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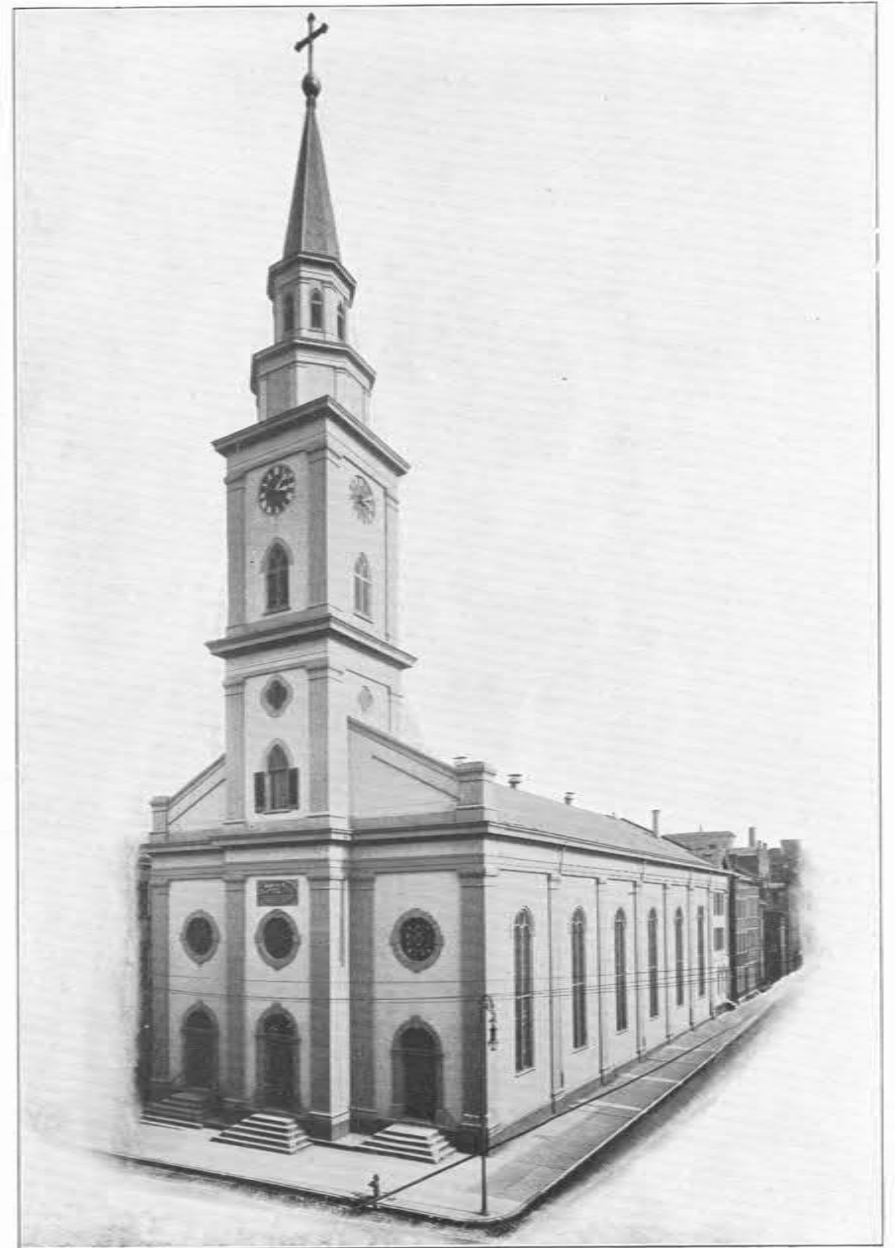
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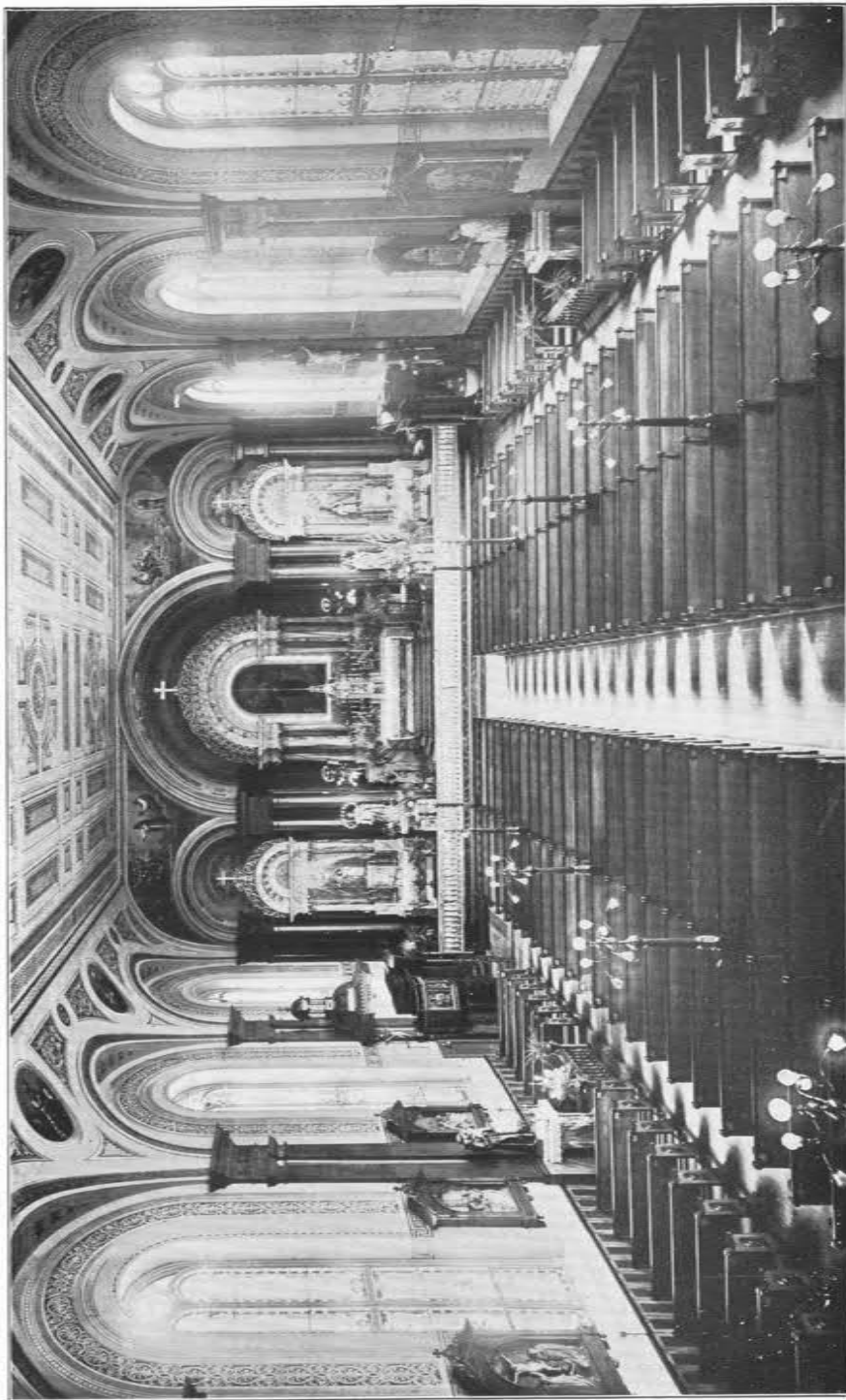
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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ST. MARY'S—INTERIOR



