

# St. Joseph's Parish Happy As Dedication Nears

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Church services Thursday morning will be in the new church.

This bald statement in the Sunday, March 15 bulletin of St. Joseph's Catholic church was what might be termed official notification that, come the feast of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19, 1953, the day the swallows come back to Capistrano, believe it or not, the people of St. Joseph's parish in Salem, Oregon's capital city, in the archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, will have a new church.

How many times plans for a new church have been started over the years would be difficult to determine. Not-so-old parishioners remember plans started in 1924 which were interrupted when the north portion of the parish was cut off to form St. Vincent de Paul parish and St. Joseph's hall was built instead of a church.

A few days ago Ben Maxwell's column in the Capital Journal, gleaned from an issue of some 15 years ago, told of the plans which were part of the centennial of the archdiocese, 100 years after the celebration of the first mass within the Oregon country. There have been other such starts.

St. Joseph's hall, located on Chemeketa at North Winter, was not an acceptable substitute for a new church to members of the parish, but it more than served the people of the parish, people of Salem and many hundreds of Uncle Sam's nephews who were provided with places to sleep when they came on week-end passes from nearby Camp Adair. The hall was operated during those war years by the USO.

"Where will we play?" demanded basketball players from Sacred Heart Academy, when the hall was torn down two years ago to make way for the new church. That the hall violated many laws of beauty never stopped the boys and girls from enjoying parties there, nor did it detract from the thrill of chalking up the top score in a school game.

Meanwhile the new church seemed to be always pushed into the future. The parish built a new parochial school when Sacred Heart Academy facilities were exhausted. Then an addition was built to the parish school. Sacred Heart Academy was remodeled to comply fully with state fire department regulations, and parishioners wondered, "Will I ever live to see a new church?"

Meanwhile the war had increased the size of the parish, numbers of masses celebrated each Sunday had to be increased to take care of the new residents and the great numbers of transients including the soldiers and the sailors.

The preliminary plans for the new church, the work of construction of the parochial school and the addition to it, plus the heating plant which has served the old and will serve the new church, were accomplished under Father Bernard's direction. He directed the razing of St. Joseph's hall and then turned over the duties of pastor with the very heavy task of building the new church to his successor, Father Joseph E. Vanderbeck, in September, 1951.

The rectory had been moved from Chemeketa street to Cottage street just before Father Bernard's left and replacement of this frame structure with a brick rectory and parish office, and a new gymnasium for the parochial schools, are projects for the near future of this downtown Catholic parish so close to the state capitol.

Emotions regarding the old church, the so many well loved things left behind with the move to Winter street were very near the surface in any gathering of parishioners the last few days, but little was said.

Nothing about the changes so close at hand was mentioned Sunday. The pastor himself speaking at all of the masses on the commandment "Thou shalt not bear false witness," just one of the series of talks during the Lenten season on the commandments.

But the eavesdropper, as members of St. Monica's Altar society sewed and ripped and reseeded to make the surplices

for the altar boys exactly correct, could judge of the trend of their thoughts from the questions asked, the comments made.

"How long since Father Moore was here?" "When did Father White die?" "What year did Father Buck come to St. Joseph's?"

Father Bernard's, so recently a part of the parish is rarely mentioned except as one who is still part of the parish. Which does not in the slightest imply any less respect for the present pastor, Father Vanderbeck.

So beginning with the celebration of pontifical high mass at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in the new church by the Rt. Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland in Oregon, all church services will be held in the new church. But the pontifical mass on Thursday will be just one of four, since the three daily Lenten masses at 6:30, 7:20 and 8 will be celebrated as they have been all along in the old church.

The white carra marble statue of St. Joseph was given to the church by the Holy Name society and the carra marble statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was the gift of the Young Ladies sodality. Both were brought from Italy by Father Buck when he visited Rome in 1923 while pastor of St. Joseph's.

Directly opposite the Blessed Virgin's altar in the new church is the statue of the Pietà, "Our Sorrowful Mother," now located in a wall niche. It was previously located near the back of the old church on the Chemeketa street side.

In another niche near the Blessed Virgin's altar is a new picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to which there is special devotion in the parish. This is the gift of a parishioner, not yet announced as also has not been announced the donors of the stained glass windows which have been installed during recent weeks.

