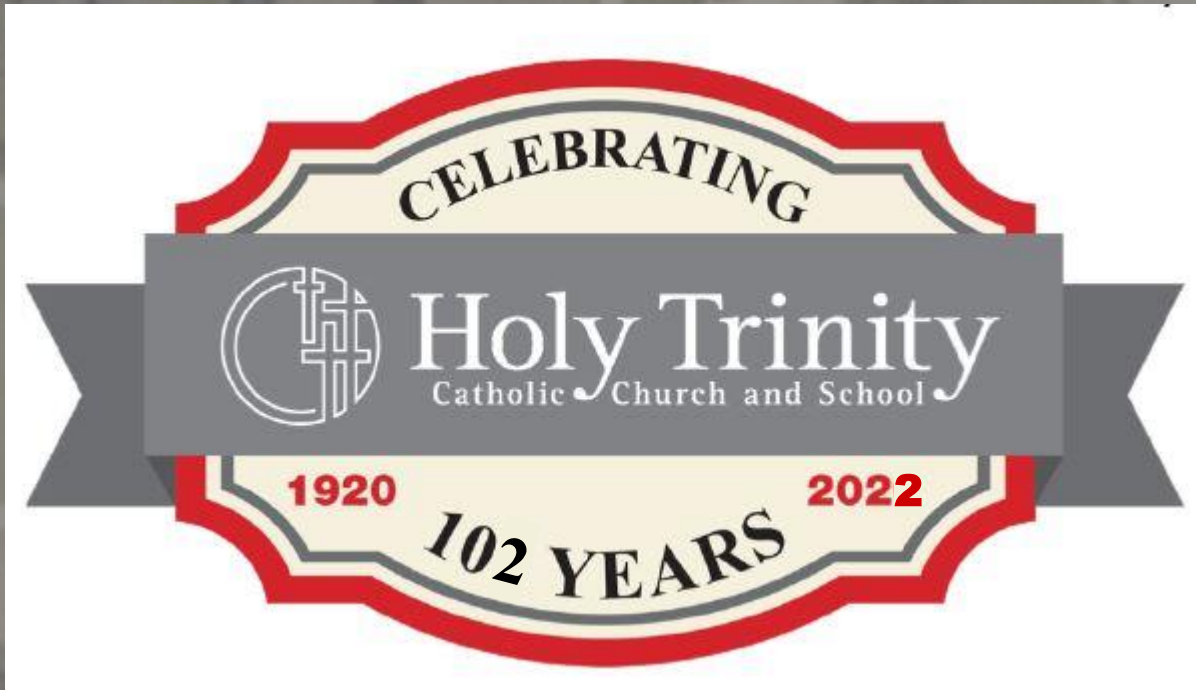


Founders' Day



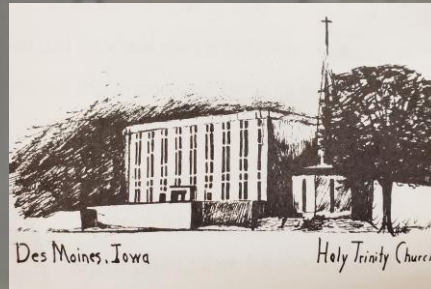
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Campus Evolution

- Founding (1920-1926)



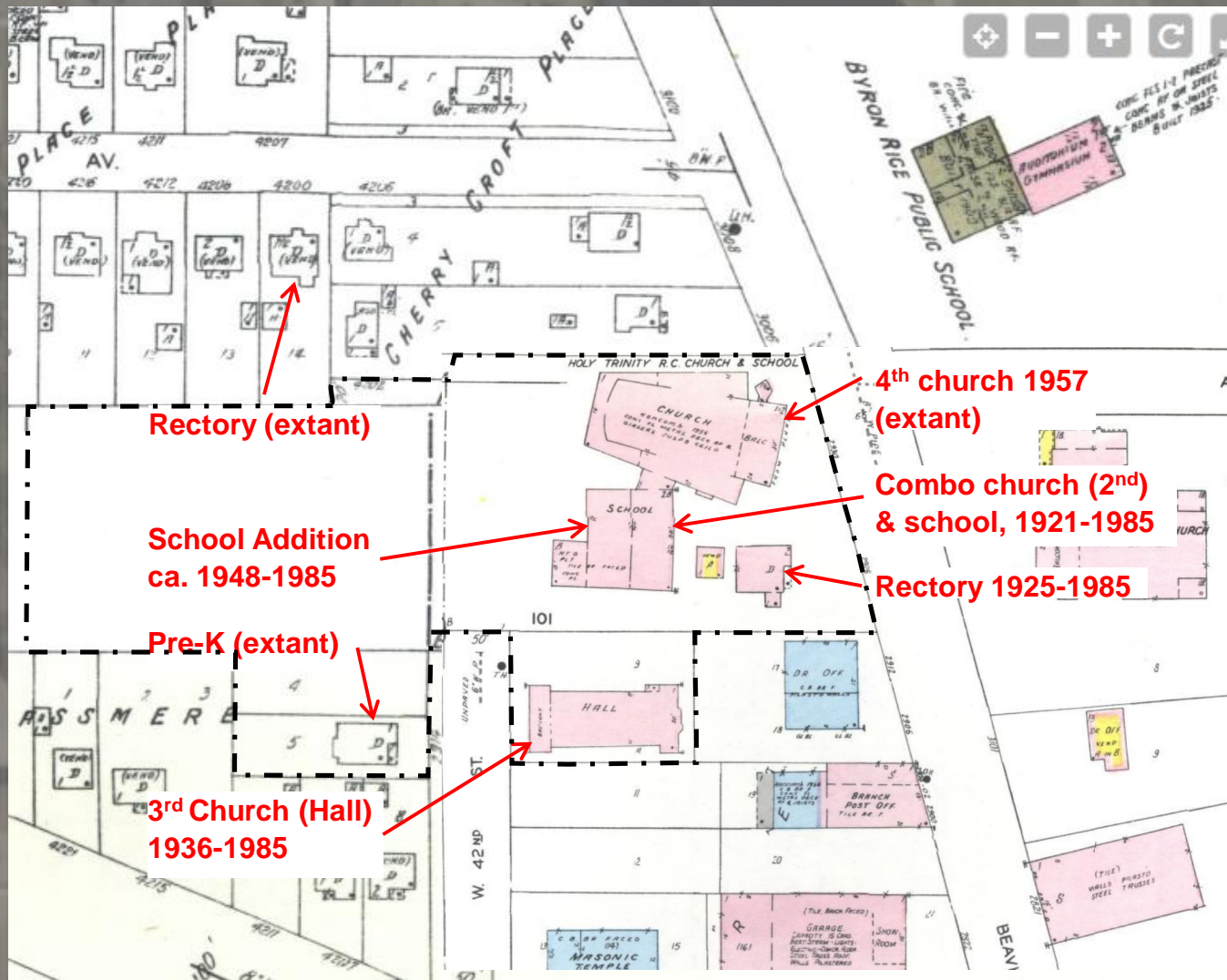
- Growth (1927-1963)



- Maturity (1964-2022)



Founding & Growth



Maturity



Founding (1920-1926)

- **Father Francis B. Ostdiek 1888-1981**
 - Ordained May 1913
 - Land purchase agreement July 28, 1920
 - Father arrived August 7, 1920
 - First church 1920
 - First school / second church 1921-1922
 - Second rectory 1926



Fr. Ostdiek 1963 Holy Trinity Archives

Father Ostdiek

- Family Portrait



The Rev. Francis B. Ostdiek (center) posed for a family portrait on his ordination day, May 20, 1913. Seated are the parents, Gerard and Mary Ostdiek. Standing, from left, are their children, Minnie, Callie, Kate, Father Ostdiek, John, Barbara

and Mary. Father Ostdiek is a graduate of St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan., studied at St. Ambrose College for two years and was graduated from St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. His brother and three sisters are living today.

Ordination Day Portrait Des Moines Tribune "50 Years a Priest", June 15, 1963

First Church

- Dedicated 1920
- Fr. Ostdiek salvaged materials from Camp Dodge



Photo labeled "The Hut" Holy Trinity Archives

Camp Dodge Buildings at Auction Today

(By United Press.)

Des Moines, June 24.—Steps to relieve the housing shortage of Des Moines were taken today when 594 buildings at Camp Dodge, near here were offered for sale at public auction. Only residents of Des Moines may purchase the buildings.