POPE BENEDICT XV



MOST REV. HENRY MOELLER, D. D.



MOST REV. JOHN BAPTIST PURCELL, D. D.



MOST REV. WILLIAM HENRY ELDER, D. D.



MOST REV. MARTIN P. HENNI, D. D.



REV. JOSEPH T. DUERSTOCK
Present Pastor

The History of St. Mary Church.

AMONG the striking events that go to make up the history of Cincinnati, and go to show the Universality of the true Church, that is, true to one of its essential marks, "Catholic," is the erection of St. Mary Church, the second oldest German Catholic congregation of the city. For seventy-five years it has withstood the storms and tempests and come out unscathed, and stands today as the oldest and largest church in the city of Cincinnati. To it mostly all the churches in the city must look up as to a mother, for there is not one parish in the city or suburbs that has not among its pioneer members one from this church. And it is indeed something to be proud of, for it stands there today as a lasting memorial of their hard work and many sacrifices.

As far back as 1830, the number of German Catholics had increased greatly. Immigrants were coming to this country in great numbers, and many made their homes in Cincinnati. They were not acquainted with the English language, and were very tenacious to German customs. In order that they might be spiritually cared for, and by one of their own, special services were conducted for them on Sundays at the Cathedral Church, on Sycamore Street. In 1834, however, their number had increased to such an extent that they could easily support a parish of their own; and at this time Holy Trinity Church, the oldest German congregation, was erected on Fifth Street, at its present location. But, as we find it to be the case today, the city spread, and more room had to be found. It naturally spread northward toward the end of the city limits, which at that time extended to Liberty Street. On this account the distance to Holy Trinity Church and School became rather burdensome, especially in bad weather.

At first, for the benefit of the children, for, as Christ loved the little ones, so also the Church had their care at heart, for they were to be the future men and women upon whom so much was to depend, two schools were opened in 1839 at Thirteenth and Main Streets, the one a private school for girls, conducted by Miss T. Eberle, the other a private school for boys. With the school thus begun, naturally the church

had to follow. The church of the Holy Trinity became too small to accommodate the crowds that flocked thither, and under the supervision of Rev. Martin Henni, later the first Archbishop of Milwaukee, was left the selection of the site for a new church. He in turn, in the year 1840, appointed a committee, who were to act in conjunction with him, and in September of the same year brought in their report. In order to raise funds for the erection of the new church, a committee, for each of the eight wards, of which the city at that time was made up, was selected; these men were to obtain subscriptions, at which they succeeded wonderfully. Having raised the means, next in order was the selection of a suitable place, which was found, namely the estate of Arthur St. Clair.

