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Church of our Lady of Immaculate Conception
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Dedicated October 2, 1966
PRAYER

O my God, as you have come to me when your Divine Son became Man, so I have come to you to be your child, when I was baptized.

You give yourself daily to me in our parish church. There I can come and be very close to you.

Help us to build a new church that will be truly worthy of your holiness, of your goodness, and of our love for you.

There, we pray, may our faith become stronger each year, and our hearts more devoted each time we will kneel before you. There we shall come to pray before your divine presence, knowing that the church is your house and our house, your tabernacle and our tabernacle, where you meet us and we meet you, where you give yourself to us, and we can give ourselves and our gifts to you. Truly, as members of your Mystical Body, O Jesus, you give us the privilege of being with you in your church and in your tabernacle, by day and by night. There we are really united mystically to you and to all other members of your Mystical Body. Help us, then, O God, to build this church with generous hearts and grateful wills, giving our best gifts to you. Lead us to sacrifice for you, as you have sacrificed for us upon the blood-stained Cross. Amen

By James E. Sherman

Imprimatur:

PAUL F. LEIBOLD, D.D.
Vicar General
Cincinnati, Feb. 4, 1963
Our Lady of Bel-Mont

The title, Our Lady of Bel-Mont, means "Our Lady of the Beautiful Hill or Mountain." Mary stands upon the Mount of Heaven to bestow upon us the graces won by Christ her Son upon the Cross. She prays for us and obtains His blessing for us. At the Shrine, besides the statue of Mary, are eight other figures, all carved of solid marble, at Pietra Santa, Italy. The figure of Mary shows her standing upon a cloud, having at her feet the moon. She is clothed in a queenly robe, and wears a crown upon her head. Her hands are extended to receive us. At her right side are figures of St. Joseph, her chaste spouse, and her holy parents, Sts. Ann and Joachim. At her left are figures of Pope Pius IX, who defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, St. Bernadette Soubirous, to whom Mary declared at Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception," and Pope Pius XII, who both defined the doctrines of the Assumption of Mary and established the Feast of her Universal Queenship. In the foreground are statues of St. Michael, Archangel, who defended Mary's honor against the attack of Satan (Apoc.12), and of St. Gabriel, Archangel, who brought to Mary (Luke 2) God's Message, that she was to become the Mother of the Savior.

To the right of the Shrine is a box for Petitions and Acknowledgement of Favors.
The purpose of this book is to give a synoptic view of the events of the parish of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Ohio, during the first twenty-eight years of its existence.

We have thought that pictures often speak better than words. In many of the pictures the faces of some are absent because it was not possible to find a time when all could be present for the work of the photographer. To those not included we present our sincere apology, as well as to those whose work for the parish may not be adequately represented in this book by our oversight.

In presenting the pictures of those who embraced the priesthood or religious life we have limited our presentation to those who attended our parish school, or whose parents now live in the parish, where such parents chose to present us with pictures of their children. No doubt we have missed some, however, and again our apology.

The occasion of the publication of this book is, of course, the completion and dedication of our new church and rectory. We are deeply indebted to His Grace, the Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, D.D., LL.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, for officiating at the dedication, and to him as well as to the Most Reverend Edward A. McCarthy, S.T.D., J.C.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, for their great interest and assistance in our building program, as well as to the former Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, the Most Reverend Paul F. Leibold, J.C.D., now Bishop of Evansville, Indiana, for his assistance and advice, and for blessing and laying the cornerstone.

