

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 1919-2019

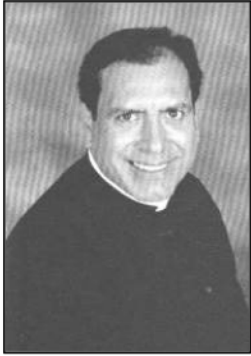


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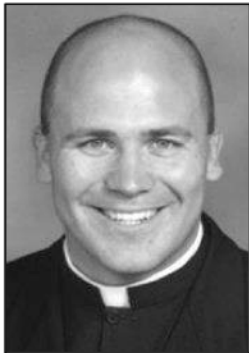
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Remember - Rejoice - Renew

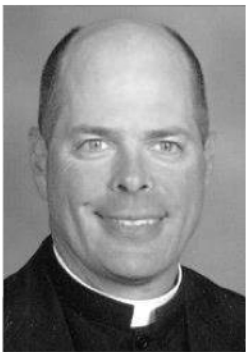
In 2019, St. Anne Parish celebrates the 100-year anniversary of its founding. The theme for the celebration, which started on April 15, 2018, with a kick-off Mass at 3:00 p.m. in the church, is REMEMBER – REJOICE – RENEW. The final event will be a Mass with the Bishop in attendance on July 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the renovated St. Anne Parish Church. This will be followed by a reception and luncheon in Cleary Hall with a display of historical memorabilia.



Father Fredi Gomez-Torres initiated our Parish Centennial Celebration in early 2017.



Father Antonio Dittmer guided the planning and execution of our celebration from mid-2017 to mid-2019.



Father James Pallardy oversaw the completion of our celebration in 2019.

The Centennial of St. Anne’s Parish is a momentous event in the life of its members. Our 100th Anniversary Celebration is a significant event in the history of our parish as we together “Remember, Rejoice, and Renew”.

We remember the thousands of people, who have been baptized here and celebrated their sacraments. Those couples who began the faith journey of sacramental marriage, as many as sixty years ago and more, have fond memories of that sacred moment when they pledged their lives in love in this sanctuary. St. Anne’s Church has been a source of comfort and compassion to untold numbers, who have come to pray at a funeral Mass for a person they loved. A parish touches so many people. Some of our parishioners have lived their entire lives here, as many as eighty years, and have experienced so many changes and remained so supportive through it all. Our parish has been so blessed with so many faith-filled parishioners, who have clearly demonstrated their love for this parish with their stewardship of their time, talent, and treasure.

As your new pastor, I rejoice with much gratitude for the many people, such as, the Centennial Committee, who have exhibited their love for their parish with all their hard and good work. I am also indebted to your former Pastors, Fr. Fredi Gomez-Torres and Fr. Antonio Dittmer, who were instrumental in initiating and guiding the plans for St. Anne’s Church restoration.

As our parish celebrates its 100th Anniversary, let’s all renew our love for our Catholic heritage by praying to our Lord Jesus Christ for His divine protection in all that we do to build up His kingdom here on earth.

May God Bless you always!

Peace,

Fr. James G. Pallardy

This booklet will REMEMBER parish history, REJOICE in people and parish achievements, and describe changes to RENEW our parish for the future.

REMEMBER

A growing population and diverse languages played a large part in creating St. Anne Parish in East Moline, Illinois. St. Mary's Church on 13th Street, East Moline was considered the Belgian parish with Flemish sermons, which were not understood by many parishioners. In recognition of this problem, Father P. J. Barry, pastor of St. John Church in Rapid City, took a survey of the area population. Of the 500 Catholic families in the area, 200 were "American speaking". So, an ethnically diverse parish was proposed.

Before Father Barry could proceed, the Peoria Diocese sent Father William Cleary to start the new parish. In a letter to the Bishop, businessmen and parishioners objected to the change of priests, but Father Cleary won over the community and proceeded to build Holy Name Parish on 6th Street and 17th Avenue, East Moline. It is unclear when the name was changed to St. Anne Parish but it was early, as newspaper clippings show both names used in 1919. Patrick Cleary, Father Cleary's nephew, has stated: "The name of the parish could have been the personal choice of Father Cleary. At St. Anne, Illinois, a few miles south of Momence (Father's birthplace), was the church and shrine of St. Anne to which were attributed several miracles. Father Cleary's parents were deeply devoted to the shrine."