This estate was in the hands of an administrator, Wm. Lytle by name, who had it divided into building lots by J. L. Benham. Among the buyers of the estate were E. S. Haines and S. S. Brown. Ezechiel Haines and his wife Charlotte transferred to Archbishop John B. Purcell, in this same year, the lots numbered 161 and 162, on the east side of Clay Street, each having a frontage of twenty-five feet on Clay Street and extending seventy-five feet toward Main Street; also lots numbered 175 and 176 on Main Street, with a frontage of twenty-five feet each, also extending one hundred feet toward Clay Street, the entire sale amounting to \$5,000; the witnesses to this transfer being Messrs. A. Martin and J. Wiseman. (Hamilton Co. Records Bk. 78, P. 354.) On January 11, of the following year, S. G. Brown and his wife Martha transferred to Bishop John B. Purcell, lots numbered 159 and 160, on the east side of Clay Street, each with a frontage of twenty-five feet and extending seventy-five feet toward Main Street; also lots numbered 173 and 174 on the west side of Main Street, each with a frontage of twenty-five feet and extending one hundred feet toward Clay Street, for the sum of \$7,000; the witnesses to this deed of transfer were Messrs. J. Wiseman and N. W. Green. (Hamilton Co. Records Bk. 78, P. 354.) On January 18, of this same year, Josiah Lawrence and his wife Eliza transferred to Bishop John B. Purcell, the lots numbered 157 on Clay Street and 171 on Main Street; the witnesses to this sale were Messrs. H. Lawrence and J. Wiseman, the price paid being \$2,160. (Hamilton Co. Records Bk. 78, P. 354.) The site purchased had a frontage of one hundred

PASTOR AND ASSISTANTS



REV. JOS. FERNEDING
1842-1850



REV. F. X. WIPPERN, S. J.
1848-1849



REV. C. HAMMER
First Pastor
1842-1896



REV. P. KROEGER
1849



REV. M. DESELAERS
1849-1850

and fifty feet on Main and Clay Streets and one hundred and seventy-five feet on Thirteenth Street, embracing the entire square between Main and Clay Streets on the south side. Now that they had purchased the property, next in order was the erection of the building itself. A building committee was therefore selected and met on April the 15th. The plans of Ignatz Erd, who was chosen as architect, were selected. Everything being now in readiness, excavations began on March 17, 1841.

The work had progressed far enough so that the corner-stone could be laid on Thursday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. God looked down favorably upon the work that was being done, for He blessed the celebration with a beautiful day. People of all nationalities were gathered together on this day, to do honor to their God, showing the unity of faith and worship which is so dear to our Church. The procession, which, as escort to the Bishop, was composed of priests of the city and St. Xavier College, a band of Seminarians, and several young girls dressed in pure white, reached the grounds at three o'clock. There, during the cantation of a solemn hymn by the entire concourse, composed especially for the occasion by the Rev. Hammer, was set the corner-stone of the second oldest church of Cincinnati. The German sermon on this occasion was delivered by Rev. M. Henni; the English sermon, however, was preached by Bishop Purcell, who also laid the corner-stone. The ceremonies concluded with Episcopal Benediction and Te Deum. About ten thousand persons, mostly Catholics, graced the occasion with their presence. The work on the building progressed rapidly, so that in July of the following year the church was completed.

On July the 3rd, 1842, the structure was dedicated to God, under the title of the Annunciation, on which feast day the corner-stone was laid. It was the largest church thus far erected in the Mississippi Valley, being 142 feet long, 66 feet wide, the tower reaching the height of 170 feet; its style was Gothic. At an early hour that historic Sunday morning, the procession arrived at the church. It was the first Catholic demonstration of this kind held in Cincinnati. The procession left Holy Trinity Church and marched through the downtown streets to St. Mary's. Heading the procession was an acolyte, bearing a beautiful gilt crucifix, accompanied by two torch-

bearers; following these were the following societies: St. Peter Benevolent Society for destitute female orphans, St. Aloysius Orphan Society, German Catholic Relief Society, Reverend Pastors vested in surplices, together with the school children dressed in white, finally the entire congregation, all marching four abreast. The solemn ceremonies began at nine-thirty o'clock, at which the Rt. Rev. Bishop pontificated and the following priests assisted: Assistant Priest, Rev. Stephen Badin, the first priest ordained in the United States; Deacon, Rev. Joseph O'Malley; Sub-deacon, Rev. Pin, S. J.; Deacons of Honor, Rev. Jos. Stokes, Vicar General of the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. D. Hallinan; Rev. Elet, S. J., President of St. Xavier College, acted as Master of Ceremonies. During the dedication itself, the Revs. Joseph Ferneding and De Theaux explained the symbolical meaning of the beautiful ceremonies. The sermon on this grand occasion was preached by Rev. M. Henni, who preached almost two hours, and held the audience spellbound for this length of time due to his oratorical ability. The Bishop also gave a short instruction in English, beseeching God to shower His blessings upon the congregation; that all who here received the cleansing waters of Baptism might be true to their vows; those approaching the sacred table might ever communicate worthily; and their priests might ever remain faithful to their sacred calling. The services concluded at two o'clock. Again at five o'clock they were bidden to return, which they did with noble and willing hearts. In the evening Vesper services were held, during which a beautiful sermon was delivered on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, by the Rev. Stephen Badin, after which a short instruction was given by the Rev. C. Hammer on the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop on this occasion administered the Sacrament to a class of 362 candidates. The services were concluded at eight o'clock, with Benediction and solemn "Te Deum" surging from the hearts of the entire congregation.

