

St. Ludmila School



TRADITION - HISTORY - PERSONS

PASTORS

1919-1920	Rev. Thomas Ballon
1920-1922	No pastor — mission to St. Wenceslaus
1922-1960	Rev. Francis R. Hruby
1960-1973	Rev. Albert Zachar
1973-1980	Rev. Robert Cizek
1980-	Rev. Clarence Frana

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

1936-1939	Rev. John Chihak
1939-1941	Rev. Ronald Axen
1941-1946	No associates during the war
1946	Rev. Albert Zachar (1 month only)
1950-1952	Rev. Charles Kruse
1952-1957	Rev. Clarence Frana
1957-1962	Rev. Raphael Ludwig
1962-1967	Rev. John Paisley
1965	Rev. Charles Lang (1 month only)
1967-1969	Rev. Anthony Wobeter
1967-1970	Rev. James Blocklinger
1969-1970	Rev. John Tilp
1969-1970	Rev. William Goltz
1970-1973	Rev. Justin Herzog
1973-1978	Rev. Paul McManus
1978-1981	Rev. Edward Roling
1981-1985	Rev. David Doyle
1985-1987	Rev. Thomas McAndrew
1987-1989	Rev. David Doyle
1989-	Rev. Neil J. Manternach

PRINCIPALS OF ST. LUDMILA SCHOOL

1914-1915	Mother M. Qualberta Krivanek N.D.
1915-1916	Sr. Agnes Vampola N.D.
1916-1920	Sr. Magdalen Rozmajzl N.D.
1920-1923	Sr. Xavier Hava N.D.
1923-1926	Sr. Agnes Vampola N.D.
1926-1929	Sr. Regina Prusha N.D.
1929-1931	Sr. Augustine Kroenke N.D.
1931-1936	Sr. Ludmila Panek N.D.
1936-1937	Rev. John Chihak
1937-1939	Sr. Gertrude Prachar N.D.
1939-1940	Sr. Seraphine Kubesh N.D.
1940-1946	Sr. Bernarda Lutovsky N.D.
1946-1949	Sr. Dolores Pavlik N.D.
1949-1955	Sr. Marcella Chloupek N.D.
1955-1959	Sr. Miriam Brcka N.D.
1959-1965	Sr. Edwardine Rezek N.D.
1965-1970	Sr. Michelle Hayek N.D.

PRINCIPALS CONT.

1970-1974	Sr. Christine Elias N.D.
1974-1977	Sr. Mary Frances Michalec N.D.
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1980-1987	Sr. Mary Frances Michalec N.D.
1987-	Mr. Michael Welch

PRIESTS — DATES OF ORDINATION

Rev. Joseph Syrový	May 21, 1932
Rev. Anthony Patik	Aug. 15, 1942
Rev. Frances Lana	Dec. 21, 1946
Rev. Augustine Davis O.S.B.	May 11, 1959
Rev. Henry Charipar	June 1, 1968
Rev. Herbert Hayek O.P.	Dec. 4, 1971

RELIGIOUS — DATES OF PROFESSION

Brother Ronald Drahozal C.S.C.	Aug. 15, 1956
Rev. Mr. Hal Hayek O.P.	Sept. 2, 1989
Sr. Verna Viktor O.S.B.	1916
Sr. Jane Osvald N.D.	Aug. 15, 1922
Sr. Clara Osvald N.D.	Aug. 13, 1926
Sr. Benigna Syrový N.D.	Aug. 13, 1929
Sr. Monica Kopecky N.D.	Aug. 13, 1935
Sr. Consolata Sonka N.D.	Aug. 13, 1939
Sr. Clare Marie Patik C.H.M.	July 17, 1940
Sr. Christine Elias N.D.	Aug. 13, 1948
Sr. Judy Meyers R.S.M.	Feb. 2, 1954
Sr. Mary Frances Michalec N.D.	Aug. 13, 1957
Sr. Marlene Bakken N.D.	Aug. 13, 1967
Sr. Joyce Stechoon S.F.C.C.	1974

DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Richard Manning	Nov. 5, 1977
Rev. Mr. James Berger	Oct. 21, 1979
Rev. Mr. William Cisler	Sept. 21, 1986

