - 35 families

1899 - 100 families

1905 - 160 families

1920 - 180 "

1936 - 245 "

1949 - 278 "

16) What methods of religious instruction were employed before the establishment of the parochial school? Date of establishment of school, convent, etc.? What religious communities are or were in charge? Names of superiors, principals, teachers? Number of pupils from time to time? The first religious classes were conducted in the old frame church by Rev. L. Zawadzki and Rev. L. Tyszkiewicz with the assistance of the following lay teachers: Mr. Zaczek, Mr. Baldowski, (Organist & teacher) Mr. Idziorek, Mr. Walecki (Organist & teacher). The parochial school and convent were established on Sept. 4, 1919. (For further information see schedule attached)

17) When was the parish cemetery established? Was it ever enlarged or its locality changed? The cemetery was established in 1879. It was never changed nor enlarged.

18) What data regarding rectory and other parish property? Rectory was built in 1898. School and convent built in 1926. Some of the outlying property close to the school grounds was sold, and at present is occupied by private families. In 1938 the rectory was remodeled and modernized under the direction of Rev. S. Julkowski, and will serve the parish for many years.

20) What data regarding parishioners who have been distinguished by vocation to the priesthood or the religious life, and among the laity as leaders in professional or commercial life or in political or social service?

Priests from the parish: Rev. Michael Gluba

Rev. Jerome Bielejewski

Rev. Edward Grzeskowiak

Sisters from the parish: Sister M. Alphonsia Sister M. Edward
Sister M. Olga Sister M. Nora
Sister M. Leon Sister M. Roseann
Sister M. Pauline

Among laity: George Poshek, County Commissioner
F. D. Slanga, Hardware & Plumbing
Joseph F. Kaminsky, Trucking
Frank J. Mallak, Elevator

21) What societies or organizations in the parish at present and in the past, devotional, charitable, educational, social, etc.? Are their minute-books preserved, or other records of their activities? Holy Rosary Society - Ladies Aid
Young Ladies Sodality - White Eagles

K. C. St. Adalbert's Men's Society

Their minute books are preserved in good order.

1888

Cermak

tery

iak,

rze-

wiak,

Adal-

ent

Jurek,

list)

sh

is

22) Has a sketch of the history of the parish ever been published in any book or pamphlet or prepared in manuscript? If so please send a copy to the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul, 244 Dayton Avenue, Saint Paul, together with this questionnaire containing all possible answers. No.

23) Are there any parish publications and files of the same preserved, such as parish monthlies or annals, programs, announcements, etc.? Are there any scrap books of newspaper clippings or other historical materials? Any photographs of persons or places? Any letters, diaries or similar material of historical value? No.

24) Is any such material available for use in compiling the centennial volume? Is it held in safe-keeping and accessible to the compiler of the centennial volume? No.

Please indicate the location of the material and the address of the custodian.

25) What events of importance are noteworthy in the life of the parish, such as the number of parish missions or retreats, the number of conversions, charity work, public lectures, study-club work, the support of the Catholic press and Catholic literature, efforts for civic improvement, etc.? Missions: 1908, 1925, 1930, 1938, 1942, 1949.
Conversions: 46

26) What extraordinary events peculiar to the locality are noteworthy from pioneer days to the present? The Silver Lake Band known throughout the state. The loss of the beautiful lake in 1930, which was like a sheet of silver. The building of the Community Building in 1941, which enhanced the social life of the town.

27) If Catholic missionary activities were conducted in behalf of Indian tribes or groups please present the record on a separate sheet.

28) Date of reply to this questionnaire? February 19, 1949.

Signature and office of signer:

J. J. Kowalski Pastor

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Silver Lake, Minn.

St. Adalbert's Church.

5. The present church building was build by Father L. Tyszkiewicz in 1889. Some improvements and decorating was done by Rt. Rev. Msgr. V. Worzalla. More extensive improvements were made in the year 1949 under the direction of Father S. Julkowski. A full basement was dug under the church to serve as a parish hall for meetings and socials. Kitchen facilities for the ladies were installed, cloakrooms, toilets and the heating system was changed. The Sanctuary was modernized. A new main altar, Communion railing, new light fixtures were installed. Both sacristies were enlarged and side entrances to the church were provided. ~~the~~ The steeple was remodeled. The whole church was veneered with new fire-proof brick. The church was also newly decorated. Over \$60,000.00 were expended for the improvements. The church now is an outstanding building in the community.

#14 Martin Yockoski, James Konieczny, Adalbert Nowak, John Wawrzyniak, John Nawrocki. Adalbert Dolny was instrumental in securing a Polish priest who would serve the parish as a resident pastor. He was the only one who could speak English.

#16 The School Sisters of Notre Dame from Mankato, Minn. opened the school with an enrollment of 62 pupils. The above named Order of Sisters still conducts the school at the present time.

Superior & principals: Sister M. Margaret 1919 - 1925
Sister M. Mathodia 1925 - 1928
Sister M. Bronisia 1928 - 1934
Sister M. Erharda 1934 - 1936
Sister M. Carlotta 1936 - 1937
Sister M. Reinfrieda 1937 - 1943
Sister M. Albertine 1943 - 1945
Sister M. Adelpha 1945 -

Teachers: Sister M. Lea - organist
Sister M. Jolanta
Sister M. Leocadia
Sister M. Josephine - organist & ~~teacher~~ teacher
Sister M. Hedwigis - organist & teacher
Sister M. Andrew

Pupils in school		
Sister M. Emmerentia	1919 - 62	1940 - 75
Sister M. Casimir	1920 - 110	1941 - 78
Sister M. Catherine	1921 -	1946 - 79
Sister M. Marilyn (1924)	1927 - 100	1947 - 90
Sister M. Laurentia	1932 - 90	1949 - 101
Sister M. Leon	1937 - 114	
Sister M. Elma		
Sister M. Joel		

Also a 50th Anniv. booklet, Ch. of St. Joseph, Silver Lake

Nov. 26, 1946 (printed by Wanderer Printing)

For W. J. Jiracek, pastor

on Roll 21 M260 [not reproduced here]

Copied by Fr. Effack 6-8-99