Disposal of the buildings was authorized by the war department. The buildings, which formerly were soldiers' quarters, range in size from 20x20 to 25x111, and are partitioned off into one, two and three rooms. The outside walls of the buildings are of nine lumber. Most of them are double floored.

Perry Chief, June 24, 1920

First Rectory

- Before 1926
- Site of present church



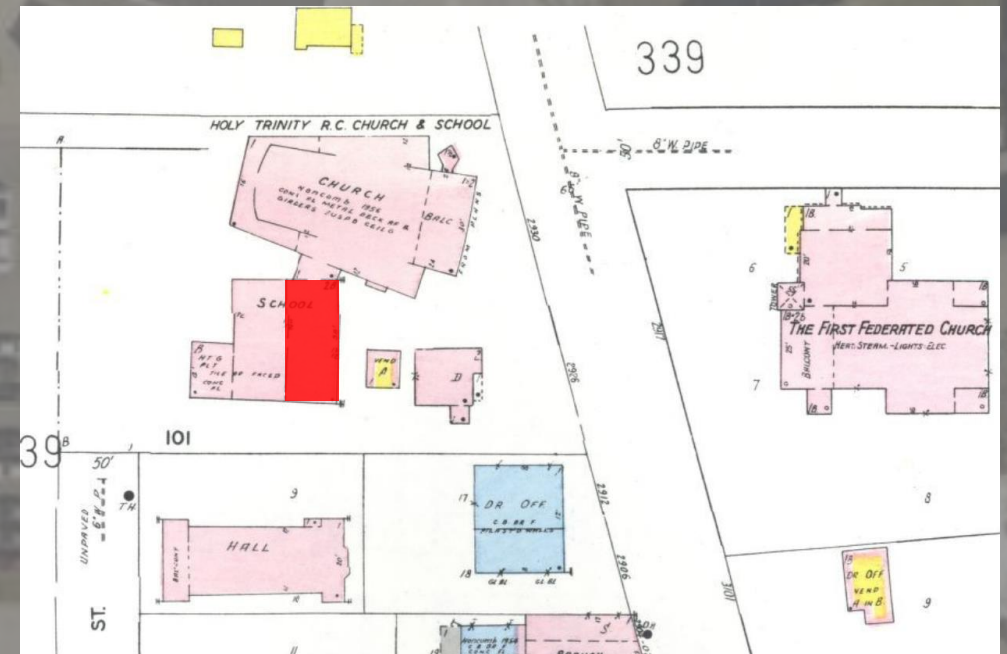
“The First Rectory” Holy Trinity Archives

Second Church / First School

- Chapel on top floor dedicated 1921
- School on lower two floors opened 1922
- Location south of current church



Church & School, E Elevation lkg W Holy Trinity Archives



Location

Second Church



Interior looking south Diocese of Des Moines Archives

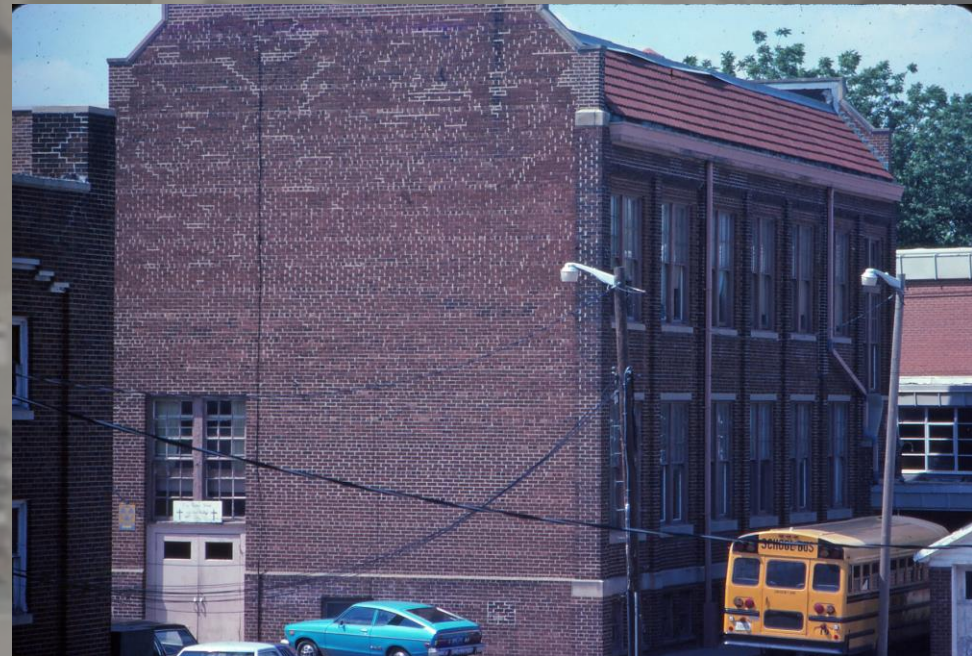
For the working class, Drumm sent the purposeful (but at times irascible) Francis Ostdiek to found Holy Trinity Parish in the growing Beaver Park neighborhood of Des Moines. Ostdiek set to work like a man on fire, erecting in less than a year a two-story brick edifice that included a church and a school staffed by the Sisters of Mercy.

Second Church / First School

- Church space converted to school use circa 1937
- Building demolished 1985



Campus 1985 looking northwest H. T. Archives



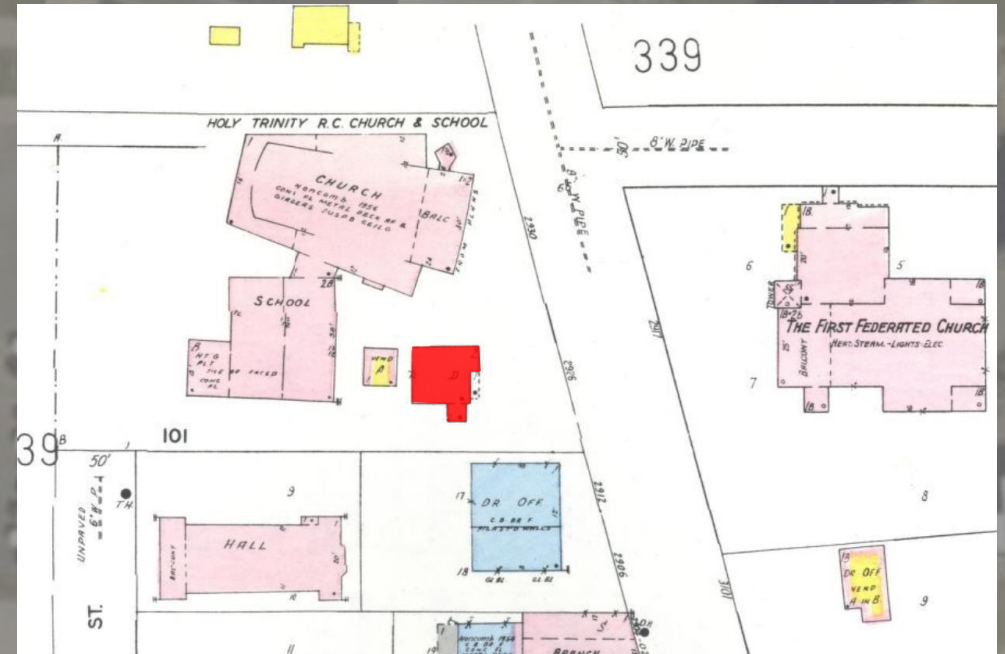
Church & School 1985 looking northwest H. T. Archives

Second Rectory

- Completed 1926
- Location SE of current church
- Brick veneer garage west of rectory



Rectory looking west from Beaver Ave H. T. Archives



Location

Second Rectory

- Reported as the parish house
- 100 H.T. families & 125 students
- Demolished 1985



Rectory looking northwest ca. 1985 Holy Trinity Archives

BAZAAR WILL MARK OPENING OF NEW PARISH

Three Days' Celebration to Be Held.

This week marks another phase in the upbuilding of Holy Trinity church in a suburb of the city near Beaver avenue and Urbandale known as Beaverdale.

Today, tomorrow and Thursday Holy Trinity parish, which includes the northwest corner of Des Moines and a considerable section of rural territory northwest of the city, is to open the new parish house with a bazaar, housewarming and a three day series of chicken dinners.