SCHOOL SECRETARIES

Mrs. Margaret Fitzpatrick	1963-1980
Mrs. Joyce Ormsby	1979-

NOTRE DAME SISTERS WHO TAUGHT AT ST. LUDMILA SCHOOL

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| Sr. M. Qualberta Krivanek | Sr. M. Clementine Hlavik |
| Sr. M. January Cemper | Sr. M. Pauline Mazanec |
| Sr. M. Cecilia Eisenmeier | Sr. M. Camilla Divis |
| Sr. M. Agnes Vampola | Sr. M. Dolores Pavlik |
| Sr. M. Rose Slevin | Sr. M. Loretta Polak |
| Sr. M. Magdalen Rozmajzl | Sr. M. Marcella Chloupek |
| Sr. M. Teresa Reiter | Sr. M. Rose Harms |
| Sr. M. Foreria Seifrid | Sr. M. Mildred Ostry |
| Sr. M. Marietta Kalbac | Sr. M. Virginia Kremlacek |
| Sr. M. Gabriel Klein | Sr. Christine Elias |
| Sr. M. Gustava Melmer | Sr. Phyllis Ann (Cabrini) Hayek |
| Sr. M. Emanuella Karnik | Sr. M. Teresitta Cahoj |
| Sr. M. Alena Sedivy | Sr. M. Fidelis Kudrna |
| Sr. M. Augustine Kroenke | Sr. M. Anita Rolenc |
| Sr. M. Xavier Hava | Sr. M. Ernestine Havlovic |
| Sr. M. Cyrilla Hudek | Sr. M. Colette Kalina |
| Sr. M. Anna Sedivy | Sr. M. Edwardine Rezek |
| Sr. M. Regina Prusha | Sr. M. Anthony James |
| Sr. M. Bernarda Lutovsky | Sr. M. Clara Oswald |
| Sr. M. Benigna Syrový | Sr. M. Phyllis Marie (David) Heble |
| Sr. M. Nepomucene Zemanek | Sr. M. Carol (Jerome) Hemingway |
| Sr. M. Helen Oborny | Sr. M. Consolata Shonka |
| Sr. M. Gertrude Prachar | Sr. M. Carmen LaCourse |
| Sr. M. Elekta Kucera | Sr. M. Angela Kalbac |
| Sr. M. Ernestine Havlovic | Sr. M. Dorothy (Goretti) Rolf |
| Sr. M. Ludmila Panek | Sr. M. Leona Roberts |
| Sr. M. Catherine Smisek | Sr. M. Michelle (Michael) Hayek |
| Sr. M. Juliana Pohl | Sr. M. Rose Marie (Imelda) Baresh |
| Sr. M. Teresitta Kriz | Sr. Kathleen (Kennan) Kramer |
| Sr. M. Aquinas Kubes | Sr. Janice Ludvik |
| Sr. M. Loyola Samek | Sr. Jeanne Judt |
| Sr. M. Celine Sefcik | Sr. Diane Marie Jacobs |
| Sr. M. Paula Melmer | Sr. Joyce Marie Janovec |
| Sr. M. Miriam Brcka | Sr. Marie Alice Ostry |
| Sr. M. Aloysius Balik | Sr. Mary Frances Michalec |
| Sr. M. Alexia Hobza | Sr. Mary Jane Hruska |
| Sr. M. Philomena Zmolek | Sr. Cynthia Anne Hruby |
| Sr. M. Seraphine Kubes | Sr. M. Alma Janousek |
| Sr. M. Ignatius Krajicek | Sr. M. Marlene Bakken |
| Sr. M. Alphonsa Suda | Sr. M. Genevieve Ficenc |
| Sr. M. Majella Pohl | Sr. Pauline Polak |
| | Sr. M. Josita Hanus |