Rev. C. Hammer was appointed the first pastor of the church by the Rt. Rev. Bishop. He was a Bohemian by birth, having been born in Joachimsthal in 1804. He made his early studies at the seminary of Prague, where he was ordained in 1836. He left his own country to administer to the wants of his people in this country, as so many did. The scene of

his first labors in this country was at St. Ann Church, Detroit, Mich.; from there he traveled on missions through Michigan and Indiana; in 1840 he came to Cincinnati and became assistant at Holy Trinity, whence he became the first pastor of St. Mary's. Here he remained till the year 1866, when he returned to Prague, and thence to the home of his birth, where he died. He departed this life in the year 1879, in his 75th year. He endeared himself to all whom he met, as the history of his life tells us, to the poor and influential alike. He donated to the church a beautiful oil painting which he received from an eminent artist abroad, namely a painting of "Christ upon the Cross," by F. X. Kadlinck, a director of art in the Prague Art Academy. At this time a beautiful oil painting, "The Immaculate Conception," to be used on the main altar, was donated by the widow, Remprecht. The same was the work of an eminent artist of Munich, Xavier Glinck.

To show the faith and charity of the people of St. Mary's congregation, we need but mention the anniversary celebration of the St. Aloysius Orphan Society, held March 26, 1843. On this occasion seventy-one new members were enrolled, who in their charity pledged to help support these destitute orphaned children. In April of this same year the Rev. Jos. Ferneding was appointed the first assistant pastor, which charge he held till the year 1850, having endeared himself to all who knew him. On August 13th the first bell, weighing 3,363 pounds and cast by Coffin, was blessed.

In the same year, on September 9th, the corner-stone of the school was laid. We can hardly realize the joy that filled the hearts of the pastors, the parents and the children, in being present on this joyful occasion, for now the wants of the little ones, who were to be the future of the parish, could be attended to and they could be instructed in the truths of their holy religion. The corner-stone was laid by Rev. M. Henni, who also preached on this occasion. Solemn High Mass was sung at eight o'clock by the Rev. H. D. Junker of Chillicothe, Ohio; he was assisted by the Revs. Joseph Ferneding and Andrew Tusch. The building was ready for occupancy January 3, 1844, and was formally opened by the Rev. T. Collins, at that time Vicar General of the diocese. The building was seventy feet long and thirty feet wide, and contained four large class rooms and two basement rooms, each thirty feet square,

PASTOR AND ASSISTANTS



REV. A. BERMAN
1860-1862



REV. J. JACOBS
1865-1870



REV. B. MENGE
Pastor
1870-1898



REV. H. MUELLER
1870-1889



REV. F. LAMPING
1889-1891

with a central hall. On the opening day 450 pupils registered and Mr. Jos. Hemann was appointed the first teacher.

It was about this time too that Catholicism in Cincinnati was passing through a critical period. It is well to mention this in this history, as it was at St. Mary's that plans were adopted which successfully put a stop to this uprising. A party had been formed, which was to take in hand all church property and control it; likewise all church funds; they were to depose and install priests at will, in fact take to themselves the government of the Church; all this was to be done on a form of trustee system. To show how powerful it had become, it had received the approval of 1,600 signatures and the date had already been set when it was to make arrangements to file a claim for incorporation under the title of "German Catholic Congregation of Cincinnati." The date for making these arrangements was set for January 27th, at the Court House. The Rev. M. Henni, however, received word of this intended meeting and he himself called a general meeting of the Catholics of the city for January 26th, at St. Mary's. Over 2,000 men responded to the call and a counter organization was formed, of which Michael Leib was elected President and Bernard Enneking, Secretary. The Revs. Henni, Ferneding, Tusch and Luhr addressed the assembly on this occasion and showed the madness and baseness of such a corporation. Resolutions were then framed and plans made, which successfully checked the impending upheaval.

At that time Fr. Hammer had been abroad; he returned on August 11th, bringing with him the relics of St. Martura. On Sunday, August 20th, these relics, with all the solemnities prescribed for their solemn transfer, were placed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Purcell under the main altar, where they rest today. A large number of clergymen attended these solemn ceremonies. On May 5, 1846, the Rev. Jos. Ferneding went abroad and in the meantime Rev. J. Emig, S. J., assisted Father Hammer. On November 5th, the new organ was tried for the first time. It was built by Matthew Swab, at a cost of \$2,800. From February 28th till March 8th, two Jesuit Fathers, F. X. Katcher and Martin Seisel, gave a mission. At these pious exercises over 2,000 people approached the Holy Sacraments. The annals of the year 1845 and 1846 make mention of the following assistants at the church: Revs. F.

Patchewski, S. J., F. X. Wipperfurth, S. J., and P. Martini, of Boston, and Fred. Zeller of St. Louis.

At this time another new church took its origin from St. Mary's and was erected in the near vicinity. Naturally, for convenience sake, many attended there; likewise too the number of school children decreased, and one class room was discontinued. The school attendance at this time was 325 boys and 225 girls. At the end of the school term of this year Messrs. Anton Hemann and H. Schulthoff, teachers, resigned. In this year too an additional lot was purchased for the erection of a new parsonage. In this same year many beautiful donations were presented by the various church societies. St. Ann Married Ladies' and St. Joseph Young Ladies' Societies furnished two side altars, two large oil paintings for the main altar, some wall decorations as well as many beautiful and costly vestments, and St. John Married Men's Society a handsome ciborium.

To get an adequate idea of the size of the parish at this time, it is well to look over the church records. There were two confraternities, namely that of the "Living Rosary" and the "Precious Blood," having a total of 2,500 members. In this same year, 1846, there were 432 baptisms, 188 marriages and 250 funerals; the number of those who approached the sacred table was 10,000, a very large number, considering that Holy Communion was not received as frequently as now. In September of the year 1847, the services of lay teachers for the school were discontinued and three Sisters of the Notre Dame took charge of the children, who numbered 600. During the year 1849, the Revs. P. Kroeger, M. Deselaers and W. Dieters were assistants here in the order named.