The new house has been declared the equal of any parish house in the city. It was built largely by artisans of the parish

supervised by the Rev. Francis B. Ostdiek, who has made a record as a church plant builder.

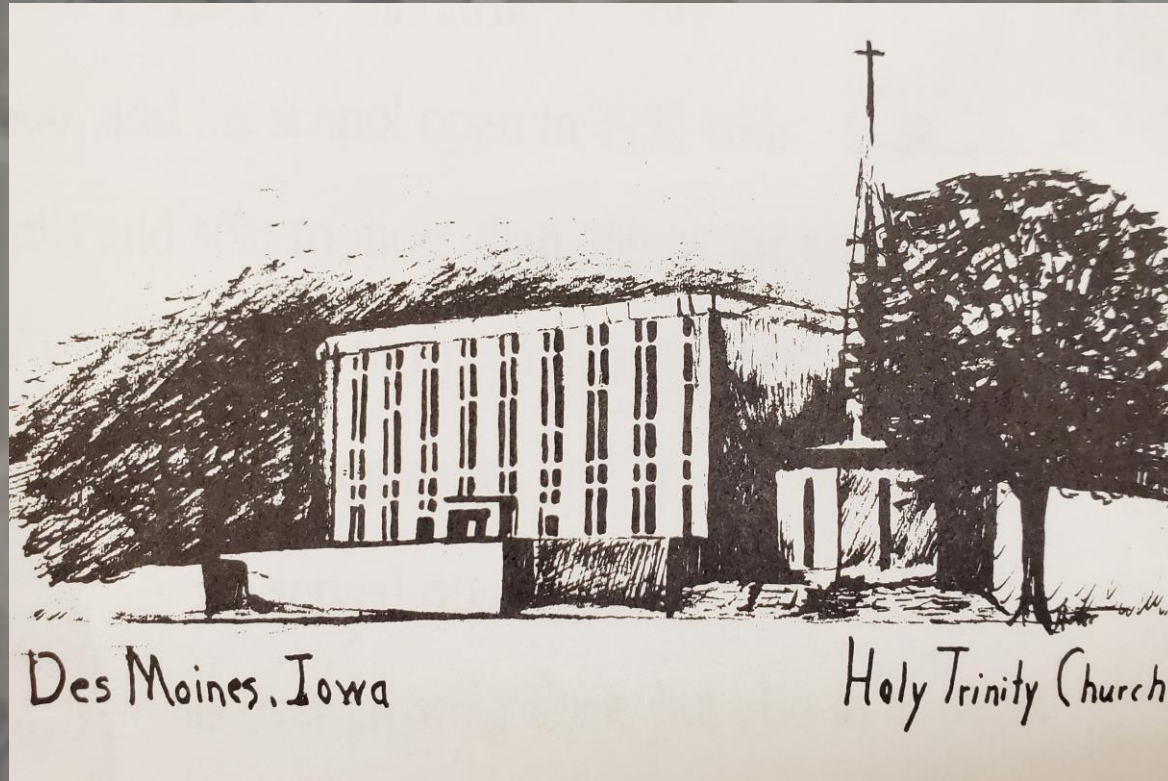
The new building is the third of the Holy Trinity unit. The others house the chapel and school. The cost of the new building is approximately \$9,500.

Holy Trinity parish was founded six years ago by Father Ostdiek. The parish then included a dozen families. It has grown rapidly with the section in which it is located, and now includes nearly 100 families with 125 children enrolled in the parish school.

Lingenfelter Settles Court Suit for \$300

Suit for \$1,200 brought by E. A. Lingenfelter against the county board of supervisors for fees claimed for services as tax collector several years ago, was settled out of court yesterday when Lingenfelter accepted a compromise adjustment of \$300. The settlement came after a jury had been selected to try the case before Judge Franklin at the morning session.

Growth 1927-1963

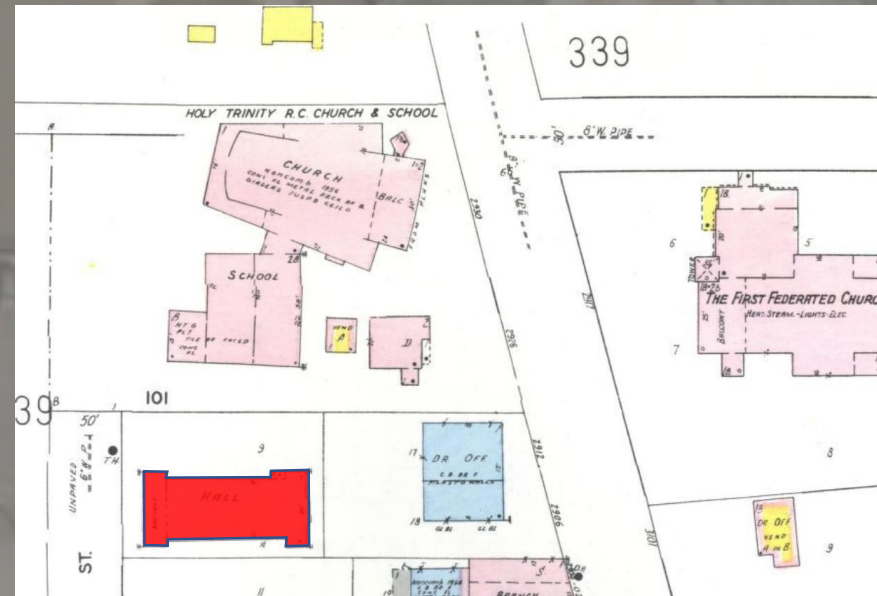


Third Church 1936

- Basement church proposed March 1936
- Church dedicated December 20, 1936
- Converted to Parish Hall 1957 - 1985



Third Church looking SE Holy Trinity Archives



Location

CHURCH PLANS NEW BUILDING

Will Be Erected by
Holy Trinity.

A basement church, costing approximately \$15,000, will be erected by Holy Trinity Catholic church at the north end of the present parish school building, 2936 Beaver ave., the Rev. F. B. Ostdiek, pastor, said Tuesday.

Construction will begin in the early fall.

At present the second floor of the school building is used for the church. Father Ostdiek said this arrangement has been inadequate for some time and at a meeting held by members of Holy Trinity Monday night plans were laid for the new church building.

The basement will accommodate approximately 700 and will be the foundation of a church to be constructed in the future. H. J. Schneider of Council Bluffs, Ia., will be the architect.

Third Church 1936

- Demolished 1985



1941 mass, Fr. Deer celebrant Holy Trinity Archives

BERGAN LEADS IN DEDICATION

Ostdiek Celebrates Mass at
New Holy Trinity Church.

The Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, bishop of Des Moines, officiated Sunday morning at the dedication of the new Holy Trinity Catholic church, 2924 Beaver ave.

The Rev. F. B. Ostdiek, pastor who 16 years ago helped build the first Holy Trinity church in a corn field there, celebrated the dedicatory mass.

Assisting in the dedication services were 204 children from the nearby parochial school and more than 500 members of the congregation.

DM Register Dec. 21, 1936

VET HOSPITAL BEGINS MASS

Ostdiek Institutes Weekly
Catholic Services.

The Rev. F. B. Ostdiek of Holy Trinity Catholic church instituted regular Catholic services at the veterans' hospital when he celebrated the first mass Sunday.

Mass will be said at the hospital at 8 a. m. each Sunday.

Between 40 and 50 Catholic men are living at the institution, Father Ostdiek said. The hospital service will be in charge of Holy Trinity parish.

DM Register Jul 23, 1934

Stations of the Cross 1944

Religious Work.

The 14 stations of the cross, painted by Miss Virginia Taylor, were erected Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic church, Beaver and Adams avenues, by the Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, bishop of Des Moines. Miss Taylor, 3105 Forty-fourth st., started painting the stations 18 months ago. The Rev. Francis B. Ostdiek is pastor of the church.