FACULTY AND STAFF

1914-1989

Isabelle Klein	Margaret Powers	Janet Loughren Whitney
Rosemary Hanson	Harriet Yeisley	Vicki Dobson
Mary Boison	Vera Anderson	Susan Ward
Shirley Dixon	Elaine Andrus	Cathy Kellogg
Gertrude Gurren	John McCafferty	Susan Johnson
Carole Wawro	Sue Grady	Darlene Kettleson
Carol Tlach	Linda Templeman	Ron Daly
Martha Zimmerman	Tom Fairchild	Cindy Capellos
David Vislisl	Don Havlik	Cindy Miller
Marguerite Powers	Deanna Nie Hanson	Jan Johnson
Janet Cogley	Jan Schwartz	Ken Meyer
Marilyn Pearson	Judy Kline	Barbara Dearborn
Bernice O'Neill	David Balvanz	Marguerite Ruess
Rita O'Neill	Dorothy Hadish Martens	Doris Wood
Mary McDonald	Artena Jackson	Sue Hendrickson
Zula Oujiri	Francis Mc Mann	Anne Terndrup Taylor
Eugene Bender	Marjorie Shedenhelm	Paula Dotseth
Mary Zaspal	Joye Winey	Karen Jackson
Dorothy Kitzmann	Larry Harris	Barb Konrardy
Donna Kearney	Faye Tilton	Edna Mezacapa
Florence Miller	Debbie Fleckenstien	Walt Bergman
Florence Brecht	Mary Janecek	Pat Moeglich
Ida Houser	Terri Kidder	Bob McBride
Olga Drahozal	Fran Decker	Sheila Matheson
Robert Klassy	Sue Potthoff	Jeanne Pease
Margaret Marzen	Patricia Ranson	Ann Kramer
Marguerite Spratt	Joan Jacob	Nancy McDonald
Mary Highly	Susie Buckley	Liz Koffron-Eisen
Victor Breemeresch	Tim Hein	Kim Ryan
Virginia Duvall	Linda Spotts	Jan Drahozal
Eunice Neuhaus Kokemiller	Sue Overmann	Cindy Frese Schulte
Carolyn Fiala	Sandi Gorecki	Julia Perry-Clark
Doris Dvorsky	Patricia Van Sichel	Beth Hronek
Paulee Uchityl	Marilyn Hrubes	Marilyn Benda
Judith Kibbie	Eileen Samek	John McFarland
Rose Mary Lyons	Lynn Mann	Kathy Miller
Regina Welsh	Sr. Ruth Kleitsch OSF	Barbara Koorbusch
Kay Turek	Donna Troyna	Kay Bloom
Paul Barnes	Charles Artley	Cheryl Higdon
Paula Smith	Helen Hayes	Leanne Johnson
Mary Ellen Cassidy		

TRADITION – HISTORY – EVENTS

- July 4, 1914 Steering Committee composed of Rev. Florian Svrđlik, John Viktor, Joseph L. Prochaska, and Joseph Barta announced proposed project for future St. Ludmila Parish.
- October 15, 1914 Feast of St. Teresa and arrival of first Notre Dame Sisters.
- October 23, 1914 Official opening of St. Ludmila School made up of 2 classrooms in convent/school building.
- November 6, 1914 First Mass celebrated in parish in the convent/school chapel.
- August 24, 1915 Construction begun on school.
- January, 1916 Parish officially came into existence.
- February 13, 1916 First Mass celebrated in new chapel of convent/school.
- March 2, 1916 Classes held in new school building.
- March 5, 1916 First program by students held on temporary stage in new school.
- June, 1916 1st graduate of St. Ludmila School — Julie Bartosh (Suchomel). Graduation exercises held at St. Wenceslaus Church.
- January 28 - February 5, 1918 School closed for lack of coal during extreme and severe cold weather.
- April 22, 1918 Planting of 20 fruit trees, 2 elms, birches, linden, 2 evergreens, and 12 grapevines around convent. Sidewalks put in.
- June, 1918 1st graduation exercises held at St. Ludmila Church for class of Anna Rozek, Martha Kuncel, Albina Harapot, Emma Krejci, and William Loufek.
- November 29, 1918 Parish bazaar for benefit of school.
- December, 1918 Severe flu epidemic. Schools and churches closed. Masses shortened. No funeral masses.
- May 22, 1919 Penick & Ford starch factory explodes. St. Ludmila Parish lost members.
- 1919 St. Ludmila Parish becomes independent and Fr. Thomas Ballon becomes pastor.
- March 19, 1920 City water put into convent and school building.
- August, 1920 St. Ludmila became a mission of St. Wenceslaus because Fr. Ballon was transferred to Praiseburg, Iowa. Fr. Hruby, assistant pastor at St. Wenceslaus, replaces Fr. Ballon and ministered to the spiritual needs of the parishioners.
- December 30, 1920 Death of Rev. Florian Svrđlik, founder of St. Ludmila Parish and School.
- February 19, 1922 St. Ludmila Parish again becomes independent with Rev. Francis R. Hruby appointed pastor.
- April 19, 1922 School grounds landscaped and grass planted. Sidewalk laid. Playground equipment installed. Curbs put in. 21st Avenue black-topped.