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, 1919.

Sunday, April 6.
HOLY-NAME CHURCH
 (Catholic)
 East Moline.
 Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m.
 Will be celebrated in the Lyric Theater, 7th street, between 10th and 11th avenues, East Moline.
 Rev. J. J. Barry, Pastor.

COMMITTEE WILL CALL ON BISHOP

Holy Name Parish Will Send Delegates to Peoria to Ask for Barry.

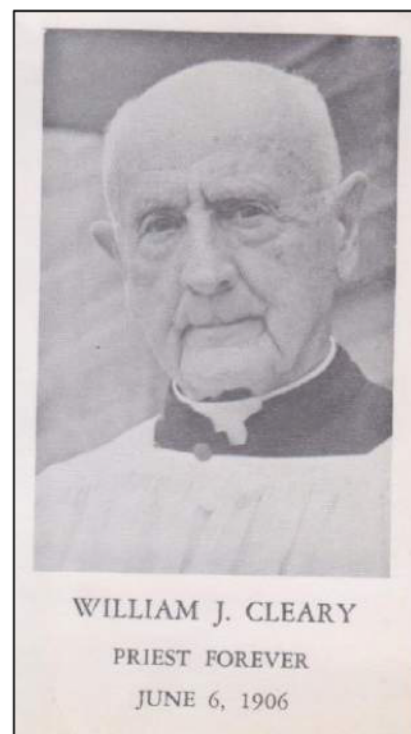
Dispatch Special Service:
 East Moline, May 10.—A committee representing the parishioners of the Holy Name Catholic church of East Moline will be sent to Peoria to protest to Bishop Dunne against the transfer of the Rev. P. J. Barry, and to appeal to the head of the diocese to reconsider his action if it is not already too late.

The petition, voicing dissatisfaction with the announcement that Father Barry is not to continue as rector, has been circulated by leaders, and contains scores of names, not only of members of the parish, but of Protestants, who are interested in Father Barry's work in the city.

Since the sudden and wholly unexpected action of the bishop, about a week ago, there has been no additional information given to the parish relative to the situation. It is probable that the transfer of Father Barry is but one of a large number, involving all, and for this reason it may be impossible to secure his return, in the opinion of one member.

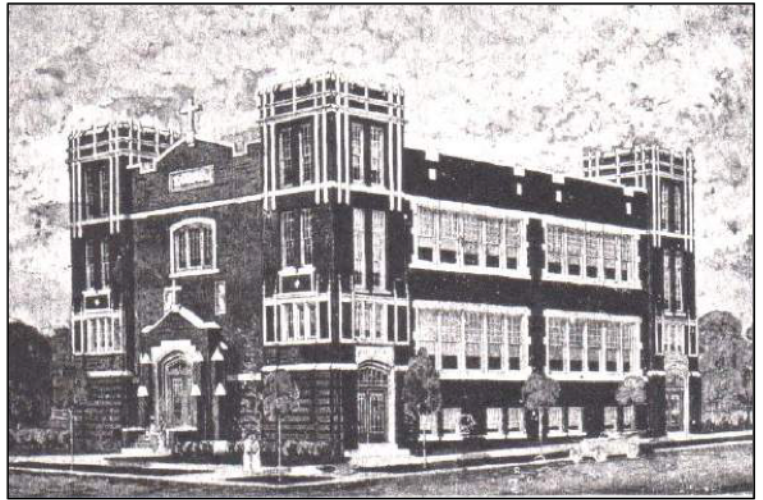
E. M. Heide, chairman of the church organization, intimated today that he would go to Peoria tomorrow to deliver the petition, and arrange for a conference between the committee and Bishop Dunne, head of the diocese, who is at present in New York.

Several days ago the Rev. William Cleary of Mendota, Ill., appeared in East Moline with a letter from the bishop, designating him pastor of the parish. The Barry petition is in no way a reflection against Father Cleary.