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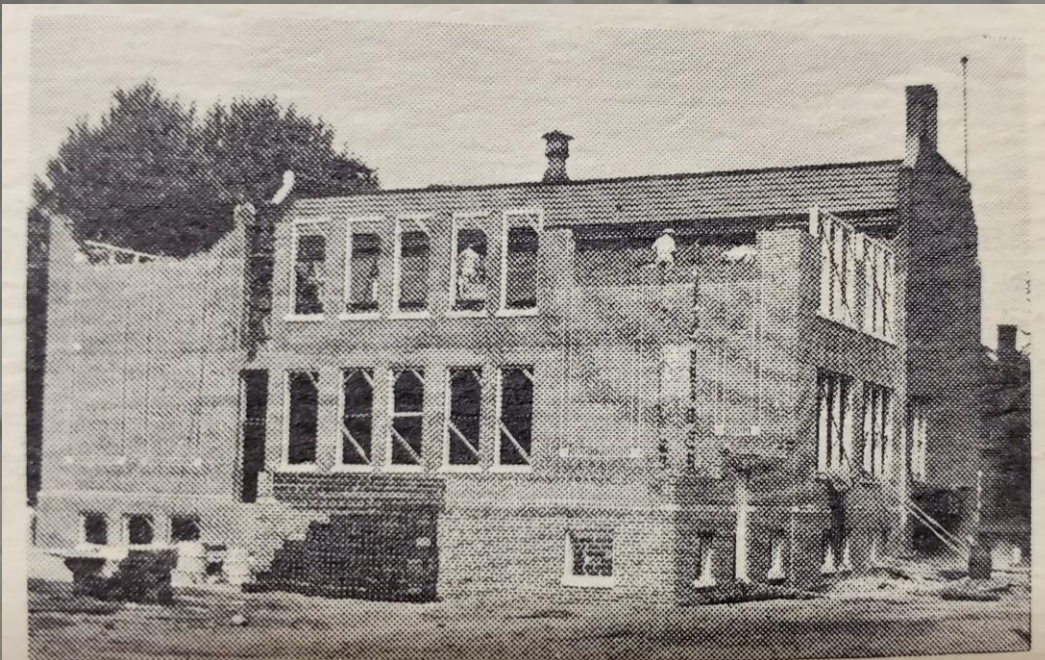


Virginia Taylor.

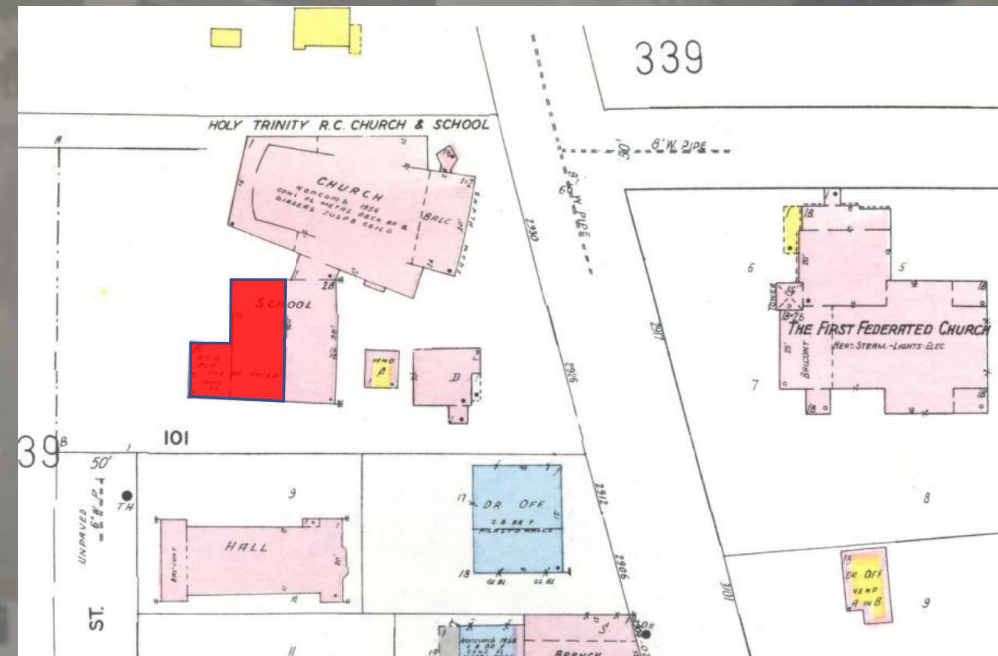
Worked 18 months on church art.

School Addition

- Completed ca. 1948
- Housed lower grades after Building C built



Construction looking northeast Holy Trinity Archives



Location

School Addition

- Demolished 1985



Construction looking SE to 1936 church Holy Trinity Archives



Addition looking NE in 1985 Holy Trinity Archives

Larceny

- Students raised funds for a used bell
- Theft from yard near rectory 1950
- Recovered in Moline IL



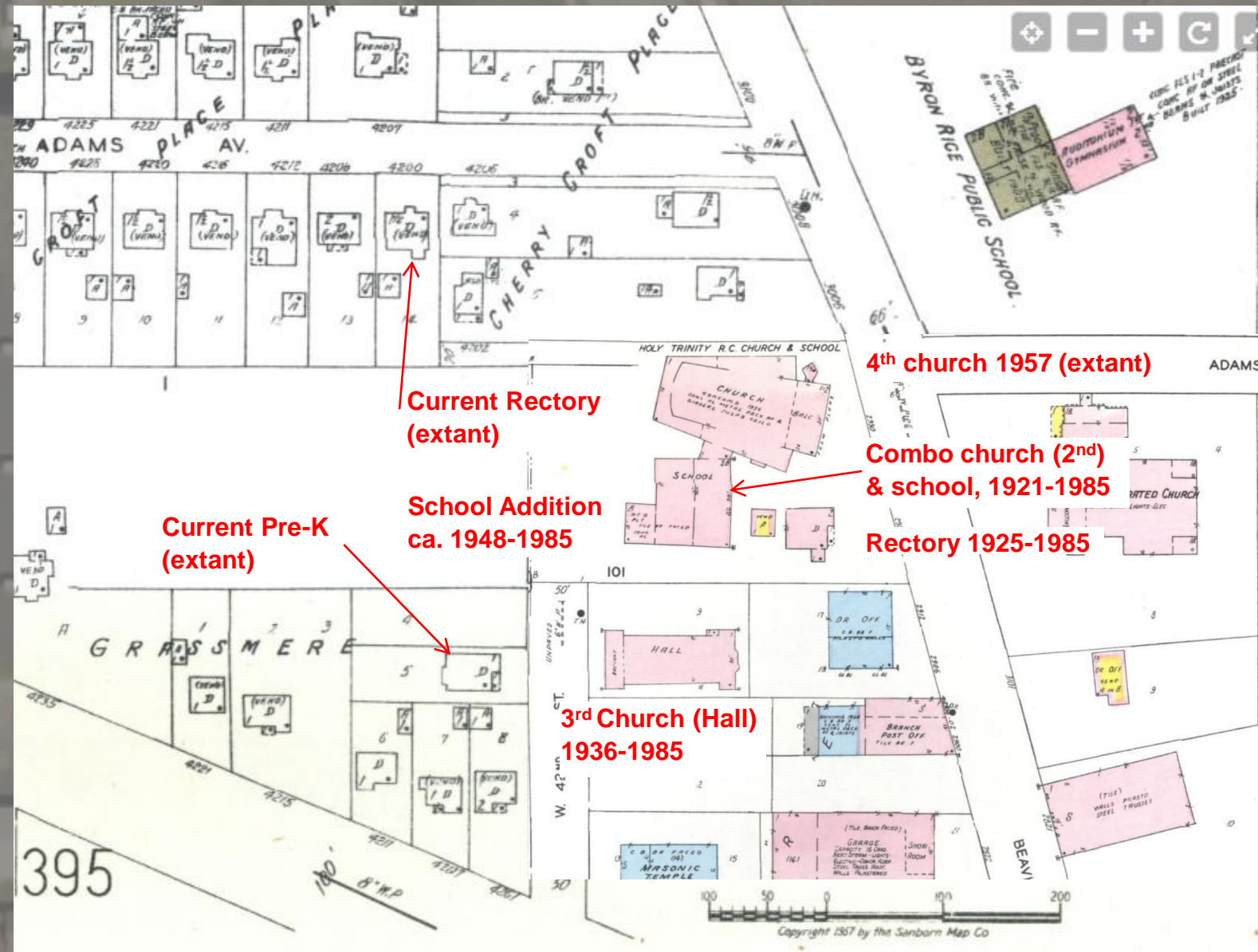
Steve Stimmel 2020



Des Moines Register, Sep 27, 1950 p. 11

Campus

- 1957
- Former school & addition
- Rectories
- 3rd & 4th churches
- Pre-K building



ADAMS AVE

Fourth Church

- Completed 1957



Façade Holy Trinity Archives



Location: Polk County Auditor 2021 Pictometry base map

Church Design Approval

- HT Corporation approval 1955
- Marc Gruenenfelder, architect
 - From Kirkwood MO
- Approved by
 - Bishop Edward C. Daly
 - Vicar General L. V. Lyons
 - George E. O'Malley
 - William L. Hinds
 - F. B. Ostdiek

At this meeting the following resolution was adopted; be it resolved & that Rev. F.B. Ostdiek be empowered to construct a church on the Holy Trinity property at an approximate cost of ~~seventy-five~~ two hundred and seventy five thousand dollars. This Church to be erected in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Marc Gruenen Gruenenfelder of Kirkwood Mo. Said plans and specifications to be submitted by Rev. F.B. Ostdiek and Marc Gruenenfelder to contractors for bidding at the earliest possible date. After bids have been submitted, the Corporation and the architect will select a contractor.