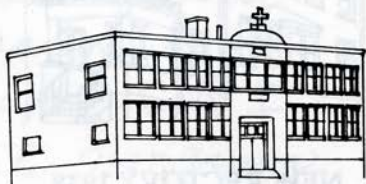
- January 14, 1923 Parish meeting — decision to charge a rental for text books of \$1.00 per child. Tuition charges — 50¢ a month per family.
- September, 1924 Classrooms increased to four.
- September, 1925 First central library established at St. Ludmila School with 800 volumes.
- May, 1925 First school picnic held at Bever Park. Ice cream treat to children for digging out dandelions on church grounds.
- 1932 Music Recital presented by music students over Radio Station KWCR.
- 1936 Appointment of 1st associate pastor — Rev. John Chihak.
- October 3, 1937 School children given church envelopes for 1st time.
- October 8, 1938 Death of Sr. Augustine N.D., much loved teacher and principal at St. Ludmila School for 13 years. Not only did she teach with zeal but also tried to help students lead good lives as adults.
- March 3, 1939 Mother Qualberta N.D., one of the first Sisters teaching at St. Ludmila's, passed to her eternal reward. She was known for her unusual concern and love for all. No sacrifice was too great when her help was needed.
- September, 1939 Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary organized in school. First directress was Sr. Ludmila Panek.
- September, 1940 5 classrooms opened.
- May 25, 1941 25th Anniversary of St. Ludmila Parish observed by celebration of High Mass by Msgr. A. Vojacek. Rev. Vaclav Hradecky preached the homily in Czech and Rev. Steven Kucera preached in English.
- June 13, 1943 Rev. Francis Hruby celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination. He offered a High Mass assisted by Rev. Joseph Syrový, Rev. Anthony Patik S.V.D., and Rev. Mr. Francis Lana, who were graduates of St. Ludmila School.
- 1944-45 Carnivals, paper drives, making and selling paper carnations, used as money making projects for school.
- August, 1947 The library was enlarged by breaking the wall between the library and the clubroom.
- 1953 Ground breaking for new school.
- 1954 One classroom ready for use.
- November, 1954 Home & School Association organized.
- 1956 Two classrooms and auditorium completed.
- April 22, 1956 Hot Lunch Program inaugurated in church basement.
- December, 1956 1st Christmas Program in new school.
- April 22, 1957 1st hot lunch served in school cafeteria.
- 1958 St. Ludmila School Band Association organized under leadership of Mrs. Wesley Drahozal.
- November 24, 1958 Completely moved into new school.
- 1958-1959 School uniforms introduced.
- September 30, 1960 Monsignor Francis Hruby dies.

- January, 1961 1st Parent-Teacher Conferences held.
- January, 1962 Iowa Tests of Basic Skills administered for the first time.
- January 13, 1962 Sisters moved into new convent.
- April 21, 1966 His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Beran of Prague, Czechoslovakia, visited the school.
- 1970 Project Exodus Sacramental Program inaugurated.
- August 12, 1970 Sr. Clara Osvald N.D. dies. Sister was a member of St. Ludmila Parish before entering the Notre Dame Order in 1924. Her last teaching assignment was at St. Ludmila School. Sister lies at rest in St. John's Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.
- August, 1972 Rain damaged school roof. Ceilings had to be replaced. The cost was \$84,000.
- October 19, 1975 Pauline Reid honored by parish for 20 years of managing the hot lunch program in the school.
- October 4, 1979 Pope John Paul II visits Living History Farm in Des Moines, Iowa. School dismissed to give families the opportunity to attend the Mass celebrated by the Pope.
- November 1, 1980 St. Ludmila School bus begins transporting students with Lois and Dan Wilhelm as drivers.
- September, 1981 Kindergarten classes resumed after 20 years. Charles Faulkner, a member of this class, son of Cathy Sylvester, member of last kindergarten class of 1960.
- January 12, 1983 Visit by Rev. Mother Purissima N.D. and Sr. Sidonia N.D. of Czechoslovakia.
- September 23, 1983 Frana Sports Center blessed and dedicated.
- December 15, 1983 Christmas concert held in Frana Sports Center for first time.
- January 29, 1984 In connection with Catholic Schools Week first chicken noodle soup and kolach supper held.
- September, 1985 Four generations represented in school with:
 Andy Whitters — kindergarten student
 Barbara Trachta Whitters — 1968
 Marie Hanson Trachta — 1941
 Sophie Kunch Hanson — 1920
- January, 1985 Computers placed in classrooms.
- May 10, 1987 Baseball field named Zachar Field in honor of Monsignor Albert Zachar.
- September, 1987 Mr. Michael Welch, first lay principal of school.
- April, 1988 First 18 girls trained as altar servers.
- November 14, 1988 Home School Association re-activated.
- Lowest enrollment, 1914-15 school year — 65 students**
- Highest enrollment, 1960-61 school year — 466 students**
- Largest graduating class, June, 1964 — 45 students**
- Total number of graduates — 1417**