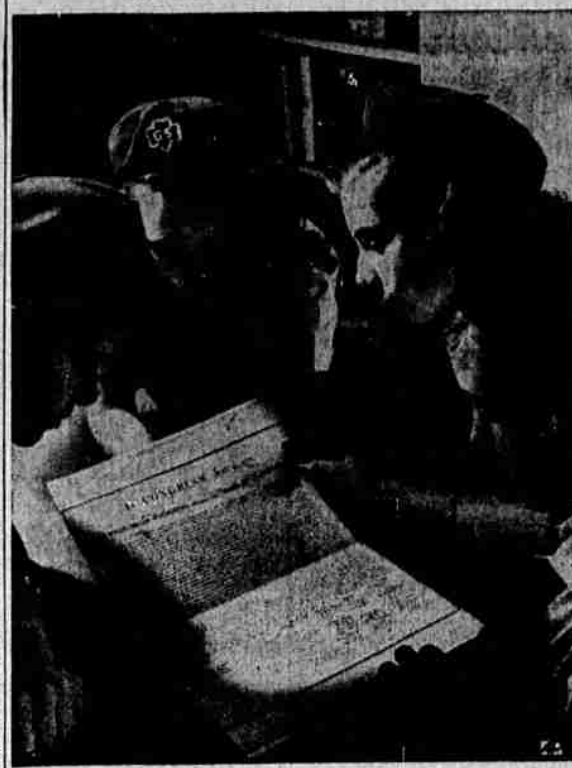
The mothers' room which has its own private entrance, toilet facilities and services is on the north side next to the parochial school. Loud speakers and large plate glass windows make those in this room present and within sight of the high altar but hidden from those in the body of the church.

One of the much discussed features of the new church is the "bride's room" which is near the main entrance. Opening off this too is the baptistry the grill work of whose door was being polished as we went in to look around Tuesday morning. "Doesn't it look nice," the workman said as his eyes sparkled to match the metals on which he worked.

Perhaps we just have not seen the latest but this is the first of the many new Catholic churches we have seen that has a telephone booth.

The new pews are all in place, polished and waxed to a queen's taste. We forgot to try the kneelers but have con-

## WORK FOR NEW BADGE



Members of Girl Scout Troop 81, in Garden City, N.Y., study the Declaration of Independence for new "My Government" proficiency badge. Badge is designed to enlarge Girl Scouts' knowledge of U. S. government.

fidence they will not be hard on milady's nylons, as women of St. Joseph's have complained about for so these many years regarding the old ones.

Members of the Altar society are sponsoring a hot cakes and sausage breakfast following three of the masses next Sunday, first in the new church. The group is going "whole hog" on this affair, the husband of a member having purchased a large hog and making the sausage, you know, "after an old family recipe." The women will serve the breakfast in the school cafeteria following the 8:30, 9:45 and 11 o'clock masses.

Oh yes, and just to stress the move to the new church, the time of the Sunday masses has been changed. Six masses, same number, but instead of every hour on the hour, they will be every hour and a quarter starting at 6 o'clock. The last, a low mass, will be at 12:15.

This change in the time for the Sunday masses it is hoped will help in solving the traffic problem which it is anticipated will be greatly increased following the move.

## Baby Sitter's Father Beaten by Mistake

Portland (U.P.)—The home of Vern R. Lewis is one place parents of baby sitters needn't fear for the safety of their daughters.

A strange man knocked on Lewis' door, just after he had driven his baby sitter home, and asked to see her.

Lewis asked for identification, but got no answer as the man turned and left. Lewis, mindful of recent sex assaults on baby sitters, pursued the mysterious stranger, knocked him down and struck him until

he bled. Several hours later Lewis learned the man was his baby sitter's father coming to take her home.

## Falling Tree in Damage Action

Albany—Damages of \$107,029 are asked in four suits filed in circuit court here. Of the four suits three name one defendant.

Elva O. Hunter has filed the largest claim being the driver of a car that on Jan. 5, 1953, was struck by a falling tree while traveling along a rural road east of Scio in the Lulay Brothers' logging operation.

The plaintiff asks a judgment of \$75,750 against Lyle L. Wimer, who the plaintiff avers, caused a tree that was being cut to fall across the road.

The impact destroyed the car, Hunter alleges, and inflicted upon him injuries including a broken back, neck and leg injuries, aggravating an old back injury, besides crushing his wrist watch.

Judgments of \$15,000 each are asked by Carl and L. D. Hunter claiming to have been passengers with Elva Hunter. Both these plaintiffs allege serious injuries.

In the fourth suit Sheridan Fountain alleges his car was severely damaged when a flatbed truck hauling a tractor made a right turn in front of him without warning as he was proceeding southward on the Pacific highway January 10 a quarter of a mile north of Tangent. The result, Fountain alleges, was a collision.

## Hazel Green

Hazel Green — The Hazel Green Community club will meet one week early this month.

The women and men are both presenting their plays Friday night, March 20, at the Hazel Green school at 8 o'clock.

The women will present their play, titled "Modern Television," and the men will present "Operation Unlimited".

Serving on the refreshment committee this month are Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Zielinski and Mr. and Mrs. Francke, who have asked that the members bring donuts for the evening.

## Marion County Boys Get Farmer Degree

Corvallis — Eight Marion county Future Farmers of America received the State Farmer degree Wednesday at the annual convention of the youth farm group.

Listed by schools they are: Cascade—Martin Boatwright and Lee Metcalf; Central—Gerald Freeman, William Pruitt and Terry Staats; Gervais—Richard Leith; Salem—Marvin Cage and Robert Notebloom.

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