Edward C. Daly
 George E. O'Malley
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 F. B. Ostdiek

Church Cornerstone

- Cornerstone placed March 1956



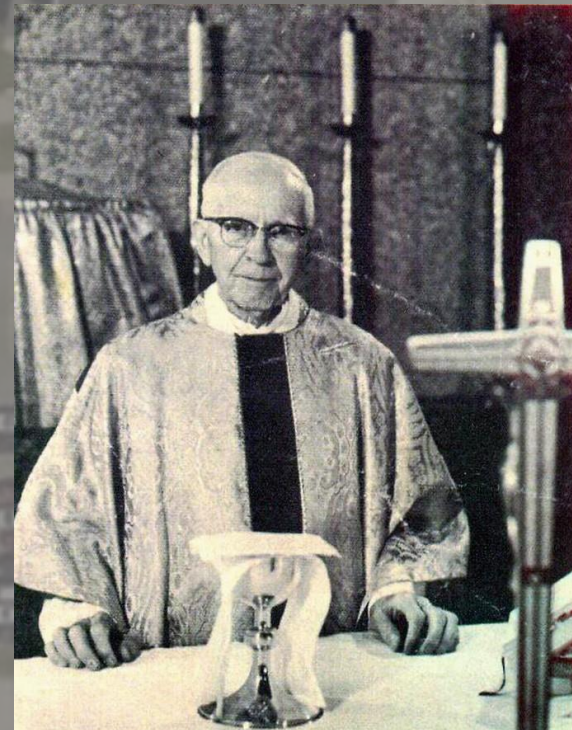
Des Moines Tribune March 31, 1956

Church Dedication

- Altars consecrated December 16, 1956
- Church dedicated April 28, 1957
- \$408,000



1988 Holy Trinity Archives



Des Moines Tribune, June 15, 1963

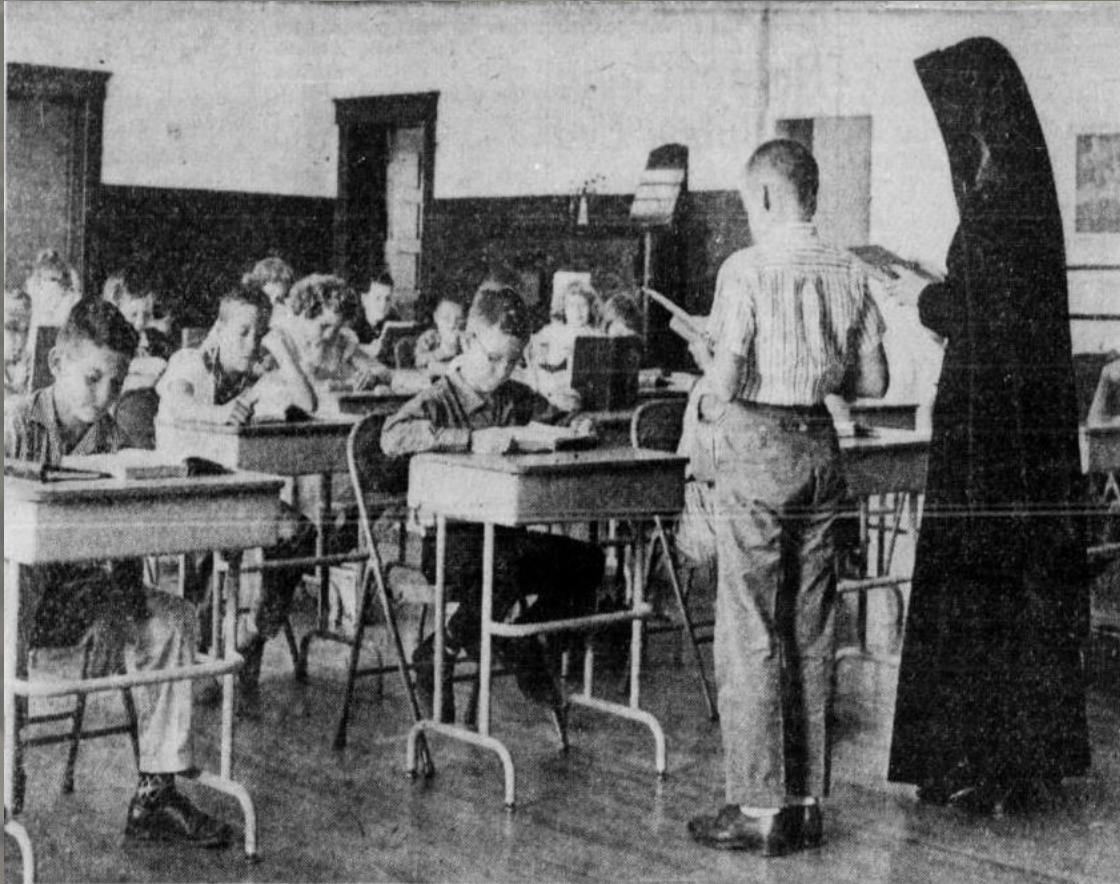
Class Photo

- 1958 8th Grade Graduation



Margaret Durbala Photo, Holy Trinity Archives

Growing Pains



Catholic Class in Protestant Church

Sixth-grade students of Holy Trinity Catholic School are attending classes in First Federated Church, a Protestant church across the street from

Holy Trinity. Bob Boenig, 10, is reciting here in a class conducted by Sister Mary Thomas, R. S. M. —Register Staff Photo by Jervas Baldwin.

Solve Space Problem for Holy Trinity

By Dennis Brown

Classes for 41 Catholic school children at Holy Trinity School, 2926 Beaver ave., began Monday morning in a Protestant church across the street.

Sixth-graders at Holy Trinity will have classes in the gymnasium of the non-denominational First Federated Church, Beaver and Adams avenues, until a new Catholic school building is completed.

Co-operation between the two neighborhood churches is not unusual.

Dr. Clifton Rash, pastor emeritus of First Federated, remembers the time in 1929 when his adult Sunday school classes were allowed the use of Holy Trinity School for one winter.

"We were building our sanctuary then," he said, "and we couldn't use our basement for classes."

Board Votes

The First Federated Church board voted last Thursday to make space available for the Catholic students.

Board Chairman Harold Kersey said the feeling of the board was almost unanimous in approving the move. "We felt that we were returning a long-standing favor," he said.

"We felt we should co-operate because we are very close and because it would be good for the community (Beaverdale). In a sense, their problems and ours are the same."

Kersey said the two churches had been co-operating on Sunday parking problems for some time.

An eight-classroom school building and adjoining convent are being built at the northwest corner of the present Holy Trinity school.

Designed to handle fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth-graders, the building was supposed to have been ready Sept. 8, when school began.

Convent/Offices & School Addition

- Convent (Building B) & School (Building C)
- Completed 1959
- William Meehan architect



School & convent looking southwest Steve Stimmel 2000




Location: Polk County Auditor 2021 Pictometry base map

School & Convent Addition

- Dedicated August 7, 1960
- 40th Anniversary of Parish

Sunday will be a proud "family" day at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2926 Beaver ave.

Two occasions will contribute to the festivities: Dedication of a new school addition and convent, and observance of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the parish by the Rev. F. B. Ostdiek, who has remained its pastor throughout the 40 years.



Very few priests can claim so long a tenure with one parish.

Indeed, Father Ostdiek has put so much of himself into the physical and spiritual development of Holy Trinity that the two are inseparable in any attempt to relate a history of the parish.