In October, the Rev. B. Elkman, assistant at Holy Trinity, was appointed assistant at St. Mary's. On November 24th of this same year the Rt. Rev. Bishop Maurice de St. Paulais solemnly blessed three bells, which were cast by Geo. L. Hanks; he was assisted on this occasion by the Revs. Jos. Ferneding, W. Doyle of Vincennes, P. Kroeger of Holy Trinity, Kuhr of St. Philomena, Hammer and Elkman. In the summer of the year 1851, the Rev. L. Kuepfer was appointed second assistant. The number of pupils attending the school was continually increasing, so that one building was not sufficient. On this account more property had to be pur-

chased for the erection of a new school. Accordingly a piece of property was bought at the north-west corner of Twelfth and Clay Streets, at the cost of about \$6,000, on which site a school building was erected at the cost of about \$6,000. This building was to serve the purpose of a boys' school and was placed in charge of the Brothers of Mary, the first brother superior being Brother Maximin Zehler. In 1856 the Rev. Fr. Karel was appointed assistant pastor and in 1859 the Rev. Anthony Berman. In 1860 the Rev. C. Hammer returned to Europe to remain, and accordingly a new pastor was appointed, namely the Rev. B. Elkman. In the following years, till the year 1865, the following priests assisted in the order named: the Revs. Gerhard Uhling and Jos. Jacobs, C. S. S. C.

The number of families was still increasing, so much so, that it became a necessity to enlarge the church. Work was therefore begun on the addition in 1864; forty-eight feet being added to the old structure, making the entire length of the church 190 feet. On July 2, 1865, the church was blessed by the Most Rev. Archbishop Purcell, and the altars also were consecrated. The celebrant at the Solemn Pontifical Mass on this occasion was the Rt. Rev. Bishop Syl. H. Rosencrans; he was assisted by the following: Archpriest, Rev. Eusebius Schmidt, O. F. M.; Deacon, Rev. J. Albrinck; Sub-deacon, Rev. Geo. Glass; the Revs. B. Wiseman and Geo. Ahrens were Masters of Ceremonies. Present in the sanctuary were the Revs. Jos. Ferneding, Dr. Pabisch, H. Johansing, B. Ghels, B. Elkman and G. Uhling. The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. Jos. Ferneding, who was at that time Vicar General of the Diocese. The choir, under the direction of Prof. Brusselbach, sang Beethoven's Mass in C. The services concluded with Te Deum, sung by all present. Before the ceremonies there was a grand parade, participated in by all male societies in the city, twenty-four in all. For the occasion the entire church as well as the altars had been remodeled and beautified; likewise a new parsonage had been erected. The total cost of all the improvements made, including also the erection of the parsonage, was \$30,000.

In the year 1870, the Revs. B. Menge and H. Mueller were appointed assistants. In the year 1881, the Rev. B. Elkman, after presiding as pastor of the church for twenty-one years, resigned on account of ill health and old age. He went to

PASTOR AND ASSISTANTS



REV. H. ELLERBROCK
1891-1896



REV. L. TIEMAN
1896-1898



REV.
BERN. MOELLER
Pastor
1898-1916



REV. JULIUS MEYER
1900-1905



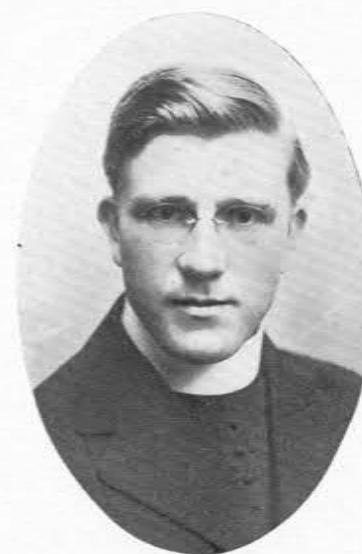
REV. NICH. SCHNEIDER
1905-1909

St. Elizabeth Hospital, Covington, Ky., and thence to St. Mary Hospital on Betts Street where he died October 15, 1885. He was loved by all in life and mourned in death, especially by the people of St. Mary congregation, who showed him all the honors possible. We truly regret that we have been unable to secure a photograph of Fr. Elkman, as our jubilee book seems incomplete without it; but his memory still lingers in the hearts of those who knew him. The Rev. B. Menge was appointed the next pastor. He was assisted, till the year 1888, by Rev. H. Mueller, who went to Taylor Creek; Rev. F. Lamping succeeded him and remained till 1891, when he was made assistant at St. Augustine's; the Rev. H. Ellerbrock of Holy Trinity Church, Dayton, succeeded him in 1891. In 1890, work on the remodeling of the church was begun, in order that all might be in readiness for the Golden Jubilee celebration. The interior of the church was completely remodeled, after the plan designed by Rev. B. Menge, personally. Arches were formed above the windows, as well as in the ceiling itself, that all might harmonize and be in conformity with Roman Basilica style; even the decorations themselves were to conform with this style. The altars were repainted; the pulpit, confessionals and stations were renovated. An opening was made in the ceiling above the sanctuary in which a stained glass window was placed, in order to illuminate the sanctuary, which was very dark. New pews and new flooring were put in, as well as a new heating system. Changes also were made in the doors and windows of the front of the church and in the vestibules. The total cost of these changes amounted to about \$20,000, most of which was made up by cash subscriptions from members of the congregation. The day of the jubilee was indeed a gala one for the congregation as well as for the Catholics of the city itself. The church was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting and evergreen; the houses in the neighborhood too were bedecked in festive attire. A Solemn High Mass, in the presence of the Bishop, was celebrated at nine-thirty o'clock by Rev. J. C. Albrinck; he was assisted by the Revs. J. H. Schoenhof of St. Lawrence Church as Deacon, and J. H. Burwinkel of St. Joseph Foundling Asylum as Sub-deacon; the Rev. Schapmann, S. J., President of St. Xavier College, was Archpriest; the Revs. H. Ellerbrock and F. Lamping were Masters of Ceremonies. Present in the

