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R-037 also included a set of cemetery records for St. Kilian Parish, St. Kilian, WI. They are to be found in the Cemetery Data Base.

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The Church History of St. Kilian

1955 The last year for the surplus on the pews. Every family paid a rent on a pew. The back pews cost the most going to the highest bidder.

1960 This is the year we started regular church dues. \$104 for couples and \$52 for singles. Before that we paid by the amount of land that a person owned.

Father John Reichel died on April 4 1964. He would have been a priest 50 years on June 21, 1964. He spent 43 years and 4 months as Pastor of St. Kilian.

Father Anthony Zukaitis came April 18, 1964. He remained with us until his death on January 12, 1971.

In 1964 Father Zukaitis started our CYO with the first officers being David Felix and Mary Amerling presidents Karen Bonlender secretary and Steve Weiland treasurer.

In October Father Reichel monument was put in place.

On April 11, 1965 we had our first English Mass. But it was on April 3, 1966 that we used it all the time.

On June 10, 1965 Sister Clarentia celebrated her Golden Jubilee at St. Kilian. She had taught 5 years here.

In March 1966 a plaque was put in the school hall now to be known as Father Reichel hall.

On July 13, 1966 they started to redecorate the church by removing one of the stairways to the choir. On July 19 the altars and pews were removed. Mass was said in Father Reichel's hall until September 25 by which time most of the decorating was finished.

The High altar was replaced with a Rerdos on which is a 14ft. black cross, on the cross hangs a 6ft. image of the crucified glorious Christ the King. This along with the stations was put in place in November.

The old altar was replaced with a marble one donated by Father Trost. The supporting base was a gift from John Kleinhans.

The confessional was replaced with a new double one.

Carpeting was installed on the altar down the aisles even in the back of church. Under the pews was tiled.

The statues have been bronzed and placed on simple pedestals.

In September we had 4 classrooms upstairs and one in the basement. We also were able to have 4 Sisters to teach in these rooms.

April 1967 the 100th anniversary of our Sisters at St. Kilian. They celebrated with a Solemn High Mass at 11:00 a.m. and a party in Father Reichel's hall.

September found us with our first lay teacher Mrs. Mildred Johnson. The children in the Campbellsport district were bussed. The children in the Kewaskum district had to wait until 1968.

The 13 first and second graders from St. Martin's joined us. The rest of the children from St. Martin's came in 1968.

In November Father Zukaitis had open heart surgery.

Mrs. Eunice Beitsch and Rose Felix took over the sacristy work which up to now had been done by the Sisters.

The first home mass said by Father Zukaitis was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleischman in November 1969. We also had a Sun. with Latin Masses. (an experiment) The Masses have lost the appeal of the people.

Father Edgar F. Braun became our pastor February 16, 1971. He remained with us until November 1, 1972.

In July 1971 the stone in memory of Father Zukaitis was erected.

Our school closed May 1972. The last graduating class included, Jane and Jean Bonlender, Randy Schrauth, John Strachota, Kathy Stoffel, Mary Lou Fell, David Flasch, Jack Kern, Debbie Schmitt, Joan Ruplinger, Don Weisner, Jim Weiland and Mike Dreikosen.

In September 1972 our children went to St. Matthew's in Campbellsport.

October 1972 was the last year for our chicken dinner.

Father Adrian Trost came December 1, 1972. He officially became our pastor on December 17, 1972.

Between November 1st, and December 1st Father Joe Hornacek said mass for us every Sunday.

We had an auction to get rid of the things in the convent and from the school which we no longer needed. This was in March 1973. The convent was the rented out in May to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Danielson.

Our first graduates from St. Matthew's were Paulette Flashch and Lisa Bong. In May 1973 we had our first guitar mass on December 9th 1974. The music was provided by Tony Jaster and his friends.

Father Trost celebrated his 40th year as a priest on Sunday June 15th 1975. He started the celebration with a 3:00 p.m. Mass of Jubilee. Following the mass the blessing of the entrance to our cemetery, which has been dedicated to Father Zukaitis took place. After this the entire parish as were Father's priests friends invited to Father Reichel's hall for a good time.