Recognition must also be given to Olan Mills Studio of Springfield, Ohio, for producing this book for us; to Mrs. Helen Sableski and Mrs. Maxine DeBrower for their assistance in directing the preparation of the family photos; to Fathers Daniel D. McKenzie and John J. Kaising, parish assistants, for editorial work contributed, and to the Sisters of Notre Dame and Rev. James Bartholomew, S.M., and many others, for their help in gathering historical material.
POPE PAUL VI
MOST REVEREND KARL J. ALTER, D. D. LL. D.
Archbishop of Cincinnati
August 1, 1966

Right Rev. Msgr. James E. Sherman
Immaculate Conception Church
2340 S. Smithville Road
Dayton, Ohio 45420

Dear Monsignor Sherman:

On this joyous and momentous occasion when the new Immaculate Conception Church is dedicated to the glory of God, to the honor of Our Lady, and for the salvation of souls, I send my cordial congratulations and blessing to you, to Fathers McKenzie and Kaising, to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, and to all the devoted members of Immaculate Conception Parish.

This church tells in stone and in brick and in the beauty of its appointments of the faith and devotion and the love and generous spirit of cooperation of the priests and people of the parish. Generations yet unborn will mark the anniversaries of this day of dedication with profound gratitude to you for having provided this magnificent house of worship.

The completion of the church marks the completion of the parish building program. The parish now has an excellent church, school, convent, and rectory, all of which has been realized in less than thirty years - a marvelous achievement. I look forward with pleasure to celebrating pontifical functions here on occasion.

May the Good Lord reward you and all of the parish abundantly, and may this new parish church, where the Divine Lord is present in the Eucharist and in liturgical services, in His word as it is preached from the pulpit, and among the holy people gathered together in His name, be ever a rich source of growth and holiness.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Cincinnati
MOST REVEREND EDWARD A. McCARTHY, S. T. D., J. C. D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati
August 1, 1966

Right Rev. Msgr. James E. Sherman
Immaculate Conception Church
2340 Smithville Road
Dayton, Ohio 45420

Dear Monsignor Sherman,

I share with you and the Priests and Sisters and devoted members of the Parish the joy of this memorable occasion when the years of sacrifice and planning, of dreaming and of worrying, have now borne fruit in the form of your marvelous new parish church.

As you and your people begin to worship in this new edifice I am sure you are all aware that, beautiful as this material edifice is, its true value will be measured by the spiritual beauty and holiness of the congregation it shelters. Its purpose is to serve the continual building up of that nobler "church" made up of living stones - the Faithful who come as one body to worship here, to be holy people pleasing to God.

Here at the baptistry new members will be constantly introduced into this spiritual edifice of living stones. At the altar they will receive Eucharistic nourishment. As they hear the word of God preached from the ambo, they will grow in knowledge and in love. In these confessionals they will be restored to the spiritual communion with God and with one another, from which they may have been alienated by sin. Here the sacramental graces of matrimony will bless the creation of new families and new members of the holy body. From here, when death separates them from this earthly parish community, at funeral services the angels will lead them to paradise and the communion of saints in heaven.

May this building, made holy by the dedication ceremonies today, ever serve the nobler purpose of consecrating to Almighty God and to the love of each other the people who worship here.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati
RT. REV. MSGR. JAMES E. SHERMAN, S. T. D.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Edward Sherman was born September 1, 1906 in Fort Loramie, Ohio, of William J. and Frances M. (Schmuecker) Sherman. He attended elementary school at Fort Loramie public school. His high school training was received at Holy Angels High School, Sidney, and the University of Dayton High School. The first two years of his college training were taken at the University of Dayton. He then entered St. Gregory's Seminary in Cincinnati to complete his college education. Theological studies were taken at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, and the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree by the University of Dayton in 1928 and a Doctorate in Sacred Theology by the University of Fribourg in 1934. Father Sherman was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Urban J. Vehr of Denver, Colorado in St. Mary's Church, Dayton, Ohio on July 5, 1931. His was the first ordination to the priesthood in the city of Dayton. After returning from Switzerland, he was appointed to be an instructor of philosophy at St. Gregory’s Seminary. In 1935 he was appointed an instructor of fundamental Dogmatic Theology and Catechetics at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio. During the school year of 1936 he again returned to St. Gregory’s Seminary where he remained until 1948. While at St. Gregory’s, he was appointed professor of Philosophy at Our Lady of Cincinnati College, where he organized the Department of Philosophy. He remained there on the faculty until 1949. In 1948 Father was installed as chaplain of the Fontbonne. He remained there until January of 1949 when he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, 13th and Clay Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio. On June 15, 1956 he was installed as pastor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church, Dayton, Ohio. On March 22, 1966 Father Sherman was honored by Pope Paul VI by being named Domestic Prelate with the title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor.