ASSISTANTS



REV. C. VIEL
1900-1916



REV. JOS. ALBERS
1916

sanctuary were the Revs. Jerome Kilgenstein, O. F. M., H. J. Ferneding, F. Lasance, H. Quatman, Chas. Hickey, Aug. Meyer, C. Wiederholt, B. Roesener, F. Varelman, Theobald, O. F. M., A. Druffner and W. Prince, S. J. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Stuhl, a Redemptorist. A short address was made by the Most Rev. Archbishop, blessing was given, and the service concluded with a solemn Te Deum.

In the year 1897, a sad incident occurred. It was the first and only death of a priest at St. Mary's. It was a Sunday morning, after he had preached upon the General Judgment, that the Rev. Pastor, B. J. Menge, was called to his reward. He was found sitting dead in a chair, by Father Tieman; he held in his hand the divine office, having been called while praying to his God. He was mourned by all of his parishioners and by many friends, for his affability had won for him a warm place in their hearts. He had accomplished much good both spiritually and temporally for the parish during his stay of twenty-eight years at St. Mary's, seventeen of which he

served as pastor. His memory is today still fresh in the minds of the people. The Rev. Louis Tieman, who had been appointed assistant in 1898, took charge of the parish during its vacancy.

In the year 1898, the Rev. B. Moeller, a brother to the Most Rev. Archbishop, and now Chancellor of the Diocese, was appointed pastor. During the first years of his pastorate, the Franciscan Fathers assisted at the church. In the year 1900, the Rev. Julius Meyer was appointed assistant. He served as assistant for five years, when on account of ill health he had to go West. His successor was the Rev. Nicholas Schneider, who remained till the year 1909. The Rev. C. Viel succeeded Fr. Schneider and remained till the year 1916.

During the pastorate of Father Moeller, the church debt was entirely liquidated. A piece of property was bought immediately adjoining the church; the church had been washed twice and the exterior painted; the yards of both schools were paved with cement and other extensive improvements made. During his time, the altars were illuminated with electric lights, as well as the statues and the church itself; the same being the gift of a great benefactor of the church, the lately deceased Mrs. T. Klimper.

The Rev. Jos. Albers served for a short time as assistant with Father Moeller. Last year the Rev. B. Moeller, for nineteen years pastor of the church, resigned, due to ill health; the Rev. Jos. Albers took charge temporarily. On October first of the same year, 1916, the present pastor, Rev. Jos. T. Duerstock, was appointed, with Rev. Leo Heile as assistant. Father Duerstock has already expended much energy in beautifying the house of God and making it a fit home for the Most High. He has had the entire church washed, the altars repainted and a beautiful gilt tabernacle installed. The sanctuary too has been enlarged, and a new system of indirect lighting installed. May God bless his work, especially on account of the zeal for the beauty of His house; may his work produce in the hearts of his parishioners fruit a hundred fold, unto life everlasting. May God, in His love, bless all those who made so many sacrifices for His holy house, and bless those who in the future shall do so, and may He, in His mercy, grant eternal rest to all those who, having made sacrifices for its beauty, have gone to their reward.



THE PARISH HOUSE



REV. JOS. T. DUERSTOCK



REV. LEO H. HEILE

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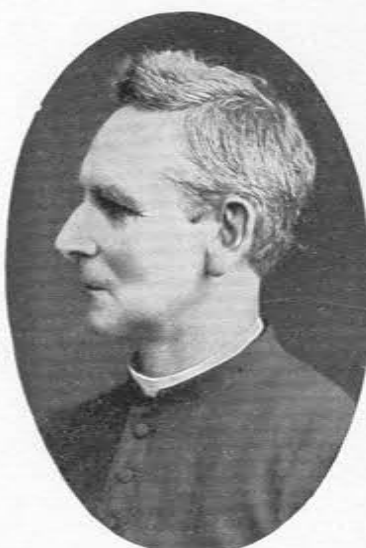
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REV. J. SCHOENHOEFT