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Explanatory Remarks:

0000 = No Year

NG = Not Given

Religious Vocations

Entered the Order of St. Agnes

Sister M. Scholastica professed 1863 Died 1904.

Margaret Klug Sister M. Gabriel professed 1874 Died 1925.

Mary Klug (by mistake listed as Sr. Charitas in centennial book)

Sister M. Barbara professed 1867 Died 1916.

Eva Lischka 4 of the 10 children of Frank J. and Margaret Schrauth Simon entered the religious life.

Sister M Thecla C.S. A. once known as Sr. Alphonsus professed her vows

August 15, 1936. She is a teacher and librarian.

Sister M. Angelica (Cyrilla) professed her vows August 15, 1950. She is a practical nurse and homemaker.

Sister M. Ambrose (Roseann) professed her vows August 15, 1949. She is a teacher.

Their brother Rev. Ambrose OFM Cap. was ordained August 23, 1950. He said his first Mass August 27, 1950 at St. Kilian. He is missionary to the diocese of Bluefields, Nicaragua since 1951.

On August 3, 1975 they celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Ambrose, Sr. Angelica, and the 26th year of Sr. Ambrose. They started the celebration with a 2:00 p.m. Mass at St. Kilian with an open house following in Father Reichel's hall.

Sister M. Raphael, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleischman made her first profession of vows August 14, 1966 at St. Agnes Convent.

Order of St. Francis St. Louis

Sister M. Conradine worked at St. Joseph Hospital
Genevieve Flasch professed 1914 Died November 1954

Order of Notre Dame

Sister M. Benno Lucille Flasch professed 1927 Died Early 1930's.
She had been a teacher.

Sister M. Leandra professed 1927 Died July 1967
Apollonia Flasch (She was a teacher)

Sister M. Judith (now Sr. Frances) professed 1938 Frances Flasch
She was a teacher now is a switchboard operator at Elm Grove.

Sister M. Paul Vincent professed 1948 Audrey Straub
She is a principal at Holy Angel's West Bend

Rev. Father Carrol Straub was ordained May 31, 1958. He said his first Mass at St. Kilian's on June 1, 1958.

Rev. Peter Flasch died. Buried Holy Cross Cemetery Milwaukee

Father Adrian Trost arrived December 1, 1972 and left September 20, 1976. On June 15, 1975 Father Trost celebrated his 40th Anniversary as a priest.

Father Arthur Kulinski arrived September 20, 1976 and left August 26, 1979.

Father Ron Kotecki from September 2, 1979 until October 1979

Father Joseph McDonald arrived October 15, 1979 and left November 1, 1981.

Had our first Polka Mass on August 15, 1980. It was attended by about 600 people.
A dance followed in the school hall.

A farewell party was held for Fr. McDonald on October 11, 1981 after the 10 a.m. mass. The choir from St. Thomas Aquinus Kenosha sang for the mass.

Father Raymond Adamsky arrived November 1, 1981 and left July 1, 1986.

In the fall of 1982 our students not attending St. Matthew's school began receiving their religious instructions at St. Martin's Asford.

St. Kilian started renew with Lent 1983 with one morning group. As of June 1983 there are two Picnic Shelter Huts on the church grounds. On June 11, 1983 Fr. Adamsky celebrated 25 years as a priest. There was a mass followed by a pot luck supper. Fr. Carroll Straub (priest son of the parish) was also honored for his 25 years in the priesthood.

Father Richard Fechhelm arrived July 1, 1986 and left NG.

Father Victor Kemmer became our associate pastor on July 1, 1986 until his retirement in June 1987. Father Kemmer continues to serve the spiritual needs of the parish after his retirement.

On Easter Sunday 1987 we again began using the Pipe Organ.

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Marriages of more than 50 years

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Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Peter	November 1945	69 years	
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hurth	August 1969	61 years	
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kohler	February 1949	60 years	
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Beisbier	September 1970	57 years	
Mr. and Mrs. Joesph Mayer	October 1971	53 years	
Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wondra	October 1975	52 years	(still celebrating)
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Volm	June 1976	51 years	(still celebrating)
Mr. and Mrs. Art Weiland	November 1975	50 years	(still celebrating)
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Weiland	February 1941	52 years	