During his priestly career, Father Sherman has served the Archdiocese in many capacities. While assigned to the Seminary, he served as a weekend assistant at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Dayton, Ohio, from 1937 to 1948. He also assisted on Sunday at many other parishes in the Archdiocese and gave missions in various parishes. Since 1950 he has served as a judge of the Archdiocesan Matrimonial Tribunal. In 1955 he organized and was the first director of the Confraternity of Suffering and Prayer at the request of Archbishop Alter.

Monsignor Sherman has published several books and pamphlets, among them are: The Nature of Martyrdom, The Litany for Catholic Parents, Queenship of Mary, and Five Assorted Hymns.

As he begins his 36th year of priestly service we wish him God's choicest blessings.
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary into Heaven, August 15, 1966

My dear Parishioners:

Soon we shall celebrate the day of the dedication of our new church. This will be an occasion for all of us to rejoice together.

Our joy shall not only be in the fact that we will then possess the added comfort and facilities provided by this new church, but rather that we have been able to build a worthy dwelling place for God amongst us. We, as members of Christ's Mystical Body, are joined to Him, and therefore this will truly be our house as well as God's, where God will live with us and we will dwell with Him. We must, therefore, always think of our new church as our home, where we of this parish can gather together and live with God as one great family.

The bells that will ring out on dedication day will announce our joy to all. Our joy will not only be in our material accomplishment, but in the spiritual progress of the parish in the past twenty-eight years of its existence as a parish. We shall rejoice in the many souls that have been sanctified under Mary's protective care in this parish. Note also in particular the great number of religious vocations. Rejoice also in the prayerful sacrifices that you have made so willingly in your loyal support of the parish in all its endeavors, both spiritual as well as material.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Bel-Mont, which was built in 1958 at great sacrifice on the part of many, has truly become "a beautiful mountain" of grace and blessing for all of us. Having given Mary this gift, we have received from her in return countless graces and spiritual blessings, as well as material gifts, among which we now count our 8-room school addition, our convent, our new rectory and new church - all in the space of less than ten years. Be ever faithful to Mary and you will never want. I hope that as your pastor I may be able to leave you just this one spiritual legacy - love for Mary. If you keep this love ever, you shall always be loved by Christ, Mary's Divine Son, and you shall always be blessed in the parish of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

James E. Sherman
Pastor
REV. DANIEL D. MCKENZIE

Father McKenzie was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 15, 1937 of John D. McKenzie and Ellen F. (Iliff) McKenzie. He attended St. Patrick's Grade School in Cincinnati, and St. Francis deSales Latin School. After Latin School, he entered St. Gregory's Seminary where he completed his high school and first two years of his college training. In 1956 Father McKenzie entered The Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio. He was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, on May 26, 1962. He was appointed to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church on June 11, 1962.

REV. JOHN J. KAISING

Father Kaising was born in Cincinnati Ohio, March 3, 1936 of John J. Kaising and Marie J. (Jennings) Kaising. He attended St. Williams Grade School and Elder High School in Cincinnati. He entered St. Gregory's Seminary in 1954. In 1957 he entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, and was ordained a priest December 22, 1962. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and a Master of Education from Xavier University. He was assigned to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and to Archbishop Alter High School on June 3, 1963.

