

School History

St John's Cong. Main St. P.O. Newark Co. Ohio.
According to the questions of Synod 1886

1. Quo anno f.

In the year of our Lord 1833 John Leisten Schneider, John Stetzer and John Thoman arrived here to settle in this wilderness in the month of Oct. And they were all named John and Rev. W. T. B. Fordell being Evangelical Bishop of Cin. was called S. the Baptist, they called this place St John the Bapt.

2.

1835 25 families organized a Cong. elected John Leisten Schneider, John Meyer & David Hinder as Trustees of Cong. These Trustees bought of Bernard Loring a Protestant of Sarke Co. 40 acres of land as Church property for \$120. to be paid thus, \$60 in Cash - 25 in 3 months the rest in 6 months. This was bought March 6. 1835.

Of this property was laid out in 41 lots to be sold Feb. 27. 1837 1837 were sold 4 lots again 1838 was sold a lot of $\frac{1}{4}$ 7th acre to Board of Wm. W. W. to have a public schoolhouse built on same.

3.

1836 John Reichert member of the Cong. commended to teach school here. Now we public school.

4.

There is no Residence for the Pastor. Pastor resides at Main St. in convent $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile for Parish Church.

5.

June 24. 1834 1st Mass was celebrated here in the house of John Leisten Schneider by Rev. Tucker.

November 1836 was celebrated Mass by Rev. Francis Bartel of Minster, who visited this place every month.

March 13. 1837. Elementary was blessed by Rev. F. Bartel Block Church built and 1st service therein April 9th 1838 by Rev. F. Bartel.

Brick Church was built 1849-50 by Rev. Andrew Hummel 1848 Dedicated II Sunday after Easter by Very Rev. Ferdinand V. G. of Cin. New Addition to above brick Church was made by Rev. Edward Glantz 1857. This is the present Church at St John

It would not be p[ro]vide to build a new church soon, old being
dilapidated.

6) There is a C[em]eterium. Land for bought March 6. 1835
blessed by Rev. F. Bartel March 13. 1837 as mentioned above

7) Property of Church land & C[em]eterium is one fourth of Land.
title (and) is given to the Trustees of Cong. in Administration with
the Pastor Board of Church.

8. Pastors of said Cong. were following 1835-39 Rev. Francis Bartel
1839-42 Rev. Henry Herzog J. Minister. 1842-to Sep. 1845 Rev. N.
Le Savarou. Sep. 1845-May 1846 Rev. John Van den Broeck C[on]f[ess]s
May 1846-Oct. 1846 Rev. John a Cruce Witmer C[on]f[ess]s. Oct. 1846-March 1847.
Rev. Mathias Thensch C[on]f[ess]s March 1847-January 1848 Rev. J. Van den Broeck C[on]f[ess]s
January 1848-March 1849 Rev. John a Cruce Witmer C[on]f[ess]s.
May 1849-January 1851 Rev. Andrew Shunkler C[on]f[ess]s January 1851
- Nov. 1853 Rev. Alonzo Schelbert C[on]f[ess]s. Dec. 1853 - March 1855
Rev. Anthony Thamer C[on]f[ess]s. March 1855 - July 1856 Rev. Andrew
Shunkler C[on]f[ess]s. July 1856-1858 Rev. Stephan Feltz C[on]f[ess]s
1858-1860 Rev. Edward Glink C[on]f[ess]s. 1860-1861 Feb. Rev. Peter
Wilhelmy C[on]f[ess]s 1861 Feb. Nov. 1880 Very Rev. Bernard Austermann
Sep. 1881 - May 10. 1884 Rev. Michael Graf C[on]f[ess]s. May 10. 1884.
Rev. J. Thomas Eisenring C[on]f[ess]s present pastor.

9) Assistants with the pastors or in time of Intersession were following:
Rev. Anthony Capetan C[on]f[ess]s 1849. Rev. Sebastian Gantner C[on]f[ess]s. 1850
1851. Rev. Willibald Willi C[on]f[ess]s 1853 Rev. Peter Haberthür C[on]f[ess]s 1857.
Rev. Patritius Humberg C[on]f[ess]s. 1858. Very Rev. Francisus Felix
Brunner C[on]f[ess]s. Provincial for several times.
Rev. Francis Nijseh C[on]f[ess]s 1875. Rev. Andrew Thepater C[on]f[ess]s 1875-76.
Rev. Felix Graf C[on]f[ess]s 1876 Rev. Alphonse Lantz C[on]f[ess]s 1876-77.
Rev. George Felsch C[on]f[ess]s July 1877 - July 1878.
Rev. Joseph Uphoff C[on]f[ess]s July 1878 - April 1879.
Rev. Christian Nijseh C[on]f[ess]s April 1879 - Feb. 1880.
Rev. Conrad Schneider C[on]f[ess]s. Feb 1880 - Aug. 1880.

Rev. Clement Kaelber Cpl. Aug. 1880 - Nov. 1880.

Rev. Peter Wilhelmy Nov. 1880 - Feb. 1881

Rev. Ignatius Selb Cpl. 1882 - 1883

Rev. Edward Glint Cpl. Dec. 1882 - Feb. 1883

Rev. John P. Bayer Nov. 1883 - May 1884.

10. Property was paid by subscription and collection 1835.

Churches built by subscription and collection 1837. 1850. 1857.

11. Member memorials digni were John Reichert, who was teacher for many years and a faithful member until his death. 1877.

John Leisten Schneider, John Meyer & Sibrid Hinder;

John Goedke, who was the builder of the altars in Church,

Family Tramer & Knapke, who took always a great interest in the welfare of the Cong. and others more.

12. St. John's Cong. was always a good faithful Cong. until

a kind of Presbyterianism crept into some members in later days, thinking themselves ^{to be} rulers of pastor and flock,

and therefore opposing the authority of God and Church, from

this was taken the origin of the deplorable trouble of school affair from the year 1880 until the present day more or less always yet having its course.

Transactions of this trouble ~~to be~~ related would require books to be written about, but better it is to let all drop in the ocean of oblivion for ever.

This is but a small sketch of the Cong. St. John Newell Co. Ohio.

Regarding the limits of St John's Cong. there is
no dispute about with neighboring Congreg. pastors
The limits are in short thus:

North from Church 2 miles to Bremen pike.
East 2 miles towards Minister & Egypt
South 5 Miles into Jackson County
West 1 mile to St Rosa Cong. Meigs Co."

The Cong. was larger until 1880 since Chichasaw
did belong to it, which is now attending to St Sebastian's
Cong. & since the trouble with this deplorable school case
arose here. This in short about limits.

Respectfully

Yours truly

Thos. C. Eisinger, C. P. S.

Marie Stein

Meigs Co Ohio

January 29/87.

P. S. Summons which were sent to his Grace
the Archbishop January 21. 87 must be returned signed
to Edward Sandfair Clerk of Court
Celia Meigs Co. Ohio until January 31/87.