It was he who came from Red Oak as a young priest on Aug. 7, 1920, with \$500 and orders from the late Bishop T. W. Drumm to start a church in what was then the northwest frontier of Des Moines.

FATHER OSTDIEK

Building dedication Des Moines Tribune August 6, 1960

School & Convent Addition

- School enrollment was 700
- Grades 5-8 in 8 new classrooms
- Grades 1-4 remained in 1922 building



Campus Sketch. New Convent & School at left Diocesan Archives

Fr. Ostdiek Golden Sacerdotal Anniversary

- 1963

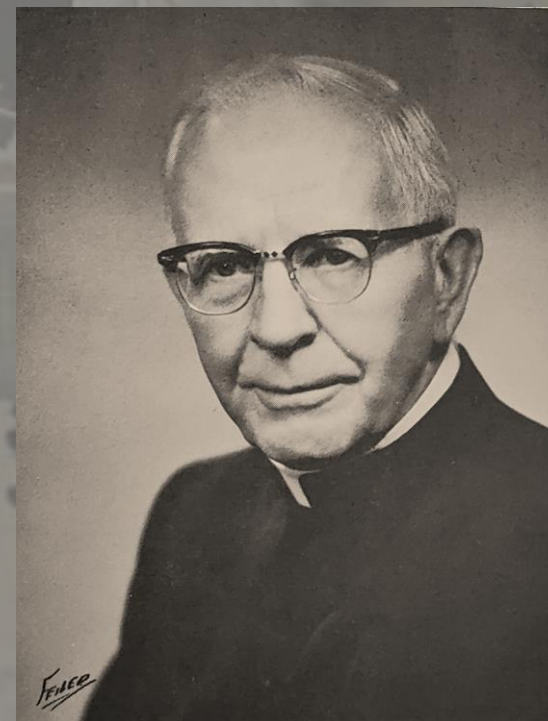


Dedication

The Rev. Francis Bernard Ostdiek, who in this spring of 1963 marks his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood, was born Jan. 22, 1888, at Otumwa, Ia., the youngest of nine children of Gerard and Mary Ostdiek. When Frank was six months old, the Ostdiek family moved to a farm near Neola, Ia.

From such humble beginnings — close to God and the soil — a priestly vocation was fostered. On May 20, 1913, Frank Ostdiek was ordained "a priest forever" by Bishop Austin Dowling of Des Moines.

On this occasion marking Father Ostdiek's completion of 50 years as a priest, this booklet is affectionately dedicated to him by his many grateful parishoners and friends.



Fr. Ostdiek on Morality 1968

D.M. Priest Bars Article In Magazine

By Stephen Seplow

A four-page supplement on the changing morals of Christians was deleted from a national Catholic magazine Sunday by one Des Moines priest before he would permit its sale in his parish.

In a bulletin message to the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, the Rev. Francis B. Ostdiek said:

"A brother priest called my attention to the fact that today's white page (supplement) may do much harm; not because the contents is not true, but because too many Catholics will not understand it and more confusion will be added to their already existing load."

He continued: "Surely, it is imprudent to publish articles

PRIEST —

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FRANCIS B.
OSTDIEK

GIVES VIEW ON MORAL LAWS PRIEST---

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such as "changing morals" at a time when the vast majority of Catholics in the U.S.A. are much disturbed in their thinking, if not just plain mixed up."

He complained that "many of our long standing standard Catholic papers seem to believe that informing their readers as to what a renegade priest or a nun did is more beneficial than giving them the life of a saint."

The magazine, "Our Sunday Visitor," published in Huntington, Ind., carried this quote from Pope Paul VI on page two: "It is not necessary for a Catholic newspaper to limit itself to publishing religious news and comments, nor must it artificially stress its confessional and apologetic character to the detriment of its primary function of information."

The front-page article in the supplement contained a discussion of changing morals pertaining to slavery, freedom to marry, usury and marital intercourse.

Father Ostdiek, when asked why he deleted the supplement, said, "I don't think it's a thing for children to get hold of. It's all about intercourse and all that stuff."

He added: "Catholic papers are tampering with morals and I don't see any sense in it."

"The moral laws have not changed. Conditions have changed, so the moral laws have different applications."

The conclusion drawn in the article by John T. Noonan, jr., law teacher at the University of California at Berkeley, is that the changes were meaningful developments that "made possible the better realization of the fundamental Christian ideals."

Other articles in the supplement, which was edited for the Visitor by the Dominicans of St. Albert's College, Oakland, Calif., dealt with "Morals and Man," and "Moral Attitudes in America."

Francis A. Fink, executive vice-president of the Visitor, which has a circulation of about 800,000, said in a phone interview that the publication has "generally been considered conservative."

"It's a departure," he said, for the magazine to run detailed articles on the changing morals of the church.

Fink said he received two long-distance calls from friends Sunday who wanted to know "If I were changing from a conservative to a liberal, which I'm not."

Richard B. Scheiber, managing editor of the Visitor, said, "We are trying to present both sides to a thing. We are a media to improve Catholicism of people who read our publication."

Fr. Ostdiek on Modern Life 1969

Thoughts on Modern Life In Brisk Church Bulletin

By James Flansburg

Week after week, one of the best-read church bulletins has to be at Holy Trinity Catholic Church here.

The reason is that the views of the testy pastor of the church, the Rev. F. B. Ostdiek, are rarely dull. Father Ostdiek's bulletin Sunday went this way:

"Do you remember when children said, Yes, Sir, and Yes, Ma'am, when speaking to older people?"

"Do you remember when children were punished for interrupting or contradicting their parents or older people?"



F. B.
OSTDIEK

"Do you remember when teen-age boys could remove their trousers without the help of a dog?"

"Do you remember when teen-age girls had two ears and two eyes instead of one?"

"Do you remember when Catholic mothers did not imitate their daughters in dress?"

"Do you remember when men wore neckties and coats to mass?"

"Do you remember when Catholic women and girls covered their heads in church?"

"Do you remember when children obeyed their parents instead of the parents obeying their children?"

"You may think the above-mentioned items are irrelevant. But if you wish to help President Nixon solve the problem of crime in America, you can do a great deal in that direction by going back to what you remember and put it into practice and you will, in due time, realize how relevant these items are."

Maturity 1964-2022



Pastoral Succession

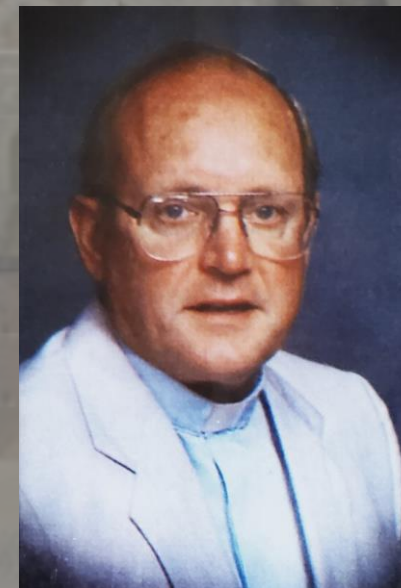
- Father Ostdiek resigned September 1969
- Moved to current pre-kindergarten building
- Pastoral team ministry in 1970s



Pre-K looking West Holy Trinity Archives



Msgr. John McIlhon 1969-1973



Fr. Bernard Gottner 1969-1978

Pastoral Succession

- Father Richard Gubbels 1978-1986



Holy Trinity photo Steve Stimmel 2020



Fr. Gubbels Holy Trinity Archives

Garage Sale

- First sale early 1980s
- Held in rectory garage
- Margaret Lause & Gwen Schmitt held first garage sale during fall festival
- Moved to church hall; expanded to old school basement
- Gerry Freiburger, Carlise Duff, Harold Bean managed early sales

Interview, Geri Freiburger Steve Stimmel March 20, 2020



Volunteers Steve Stimmel August 3, 2021

Third Rectory

- Approved 1984



Rectory looking SW Steve Stimmel 2020

After discussion concerning the housing for priests it was moved by Mary Beth Newman that Holy Trinity Church of Des Moines purchase the house at 4200 Adams from Mr. & Mrs. Gerald T. Underwood for \$55,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Bill Miller. All present voted yes.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Richard E. Gubbels
 Rev. Richard E. Gubbels, Secretary
 Holy Trinity Catholic Church Corporation

Mary Beth Newman
 Mary Beth Newman, Trustee
 Holy Trinity Catholic Church Corporation