FATHER JAMES W. BARTHOLOMEW

Sunday Assistant since 1950
THOSE WHO SERVED

REV. JOHN RAUSCHER, S.M.
Founding Pastor 1938 - 1956

ASSISTANTS

REV. JOSEPH SHERRY, S.M.
Assistant Pastor 1938 - 1939

REV. WILLIAM HOBMAN
Assistant Pastor 1939 - 1940

REV. FRANCIS LANGHIRT, S.M.
Assistant Pastor 1940 - 1946

REV. JOSEPH ALLISON
Assistant 1956 - 1961

REV. RONALD AVERBECK
Assistant 1961 - 1962

BROTHER EDMUND SCHMID, S.M.
Brother Assistant 1938 - 1946

SUNDAY ASSISTANTS

REV. EDWARD WEBER, S.M.
Sunday Assistant

REV. CHARLES PFEISINGER, S.M.
Sunday Assistant
OUR LADY OF

THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH

1938-1966
PARISH HISTORY


June 15, 1938 - Store building, formerly housing a bowling alley and smokery, was leased by the parish for a temporary church.

July 25, 1938 - Brother Edmund Schmid, S. M., was appointed to assist Father Rauscher in the care of the parish.

August 6, 1938 - The store building, having been remodeled, was blessed by The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Ertel, then pastor of Holy Family Church, Dayton.

August 7, 1938 - Father Rauscher offered the first Mass in the new church. One half of the building was used as the church, the other half was divided into a sacristy, rectory, and meeting room.

September 9, 1938 - Rev. Joseph Sherry, S. M., was appointed as the first assistant pastor.

May 31, 1939 - The temporary church building was purchased by the parish. Extensive remodeling took place immediately, converting the entire building into a church. A house at 2377 Smithville Road was purchased and served as a rectory.

June 8, 1939 - Ground was broken for Immaculate Conception School.

September 24, 1939 - Cornerstone of the new school was blessed by The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Ertel, Dean of the Dayton Deanery.

October 14, 1939 - Rev. William Hohman, S. M., replaced Father Sherry as the assistant pastor.

August 20, 1940 - Five Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur took up residence in Immaculate Conception Convent, 2340 Smithville Road, to comprise the teaching staff of the new school.

September 22, 1940 - Dedication of the first unit of Immaculate Conception School by the Most Rev. George Rehring, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati.

September 27, 1940 - Rev. Francis Langhirt, S. M., replaced Father Hohman as assistant pastor.

May 11, 1941 - First Communion was received for the first time in the parish. There were 28 first communicants.

November 23, 1941 - Confirmation was administered for the first time in the parish. There were 107 confirmed.
PARISH HISTORY (Cont.)

June 20, 1948 - Work was begun on an addition to the school.

January 4, 1949 - School addition put into use after many years of half-day sessions. Half-day sessions had to continue, but the crowded conditions were somewhat alleviated.

April 18, 1949 - Ground was broken for an eight room addition to the school.

September 6, 1950 - The new addition to the school was completed, and classes resumed with 20 rooms in use.

March, 1952 - Additions completed in the temporary church bringing the seating capacity from 370 to 850.

November, 1953 - The old convent building, a farmhouse originally built in 1840 and purchased by the parish in 1940, was remodeled to serve as the rectory.

June 16, 1955 - Immaculate Conception parish was divided. The parish had grown to 1700 families. About 450 families became members of the new Ascension parish, and about 50 families became members of the new St. Luke parish.

January 7, 1956 - Father Rauscher was appointed pastor of Emmanuel parish, Dayton. Father Langhirt became the administrator of Immaculate Conception parish.

June 15, 1956 - Rev. James. E. Sherman was installed as pastor of Immaculate Conception parish. Rev. Joseph C. Allison became assistant pastor, replacing Father Langhirt.

March 31, 1957 - Ground was broken for addition to the school.

March 31, 1957 - Remodeling of front of church, including relocating of doors at main entrance completed. This work was necessitated by the widening of Smithville Road.

November, 1957 - South wing of school completed, containing eight additional classrooms, a large auditorium, and other facilities.


June 13, 1959 - New convent blessed by Father Sherman and occupied by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

August 24, 1961 - Reverend Ronald Averbeck replaced Father Allison as the assistant pastor.