Lyric Theater



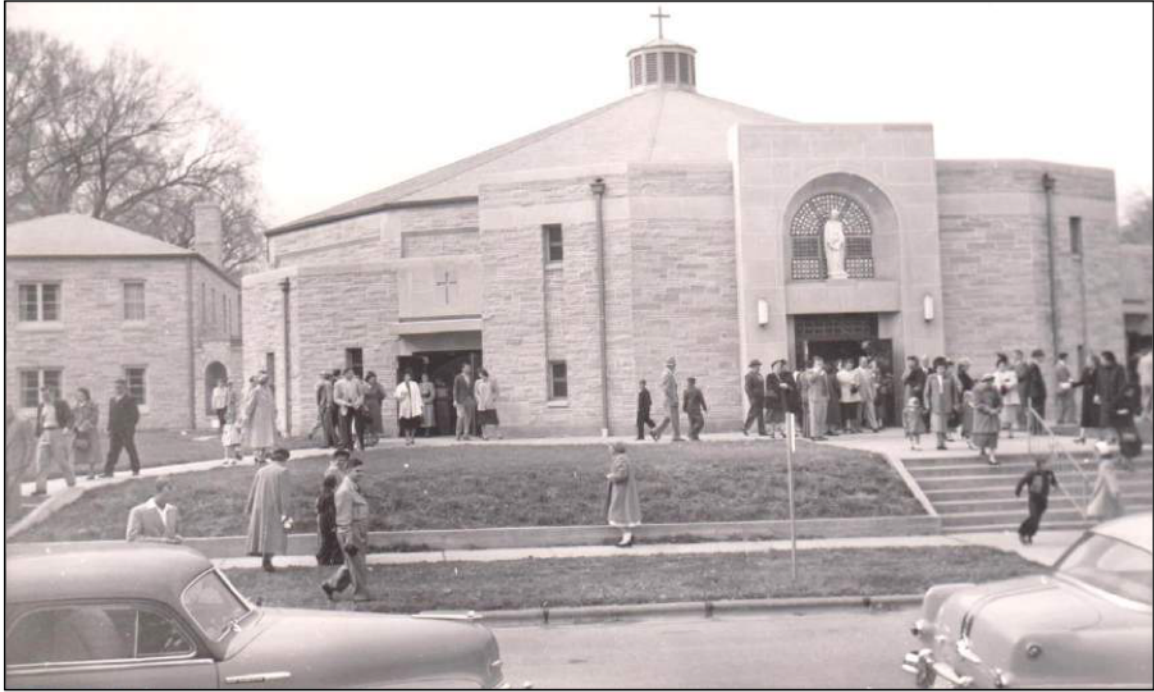
Church / School Building



Church Interior

Since there was no church building yet, the first Mass was held in the Lyric Theater on 7th Street between 15th and 16th Avenues on the Third Sunday of March, 1919. In the meantime, Father Cleary arranged with the Gumber Brothers to undertake building a church/school combination on a week-to-week basis, depending on the Sunday collection. Finally, in the fall of 1920, services were held on the first floor of the half-completed building.

In 1919, Father Cleary sent a letter to the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary inviting them to come and teach at the school. Five BVM Sisters came in 1925 to teach 122 students. Soon eight classrooms were needed and the basement was utilized as a church, basketball court, parish hall, and teen dance area.



Since six masses in the school basement each Sunday were hardly sufficient to care for the growing population, a new church building became imperative. A fund was started prior to World War II, but the war halted any attempts to build. Also, a multiple-parish Catholic High School (Alleman) was instituted in 1949 which assessed St. Anne Parish \$93,000. Finally, in March of 1951, construction began on the present-day church and rectory. Mass was first celebrated in the new church on Easter Sunday, 1952.



First Communion – May, 1961

Other buildings have since been added to the St. Anne Parish complex. In 1959, a four-classroom school annex was added. In 1963, the parish hall and gym, now known as Cleary Hall, was opened. Additional meeting rooms and storage were added to Cleary Hall in 1999 along with reconfiguring the locker rooms, bathrooms, and kitchen. In 2018, the Cleary Hall kitchen was refurbished with new cabinets, countertops, dishwasher, and sink.