Bill Miller
 Bill Miller, Trustee
 Holy Trinity Catholic Church corporation

AUTHORIZED
 At Des Moines, Iowa according to this
 resolution and without moral and/or
 legal responsibility of the Bishop-President
 or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines

Maurice J. Fleming
 Dec 19, 1984
 Bishop-President

ADAMS AVE

Parish Center (Building A)

- Completed 1985
- Frevert Ramsey Kobes architect



Rendering looking northwest Holy Trinity Archives



Location Polk County Auditor 2021 Pictometry base map

Pastoral Succession

- Father James Laurenzo 1985-1993



Holy Trinity photo Steve Stimmel 2020



Fr Jim, Kathy Letz Holy Trinity Archives

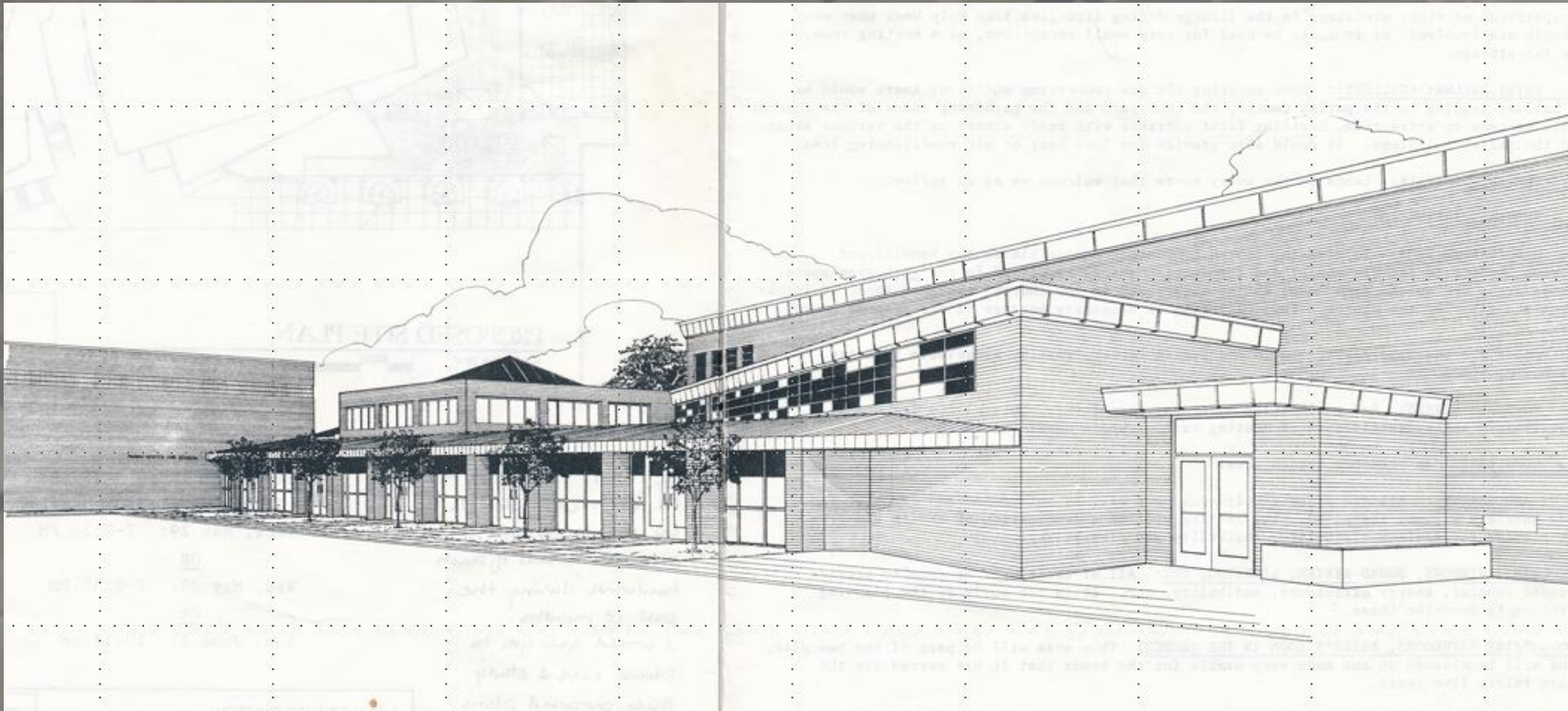


PATCH Apartment Ministry

- **Founded 1985**
- **PATCH founded by parishioners Betty Riordan and sister-in-law Rosalie Dunham**
- **PATCH = Parish Assisted Temporary Care & Housing**
- **First apartment at 39th & Kingman Boulevard in a house owned by Holy Trinity teachers, Sister Vicki and Sister Regis**

Church Proposal

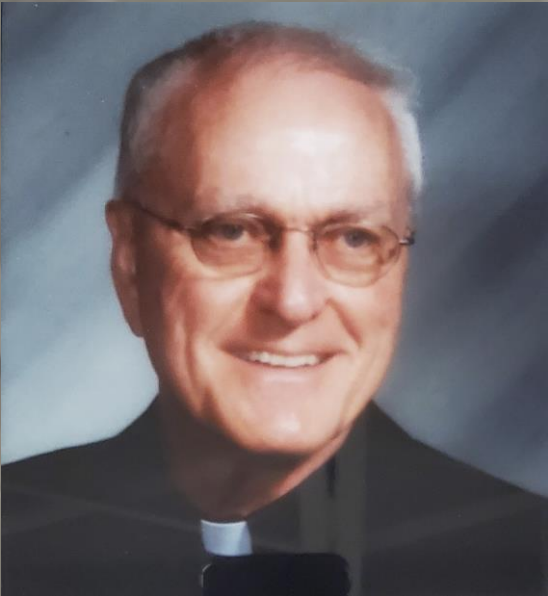
- April 1991
- Environmental Design Group architect



Concept rendering (not constructed) Holy Trinity Archives

Pastoral Succession

- Msgr. Gerald Stessman 1993-2003



Holy Trinity photo Steve Stimmel 2020

Pastoral Succession

- Fr. Anthony Aiello 2003-2005
- Msgr. Frank Chiodo 2005-2007



Holy Trinity photos, Steve Stimmel 2020

Pastoral Succession

- Father Michael Amadeo 2007-2018



Holy Trinity photo Steve Stimmel 2020 Baptism Holy Trinity Archives

Blue Ribbon School 2008

www.dndiocese.org The Catholic Mirror, November 21, 2008 9

"advertisement"



Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School

Holy Trinity Gains High Honors

Named National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.



October 30th promised to be a special day for the Holy Trinity Community. The day brought students, parents, teachers, parishioners, local businesses, and families together to celebrate the school's great honor, being chosen as a 2008 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

The community gathered in the church for a formal ceremony in which dignitaries, former pastors, former principals and

former teachers celebrated the honor with students, teachers, parents, and the community. Four dignitaries addressed the assembly: Monsignor Steve Orr (Vicar General of the Diocese of Des Moines), Judy Jeffrey (Director Iowa Department of Education), Angela Connolly (Polk County Supervisor, 5th District), and Dr. Rie Schmidt (Director of Teaching and Learning, Diocese of Des Moines). Fr. Michael Amadeo (Pastor), Audra Meyer (Principal), and Beth Happe (Assistant Principal) also addressed the assembly, along with Lynn Lavia, 4th grade teacher. Several students (Matthew Stowell, 1st; Matthew Ramirez, 2nd; Hope Salari, 4th; Kayla Salver, 8th) shared reflections on what it means to be a Blue Ribbon School.



After the ceremony, students shared blue ribbon cookies and celebrated in their classrooms. An adult community reception was held at Christopher's Restaurant. Teachers and staff members celebrated the honor with parents, parishioners, and community members.