June 11, 1962 - Reverend Daniel D. McKenzie replaced Father Averbeck as the assistant pastor.
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<td>Final debt of parish paid.</td>
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<td>May 5, 1963</td>
<td>Drive conducted among parishioners to raise funds for the erection of a permanent church and rectory. Over $500,000 was pledged by parishioners to be given in addition to regular offerings over a three year period.</td>
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<td>May 8, 1963</td>
<td>Solemn Mass offered by Father Sherman to mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Father Rauscher and other priests who had served the parish over the years were present as guests.</td>
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<td>June 3, 1963</td>
<td>Reverend John J. Kaising was appointed as an additional assistant pastor.</td>
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<td>April 28, 1966</td>
<td>New rectory occupied by priests of parish.</td>
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<td>Cornerstone laid for new church by Most Rev. Paul F. Leibold, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati.</td>
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THE POOL HALL AND BOWLING ALLEY WAS REMODELED TO LOOK LIKE THIS

LATER ADDITIONS RESULTED IN THIS APPEARANCE OF THE CHURCH
FIRST RECTORY OF THE PARISH
2377 S. SMITHVILLE ROAD

FIRST PARISH COLLECTORS

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR FIRST PERMANENT BUILDING,
THE SCHOOL, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1939, BY FR. RAUSCHER

FIRST UNIT OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SCHOOL COMPLETED - SEPTEMBER 3, 1940

BISHOP REHRING BLESSING
THE NEW SCHOOL
THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - 1941

THE SCHOOL AFTER EXTENSIVE ADDITIONS WERE MADE

THIS BUILDING SERVED AS THE PARISH RECTORY FROM 1953 TO 1966

THE PRESENT SCHOOL BUILDING SHOWING THE WING WHICH WAS ADDED IN 1958
THE FIRST CONVENT, LATER TO BE REMODELED TO SERVE AS THE PARISH RECTORY

CONVENT FOR SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR - COMPLETED IN JUNE OF 1959

THE SISTERS' COMMUNITY ROOM

THE SISTERS' CHAPEL
DEDICATION OF SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF BEL-MONT AND BLESSING OF NEW SCHOOL WING BY ARCHBISHOP ALTER, MAY 18, 1958.

PROCESSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF BEL-MONT. One of five held during the summer.
OUR OLD CHURCH AS IT LOOKS TODAY. THE STATUES FROM THE NICHES ARE NOW INSTALLED AT THE NEW RECTORY.

THE MAIN ALTAR AND SANCTUARY OF THE OLD CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS IN THE OLD CHURCH
OUT OF THE OLD
AND INTO
THE NEW

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHURCH,
RECTORY AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BEGAN
JANUARY 31, 1965
GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR THE NEW CHURCH WERE HELD ON JANUARY 31, 1965. MSGR. KRUSLING, DEAN OF THE DAYTON DEANERY OFFICIATED.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE CEREMONY BY TURNING OVER A SPADE FULL OF GROUND:

Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Krusling
Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Sherman
Rev. Daniel McKenzie
Rev. John Kaising
Rev. James Bartholomew, S.M.
Mr. Robert Grannis
Mr. Dale Wood
Mr. Art McDonald
Mr. R. William Patterson
Mr. Leonard Hoying
Mr. Thomas Halpin
Mr. Archie Shearer
Mr. Carl Ware
Sister St. Augustine, S.N.D.
Mrs. Kay Knueven
Mr. Lee Sableski
Mr. Orville Grilliot
Mr. Al Magato
Mr. Thomas Lauer
Mrs. Frank David
Miss Onarina Stolfo
Mr. James Fisher

THE SPADE USED FOR THE CEREMONIES WAS PURCHASED BY THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY AT AUCTION FOR $200.00 TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE NEW CHURCH.
THE CHURCH TAKES SHAPE

IT'S ALMOST FINISHED
THE COMPLETED BELL TOWER STANDS 101 FEET ABOVE STREET LEVEL

THE NEW BELLS WERE BLESSED BY FATHER SHERMAN ON THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL, SEPTEMBER 29, 1965
There are three bells in the tower which were cast in Holland for The I. T. Verdin Co. of Cincinnati. The largest of the bells weighs 3300 pounds and is dedicated to St. Michael. The second largest bell weighs 1683 pounds and is dedicated to St. Gabriel. The smallest bell weighs 1000 pounds and is dedicated to St. Raphael.