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REV. F. KESSING



REV. J. BURWINKEL



REV. F. X. LASANCE

PRIESTS—SONS OF THE PARISH



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REV. F. M. LAMPING



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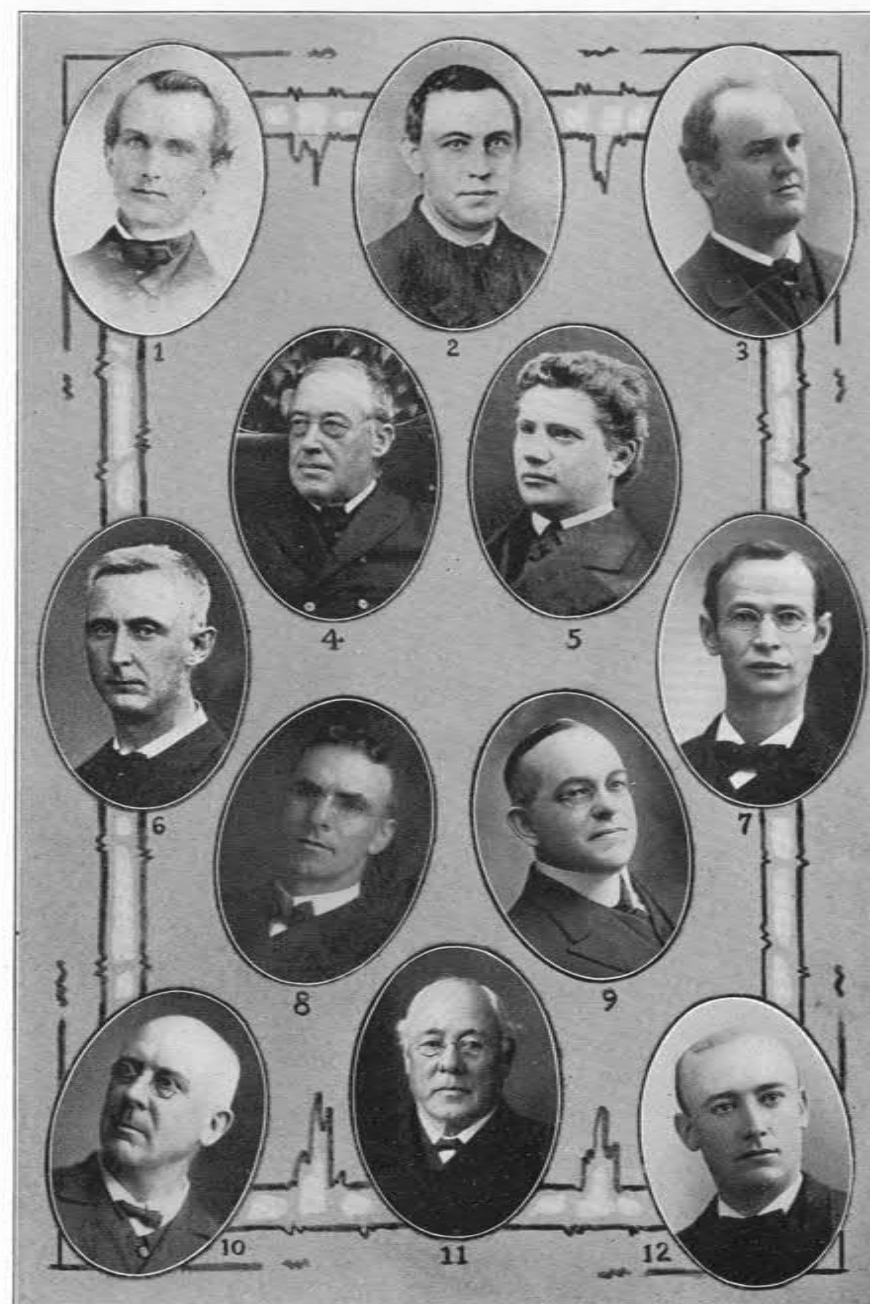


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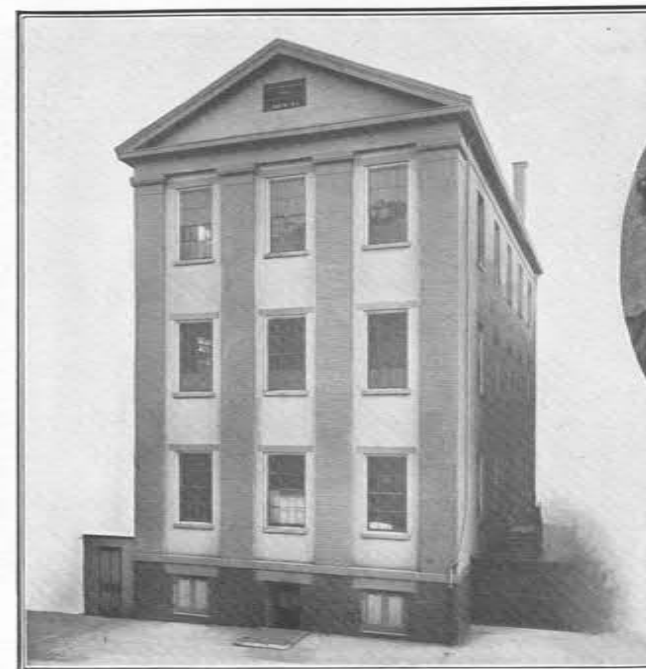