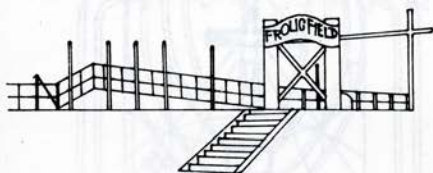
TRADITION - HISTORY BUILDINGS



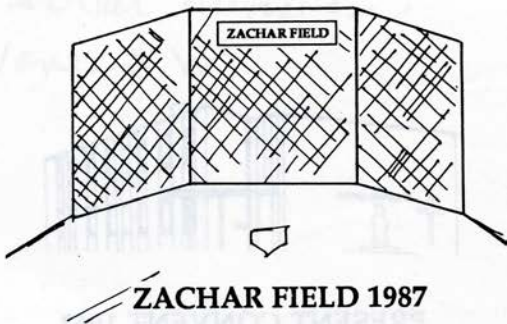
CONVENT/SCHOOL/CHURCH
1914



SCHOOL/CHURCH 1916



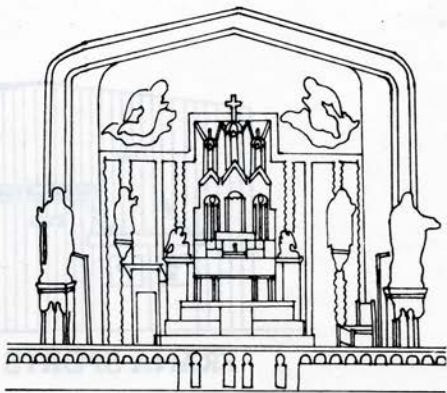
FROLIC FIELD 1924



ZACHAR FIELD 1987



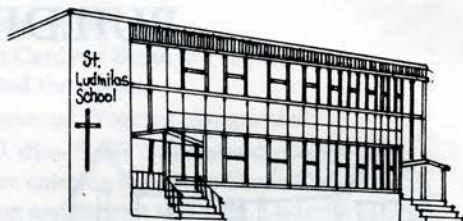
PRESENT CHURCH 1926



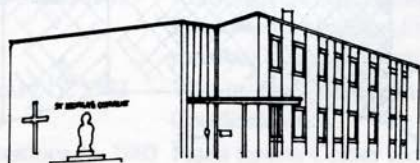
ORIGINAL SANCTUARY 1926



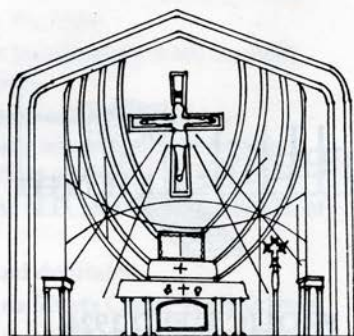
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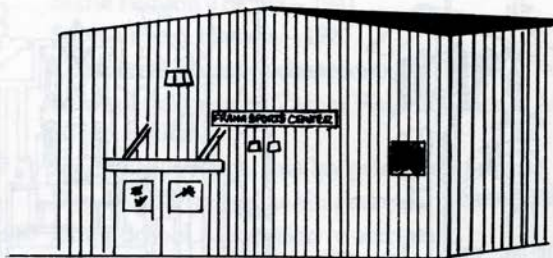
PRESENT SCHOOL 1958



PRESENT CONVENT 1962



**RENOVATED
SANCTUARY 1970**



FRANA SPORTS CENTER 1983

The Diamond Jubilee Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank all who helped in any way with making this celebration a success.

NOTES

Norton Dame Nuns Kicked out
Aug 1, 1994: By present priest Harry,
nuns moved to apartments off
132-20th ave S.W apt 3. C. R. F.
Sister Christine Sister Virginia
Sister Joseph she stayed to teach
94-95 classes. Fr Harry moved in
Convent + put St Pat Nuns in
Rectory 209. 21 ave S.W