The following inscription appears on one side of all the bells:

OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
DAYTON, OHIO IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1966

MOST REVEREND KARL JOSEPH ALTER, D.D., LL.D.,
ARCHBISHOP OF CINCINNATI
REVEREND JAMES EDWARD SHERMAN, S.T.D., A.B.,
PASTOR

The following inscriptions appear on the respective bells:

St. Michael:
I AM MICHAEL, THE VOICE OF GOD IN POWER,
I PRAISE THE TRUE GOD,
I CALL THE PEOPLE,
I GATHER THE CLERGY.

May Michael, the angel of peace, come from heaven into our homes, bringing fair peace with him and banishing wars to hell.

Christ, glory of the holy angels, Creator and Redeemer of mankind grant that we may ascend to heaven to live there with the blessed.

St. Gabriel:
I AM GABRIEL, THE VOICE OF GOD IN MAGNIFICENCE,
I LAMENT THE DEAD,
I SCATTER THE CLOUDS,
I ANNOUNCE THE HOLY DAYS.

May Gabriel, the angel of strength, come to banish our old enemies and to revisit the temples, dear to heaven, which Christ in triumph has placed in all parts of the world. May the Virgin, Queen of Peace and the Mother of Light, together with the holy company of Angels and the radiant court of heaven ever be our help and defense.

St. Raphael:
I AM RAPHAEL, THE VOICE OF GOD CASTING FIRE ON THE EARTH,
I HURRY THE LAGGARDS,
I SCATTER THE WINDS,
I PACIFY THE HOSTILE.

May Raphael, the Angel-physician of man's health, be with us to heal all that are sick and to guide all who are in doubt and uncertainty.

May the blessed God, whose glory resounds through all creation, Father, Son and likewise the Holy Spirit, grant us this, Amen.
The Most Reverend Paul Leibold, Bishop of Evansville, Indiana, former Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, blessed and laid the cornerstone for the new church on May 1, 1966.

The ceremony of cornerstone laying provided the first opportunity for the parishioners to view the interior of the unfinished church.

The cornerstone was carried into church in a solemn procession by Presidents of the Parish Societies.
THE WINDOWS

All windows were done by the Conrad Pickel Studio, New Berlin, Wisconsin. We have carefully avoided the creation of mere picture windows. The glass used in the church proper where the windows are not made of faceted glass, is good mouth-blown antique glass, most of which has been imported from Europe. The color in the glass is in the substance itself. While the mass of colorless glass is still in the molten state, various metallic ingredients, such as gold, cobalt, chromium, etc. are added to produce an endless number of colors. This method of staining or dyeing glass is the same as that used in the Middle Ages. For this reason, it is called antique glass or pot-metal glass, from the pot in which it is made. A lump of bubbling mass is caught up at one end of a blow pipe, blown into a cylinder, cut, flattened, and cooled. Its very imperfections are often a part of its glory.

THE MAIN NARTHEX

In faceted glass (also called chunk glass), set in apoxy, one sees depicted in six windows from left to right the work of the six days of Creation. These are abstract presentations.

First God created all things, and the waters of the earth and the sky were not separate and the earth was waste and void. Then God separated the light from the darkness, and there was day and there was night. This is shown in the first window.

The second window shows the work of the second day of creation, when God separated the waters of the firmament from the waters of the land.

The third day of creation is shown next: God created the sun and the moon.

The fourth day of creation is shown next: God created the trees and the plants. (Note a tree, flowers, grass).