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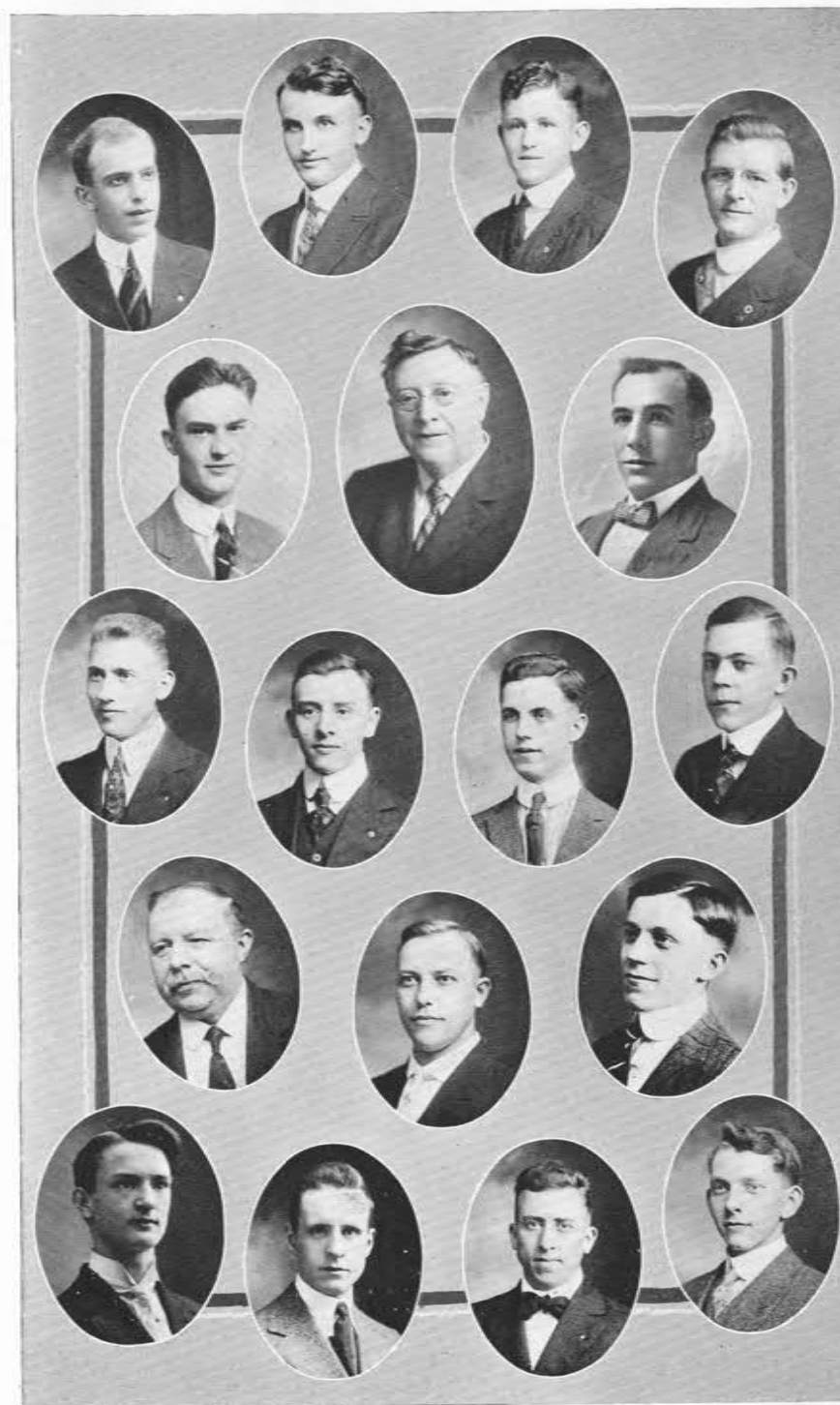
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History of the School.

THE school has ever been the pride of St. Mary Parish. It has ever lived up to its end, namely, of instilling into the hearts of children the fear of God and secular knowledge, two requisites for real education. The structure that now stands there is almost as old as the church itself. Since the resignation of the lay teachers, the education has been left in the hands of the Sisters of Notre Dame. In the year 1852, a school was erected for the boys and was put in charge of the Brothers of Mary. Last year, i. e. in 1917, it was thought advisable to make the school free. The expenses for maintaining the school were to be met by voluntary contributions from all, both young and old, thus making the burden equal for all. It met with a hearty response from all and was a real success; may it continue so in the future. May God bless those who, in their charity, have and will be mindful of the little ones. The success of the school is mainly due to the School Board, who were selected to take charge of this affair. They were wisely selected, for each and every one of them worked with might and main, and they have earned a reward for their untiring zeal in the cause.

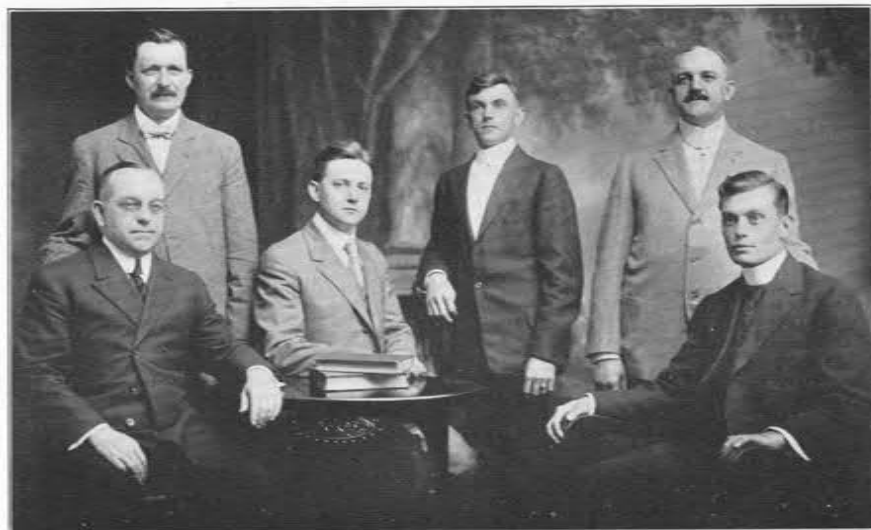


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