Publicity Catholic Mirror November 21, 2008



Plaque Steve Stimmel 2022

Gazebo

- Completed 2009
- David Hall's Eagle Scout project
- Designed by David's sister Kate (Hall) Bissen



Gazebo looking SW Steve Stimmel 2020

Liturgy

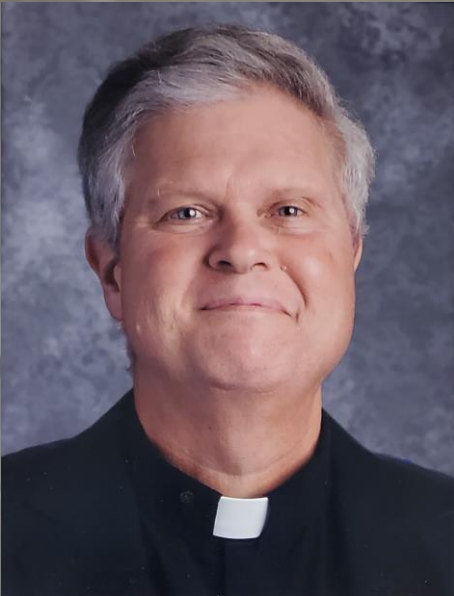
- Father Michael's 25-year celebration



Blessings Steve Stimmel June 4, 2017

Pastoral Succession

- Father Mark Neal 2018-Present



Holy Trinity photo Steve Stimmel 2022

Music

- 2019



Schola, Jim Shutt Director John Rhodes May 27, 2019



Bob Weast, Tom Quiner Dir. Steve Stimmel Oct. 13, 2019

Plaza 2019

- Ribbon cutting & dedication



Deacon Jim Obradovich, Fr. Mark Steve Stimmel Oct. 11, 2019

Pandemic

- Cov2 “Covid” Virus March 2020



Diocese of Des Moines

March 15 at 5:47 AM · 🌐

Bishop Joensen cancelled all Masses throughout the diocese today. All Catholics in the diocese are relieved of the Sunday obligation. [#coronavirus](#)

CDC recommends against gatherings of 50+ people for eight weeks

Jordan Culver, USA TODAY Published 7:15 p.m. CT March 15, 2020 | Updated 7:58 p.m. CT March 15, 2020

- Partial reopening June 2020

Parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines enter Phase 2 this weekend, allowing the public to return to the celebration of Sunday Mass.



Church sign Steve Stimmel May 31, 2020

ADAMS AVE

Artifacts

- Stone Cross



Church south wall Steve Stimmel 2020



3rd Church (Hall) west wall looking SE H.T. Archives

BEAVER AVE

Artifacts

- 1936 Cornerstone



Church south wall Steve Stimmel 2020



3rd Church (Hall) southwest corner H.T. Archives

Artifacts

- Inscribed stone panel from 1936 Church



Parish Center corridor Steve Stimmel 2020



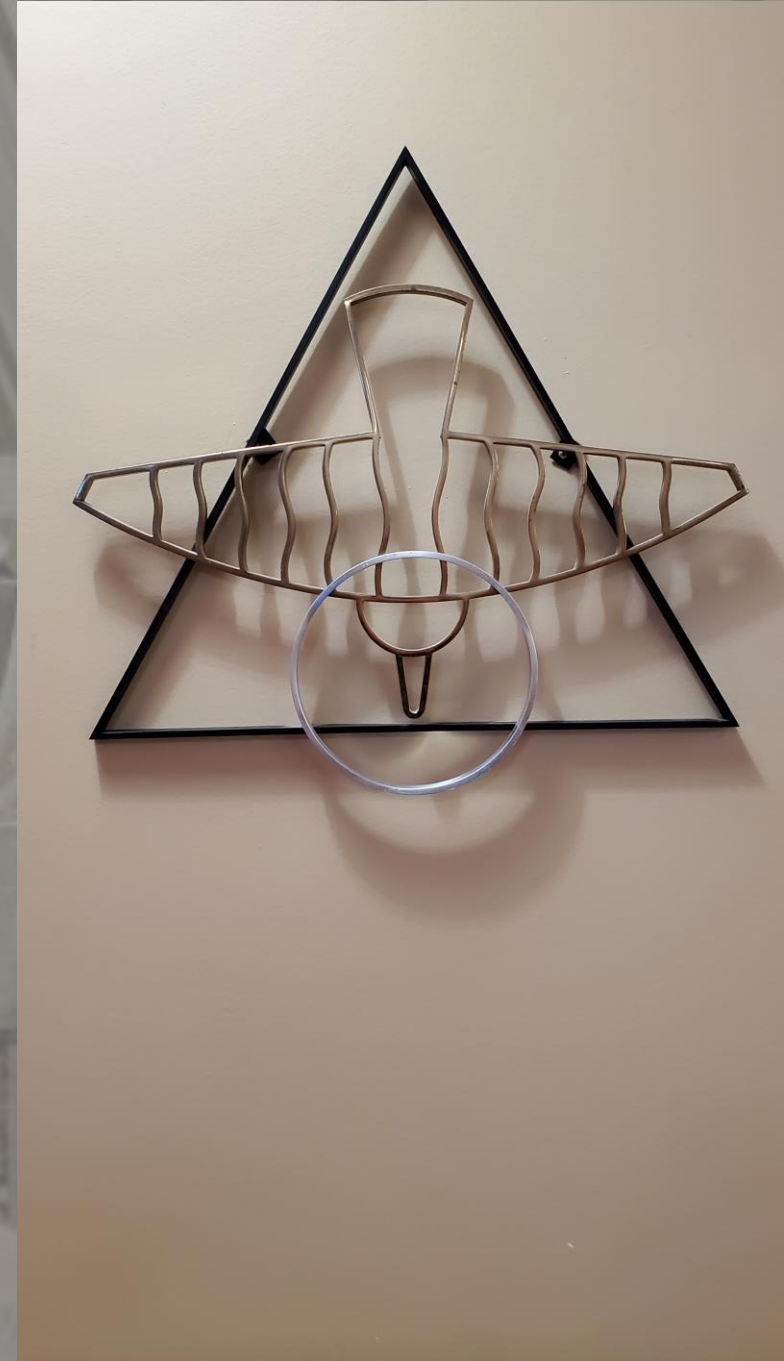
Third Church (Parish Hall) H.T. Archives

2022

- Campus Aerial 2021

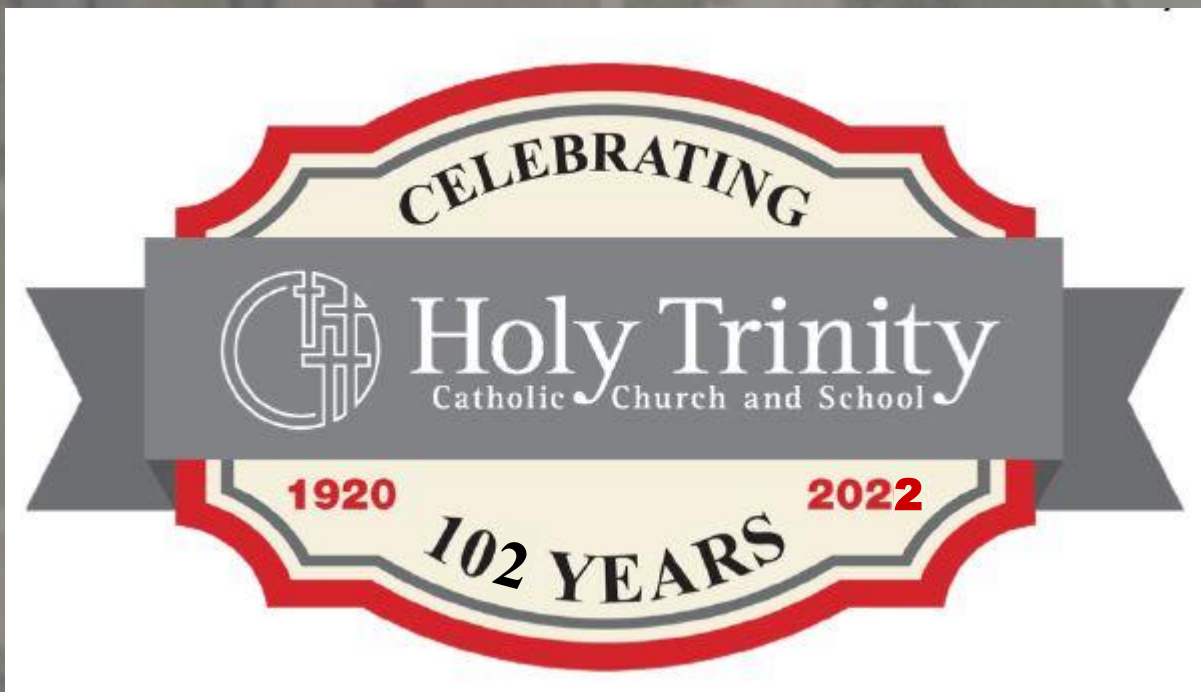


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