

HISTORY OF ST. HEDWIG PARISH

- 1879-Thirty-nine Polish, pioneer families received permission to build first church in East Krok.
- 1879- "Warranty Deed".. between J. Weiczek and wife.. .and Bishop F. X. Krautbauer...three acres".
First Pastor assigned was Rev. George Brunner.
- 1879-First Funeral; Casimir Pozorski, infant son of Peter and Mary Ann Pozorski.
- 1880-First Baptism; Paul Dolski, son of Michael Dolski and Catherine O'Konski.
- 1882-First Wedding; Valentine Piotrowski and Odilia Sinicki.
- 1899-First Polish priest assigned to St. Hedwig was Rev. John Pociecha.
- 1927-First Rectory destroyed by fire during the Rev. Thomas B. Schultz assignment.
- 1929-St. Hedwig was served by approximately 22 priests thus far and was mostly a mission church.
- 1939-Celebrated 60th Anniversary with a parish picnic while Rev. Stanislaus Ziolkoski served.
- 1942-Holy Name Society canonically established at St. Hedwig.
- 1947-Articles of Incorporation for St. Hedwig Congregation.
- 1948-Laying of Corner Stone for the new church by Rev. Thaddeus J. Koszarek.
- 1949-Old church sold to Jos. and Ted Michalek for \$500.00.
- 1949-First Baptism in new church; Thomas George Stodola, son of Edwin and Dorothy Stodola.
- 1949-First Wedding in new church; Louis Koszarek and Josephine Shanks. 1949-Bishop Bona blesses the new church.
- 1949-First Funeral in new church; Stanley Glovacki, age 66, buried in parish cemetery.
- 1952-Society of the Most Holy Rosary canonically established at St. Hedwig Parish.
- 1954-Diamond Jubilee of Parish while Rev. Casimir Krauklis served as pastor.
- 1960-2 acres of land purchased from Harry Kinjerski and wife.
- 1962-Fire destroys interior of St. Hedwig's Church.
- 1966-Portion of land purchased from Paul Dolski.
- 1968-Father James Vennix formed first parish council.
- 1970-Parish picnic raised a little over \$10,000.00.
- 1972-Church ritual changes occurred; Jerome Brezinski and Robert Kinjerski brought Gifts to the altar
Robert Karl first parish lector under Rev. Joseph A. Tomczyk.
- 1976-Due to lack of direction and activities from the diocesan office, Holy Name Society disbanded
- 1979-Celebrated Centennial with parish picnic and parade.
- 1982-Entrance addition built with Rev. Francis Rose administrator.
- 1984-Linked with St. Lawrence, Stangelville with Msgr. Donald Rose.
- 1994-Linked with Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Tisch Mills and St. Joseph, Norman.
- 1997-Linked with St. Joseph-St. John, Pilsen, and St. Lawrence, Stangelville with Rev. Michael Ingold, administrator.
- 1998-Rev. C. Terry LaCombe named administrator, the 48th assigned pastor to St. Hedwig. He also serves
SJSJ, Pilsen and St. Lawrence, Stangelville.
- 1999-Jack and Betty Schleis, Anna Mae Schlies, Diane Brezinski, Bob Pribek named first lay presiders of St. Therese.
- 2000- July 1st - St. Hedwigs, St. Josephs-St. John and St. Lawrence merged to become St Therese De Lisieux Parish.
- 2005-Bob Pribek was ordained May 14. Deacon Bob is the first deacon of any of the parishes,
and only the second deacon in Kewaunee County.
- 2006- Reverend Dennis Drury named administrator of St. Therese Parish
- 2007-The last regular mass celebrated at St Hedwigs was July 14, 2007 at 7:30 pm.
- 2007-In fall, St Hedwig's was named the religious Education center for St Therese Parish.