The fifth day of creation is shown in the next panel: God created the fishes and the animals. (Here are shown two white doves, a white rabbit, two fishes, two other animal heads, and a large serpent).

The sixth day of creation concludes God's work with the creation of Adam and Eve. Their faces are shown pointed to each other; only the hand and foot of each is shown to complete the presentation.
SOUTH TRANSEPT

Reading from left to right we find portrayed the theme: Man returns to God. In the first panel on the left we find portrayed the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

The second, third, and fourth panels all show man's return to God. A Pope (bishop), priest, deacon, all vested, hold their hands to the Holy Spirit for grace, as do figures portraying people in all states of life. Especially in the last panel one sees an old man toddling to the grave, asking for grace; a mother holding her child to the Holy Spirit imploring grace for the child through baptism; a teenager holding her hands up and imploring grace also.

The ventilators below, in order show from left to right: The foundation of the church; the infallibility of the church as exercised by the Pope, and all the bishops; the offering of worship through the Mass (the harp and grape vine); and finally, prayer and penance - the oil lamp, the book of prayer.

NORTH TRANSEPT

Reading right to left, we see in four panels the theme: God comes to man. The first panel depicts the nativity scene; below are the crowns of the Magi, and the doves which Mary offered when she presented the child, Jesus, in the temple.

The second panel depicts Christ's Public Life - the Sermon on the Mount, and shows the multitudes that went out to hear Him. The ventilator below shows the birds of the air drinking from the Fountain of Life, for Christ called Himself the Fountain of Living Water.

The third panel depicts Christ's Death on the Cross when we were redeemed. The ventilator shows the instruments of His Passion.

The fourth and last panel shows Christ's Glorious Resurrection. Below one sees the Phoenix - or mythical bird which is a symbol of the Resurrection, as in Egyptian mythology it was said to rise from its own funeral ashes.
IN THE NAVE - SOUTH SIDE

Reading from right to left, in three panels, we see the Wedding Scene at Cana, where at Mary's request Christ changed water into wine. It is shown turning to wine as it is poured into the water jars. Beneath this panel the AVE and incense indicate we must offer our prayers to Mary.

The second panel shows Mary as the Sorrowful Mother, taking Christ into her arms as he was taken down from the Cross. Beneath it the pierced heart further portrays her as the Sorrowful Mother.

Finally, in the third panel Mary is shown as she is crowned Queen of the Universe. This is further indicated in the ventilator below which contains the sun, the moon, and all the heavenly bodies.

IN THE NAVE - NORTH SIDE

Reading from left to right, in three panels, we see first, the Presentation of Mary in the temple; second, the Annunciation scene; third, the Visitation. The ventilators beneath each panel carry out further what is depicted above. Below the Presentation we see the Star of David, and the Crowns of David, Saul, and Solomon, showing Mary is of Davidic line. Below the Annunciation, the Hand of God is shown from which the Power of the Most High comes upon Mary (shown as the Mystical Rose), joined in marriage to Joseph. Below the Visitation scene we see the Magnificat, Mary's Hymn at the Visitation, and John the Baptist's penitential banner, "Behold the Lamb of God."
FLANKING THE SANCTUARY - SOUTH SIDE

Christ is shown as He appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque at Paray-le-Monial in France. Beneath this is the chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FLANKING THE SANCTUARY - NORTH SIDE

Mary is shown as she appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. Directly beneath this is the chapel of the Immaculate Conception.
THE WINDOWS IN THE TOT-ROOM - SOUTH SIDE

In the Tot-Room on the south side, Christ is shown in the center panel, and little ones are drawn to Him from both sides.

THE WINDOWS IN THE TOT-ROOM - NORTH SIDE

In the Tot-Room on the north side Guardian angel scenes are depicted: a little child on the way to school or church; a little child asleep; a little child fishing. One sees in the lower right hand corner of the last scene an object which has on it the letters, "Sou Kra." This is the bait can - the letters of the words are not all shown - but should read "Sour Kraut."
THE WINDOWS IN THE BAPTISTERY

Reading from left to right we see five panels. The first shows the creation of all things and the creation of water.

