

HISTORY OF ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

1860s-First mass said in area on the farm of J. Weiner by Father Daems who walked from Bay Settlement. Father Maly also said mass on farm of Mr. Melke.

1863-St. John Church built by and on the land of Leo Keppler. Church put under the patronage of St. John Nepomucene, the patron saint of Bohemia. Fathers Maly, Long, and Brunner visited the parish very infrequently.

1873-Father Adalbert Cipin, St. Joseph Parish, Norman, visited the parish on Holy Days.

1875-Sacristy added onto church. Sacristy and bell dedicated in 1876. Mass said every third Sunday. Father Videnka served parish for a short time in 1878.

1880-St. John administered to by the priests of the neighboring parishes: Rev. J. Maly (1880-82); Rev. A. Cipin and Rev. G. Brunner (1883); Rev. J. Kirpal (1884-88); Rev. A. Vychodil (1888-92); Rev. E. Kabat (1892-94); Rev. F. Till (1894-97); Rev. J. Verlicek (1898-1900); and Rev. J. Kirpal (1900-04).

1904-St. John becomes a mission of St. Joseph, Norman and is served by the following priests: Rev. W. Kubale (1904-08); Rev. V. Herback (1908-16); Rev. J. Decker (1916-17); Rev. R. Reindl (1917-19); Rev. J. Vondracek (1919); and Rev. Schimel (1919-20).

1920-St. John becomes a mission of St. Joseph, Pilsen and is served by the following priests: Rev. W. Koutnik (1920-23); and Rev. J. Kalisek (1923-28).

1928-St. John becomes a mission of St. Joseph, Norman and is served by the following priests: Rev. R. Hodik (1923-28); Rev. W. Koutnik (1928-33); Rev. F. Svatek (1933-40); Rev. C. Kabat (1940-43); Rev. R. Kerch (1943-46); and Rev. W. Hemauer (1946-48).

1948-St. John becomes a mission of St. Hedwig, West Kewaunee and is served by Father Thaddeus Koczarek.

1949-St. John becomes a mission of St. Joseph, Pilsen and is served by Father John JohaneK.

1962-On May 6, Norbertine Fathers from St. Norbert College began helping with Sunday masses at both St. Joseph and St. John until May of 1991.

1989-A 125th anniversary of St. John Nepomucene Parish was celebrated with Bishop Adam Maida as the celebrant.

1995-Father John JohaneK retired after 46 years of dedicated service to St. John Parish. Father Mike Ingold becomes administrator on September 11.

1996-Merger of St. John and St. Joseph into St. Joseph-St. John Parish on July 1, Linked with St. Lawrence, Stangelville, on September 14.

1997-Closing liturgy of St. John, Krok was held on November 22 with Bishop Banks as the celebrant. St. Joseph-St. John Parish linked with St. Hedwig, West Kewaunee.

1998-Father C. Terry LaCombe becomes administrator of St. Joseph-St. John Parish on June 15.

2000- July 1st - St. Hedwigs, St. Joseph-St. John and St. Lawrence merged to become St Therese De Lisieux Parish.

2005- May 14-Deacon Bob Pribek was ordained. Deacon Bob is the first Deacon for the parishes and only the second Deacon in Kewaunee County.

2006- Reverend Dennis Drury named administrator of St. Therese Parish.

2008- May 25- St. John's Monument dedication mass celebrated with Father C. Terry Lacombe as the celebrant. Deacon Bob Pribek assisted with the dedication.