First Grade in the School Annex - 1968



Father Cleary and custodians Barbara Drefchenski and Tom Norton - 1969



Construction of Cleary Hall - 1963



The BVM Sisters had been living in both the old Lutheran rectory and a house next door but had outgrown them. A new convent was built on this same site. For over a year the sisters lived in the basement of the school, which was converted to a temporary home for them, before their new home was ready for occupancy in June of 1967. In 2005, the convent was converted to classrooms as part of the consolidation of St. Mary and St. Anne Schools into one school with the new name of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy.

REJOICE

The parish started with 200 parishioners. Today, there are 520 parishioners. The parish currently has no debt but is in need of more revenue to fund parish and school expenses. As of 2018, there have been 6,054 baptisms, 1,938 weddings, and 2,692 funerals.

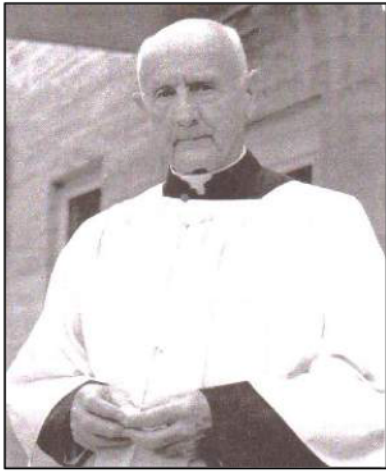
St. Anne School's enrollment in 1925 was 122 students. Today, there are 160. St. Anne School's largest enrollment was 509 students in 1961-62. The largest graduating class was 65 students in 1963-64. There are 2,610 graduates from 1926 through 2019, combining students before and after the consolidation. Principals for St. Anne School were BVM Sisters until 1978 when the first lay principal was hired. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy's motto is 'Enter to Learn, Exit to Serve'.

Over one hundred Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) have served the parish and school. They were here from 1925 to 2005 – eighty years. Three Sisters from the Congregation of the Humility of Mary served in the 1980s. One Sister from the Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery is serving as a teacher now in 2019.



Sisters Celebrate with Father Cleary on His 85th Birthday in 1965.

There have been 15 pastors and 16 assistants/parochial vicars assigned to the parish. The most recent pastor is Father James Pallardy. St. Anne Parish's first priest, Father William Cleary, was pastor for 50 years and remained in the parish another 3 years after retirement. In 1977, he was laid to rest in a grave on the parish grounds. Father Robert D. O'Connor held the pastor position for the next longest time - 14 years.



Father William Cleary – Pastor of St. Anne's for 50 years.

<u>Pastors / Co-Pastors:</u>	
1919 – 1972	Rev. William Cleary
1967 – 1972	Rev. John F. O' Connor
1972 – 1972	Rev. Edward J. Bawiec
1972 – 1978	Rev. Michael T. VanRaes
1976 – 1978	Rev. J. W. Anderson
1978 – 1983	Rev. J. Richard Fagan
1978 – 1979	Rev. Francis J. Ryan
1983 – 1988	Rev. Albert W. Hallin
1988 – 2003	Rev. Robert D. O'Connor
2003 – 2008	Rev. James K. Ramer
2008 – 2011	Rev. Keith A. Walder
2011 – 2014	Rev. Gregory J. Jozefiak
2014 – 2017	Rev. Fredi Gomez-Torres
2017 – 2019	Rev. Antonio Dittmer
2019 – Present	Rev. James Pallardy

<u>Assistants / Parochial Vicars:</u>	
1946 – 1953	Rev. Joseph Wolvers
1953 – 1957	Rev. Cornelius J. Hollerich
1956 – 1957	Rev. Stanley Malinowski
1957 – 1959	Rev. Arthur F. Bray
1957 – 1966	Rev. Robert F. Gilles
1959 – 1961	Rev. Christopher G. Schramm
1961 – 1967	Rev. Raymond C. Weimer
1966 – 1968	Rev. Denis T. MacKessy
1968 – 1974	Rev. George W. Dorsey
1975 – 1976	Rev. Lawrence Sepich
1979 – 1985	Rev. David Heinz
1985 – 1986	Rev. Rick Oberich
2014 – 2016	Rev. Chase Hilgenbrinck
2016 – 2017	Rev. Deo Gratias
2017 – 2017	Rev. Anthony Bernas
2018 – 2019	Rev. James Pallardy

<u>Deacon:</u>	
2002 – 2018	Deacon James Briggs



Father Robert O'Connor – Pastor of St. Anne's for 14 years.