The next panel shows the great event in Judaic history, when the Israelites left Egypt. Notice the pyramids in the background. Moses rolled back the waters of the Red Sea, and the Israelites walked through the sea to reach the green grass of the Promised Land.

The center panel shows Christ, who commissioned the Apostles to go into the whole world, to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The fourth panel shows the sanctification or blessing of the baptism water at the Easter Vigil Service, when the Paschal candle (Blessed to represent Christ) is immersed into the water in order to sanctify it, just as Christ sanctified the waters of the Jordan river when He descended into the water to receive the baptism of penance from John the Baptist.

Last is shown water pouring from the baptismal shell onto the head of one to be baptized. The Holy Spirit then comes upon him, and he turns to God by grace, just as the sunflower (as shown) turns to the sun.
IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Here the first window on the left shows how God fed the Israelites with manna in the desert. This prefigures the Eucharist. The presence of God in the Ark of the Covenant is shown by a tent. Also shown is the brazen serpent on the cross which Moses elevated for them to look upon for their safety.

The second window shows Christ's miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes.

The third shows Christ at the Last Supper where He instituted this Holy Sacrament.

The fourth shows a priest offering Mass, as Christ had commanded.

The last shows the Eucharist as our Viaticum, when a dying person is anointed (shown by oil stock) (O.I. for Oleum Infirorum) and five crosses, representing the five anointings of the sick in the Sacrament of the Sick.
CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

MAIN FACADE

Here we see Mary, Mother of the Church. This title was officially conferred on Mary by the Second Vatican Council. She is represented as holding a church in her hands.

She stands between the Apostles, as she rightfully does as Queen of the Apostles. Looking from left to right the Apostles are: St. James the Lesser, first bishop of Jerusalem; St. Philip; St. Bartholomew; St. Matthew; St. Andrew; Sts. Peter and Paul (same panel). Continuing on the other side of Mary are: St. John; St. James, the Greater; St. Simon; St. Jude; St. Thomas; and St. Mathias who replaced Judas.

The statue of Mary was carved by Mr. Walter Driesbach, 3034 Mentor Avenue, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

He also designed the figures of the twelve apostles.

FACADE OF NORTH TRANSEPT ENTRANCE

Here we find the representation of a large cross (Christ's) and many smaller crosses (Our crosses, united to Christ's).

This is to remind the true Christian that he must bear his cross along with Christ, and unite his sufferings to Christ's sufferings.

FACADE OF THE SOUTH TRANSEPT ENTRANCE

Here we see a large crown (Christ's) with many smaller crowns surrounding it. The smaller crowns represent the reward in heaven of those who follow Christ, for if we follow Him by bearing our cross, we shall also be crowned with Him in Glory.

THE MAIN ALTAR

The main altar is made of Verde Gressoney marble. It is carved in the form of an arch. An arch has always been viewed as a symbol of victory and of triumph. It, therefore, represents Christ's victory, for the altar represents Christ Himself. The arch is also used in bridges - and is, therefore appropriate here, for Christ is our bridge between man and God. One sees green leaves carved around the altar, to signify that we have been planted in Christ by baptism, and now are growing by His grace.

THE BAPTISMAL FONT

Here we see the font carved in the form of a tree - for as man sinned through the tree in Paradise, he regained Life through the tree of the cross. The leaves which surround the font are carved to signify that we begin to live spiritually by this new birth unto the life of grace.

The font stands in the center of a lowered area - to show that one must go down into the water to be buried in the water, as Christ descended into the river Jordan, and as He was lowered into the Tomb, from which He rose to a new life.

THE JEWELED TRIUMPHANT CROSS

Suspended over the place of the tabernacle is a jeweled cross, without the body of Christ. This is to represent the glorification of Christ in Heaven, and our own glorification, if we are following Him by lives of grace.
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