Vocations from St. Anne Parish include 9 Priests, 11 Sisters, and 2 Deacons.

Vocations to the Priesthood:

Rev. Raymond Lassuy
Rev. Carl Schulte
Rev. Ralph W. Aldrich
Rev. John W. Niemeyer
Rev. John Van Wiel
Rev. Duane Jack
Rev. Thomas Mizeur
Rev. Bruce Lopez
Rev. Richard Soseman

Vocations to the Diaconate:

Deacon Tim Granet
Deacon James Briggs

Vocations to the Sisterhood:

Sister Mary Anne Phelps
Sister Janet McGonigle
Sister Margo McIntosh
Sister Mary L. Hynd
Sister Theresa Odendahl
Sister Loretta Marie Dilulio
Sister Ester Lerch
Sister Pierre (Rosemary Aldrich)
Sister Marie Canfield
Sister Paula Helenthal
Sister Mary Core

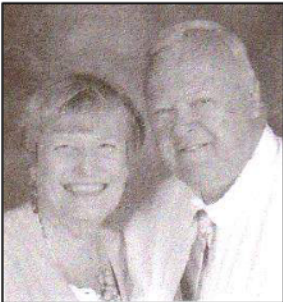
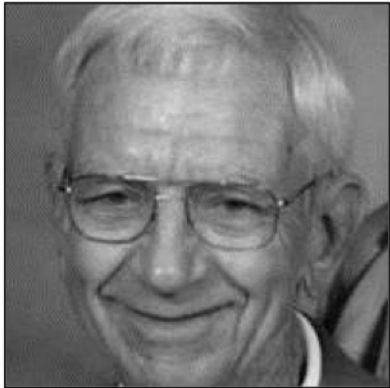
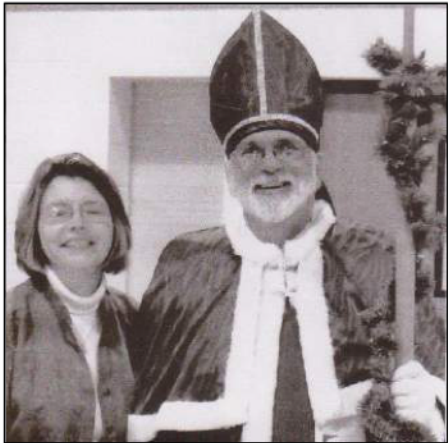
RENEW

St. Anne Parish today has over 30 service organizations including: Worship and Prayer, Bingo, CCD, Youth Group, Homebound Communion, WINGS (Women IN God's Service), Prayer Chain, Basement to Attic Sale, Adult Religious Education, Men's Group, Cinco de Mayo, Funeral Luncheons, Prayer Shawl, Knights of Columbus, Foresters, Card Ministry, and Gardening Club.

Spiritually, the parish sponsored a Day of Reflection on June 8, 2019. The guest speaker was Gus Lloyd, a popular radio show host on The Catholic Channel. On July 28, 2019, the '100 days of Prayers, Quotes, and Proverbs' booklet will be completed. An 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass has recently been added to our weekend schedule, which includes a 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and a 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

St. Anne Church has had five sanctuary styles since 1952. The original Pentecostal mural was replaced with a red cloth in the 1970s. Then, a gold theme was followed in 1988 by the wood backgrounds which lasted until January of 2019. The last renovation is being completed at present. As of May 2019, the re-designed sanctuary is completed, painting and carpeting are done, dome lighting is finished, the organ has been serviced, and the sound system installed. See the back cover! As additional funds are donated, the vestibule will be painted, the choir loft refurbished, the sacristy floor replaced, and altar chairs recovered.

It has been said, "Father Cleary was and is forever St. Anne Parish."
So, too, every priest, sister and parishioner of St. Anne's throughout the past 100
years has left their mark to enable us to celebrate our Parish Centennial in 2019.



Without our Parish Historian,
Joe Roels, the information in
this booklet would not be
available. Thank you, Joe!

Remodeled Saint Anne Church – Celebrating Our Parish Centennial – 2019

