

Lest We Forget...

Heritage Happenings



Moving In After the Fire

The fire has destroyed both wings of the expanding Mother house. After rebuilding, Mother Augustine has returned to Germany to collect funds to pay off the debt. By 1884 the Sisters were able to move back into the Motherhouse. What's it like? Sisters Evangelist Halloran, Sister Concordia Thull, Sophia Baumann, Pelagia Schmidtbauer, and Oliva Gindt were our historians for the years 1883—1911.

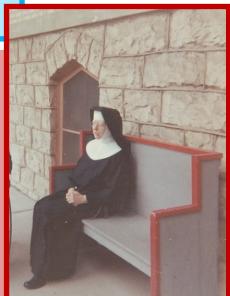
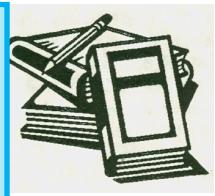


The new brick building was L-shaped with the present Patio Lounge at one end of one wing and the staircase beyond the art rooms at the other end. The front entrance, three cement steps without railing or cover, was the east entrance. It opened with a small landing near the present strangers dining room (Lunch Room). A wide staircase connected the basement and the four upper stairs.

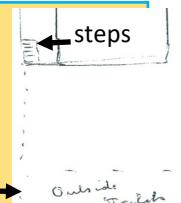
The one visitors' parlor lay at the left of a short flight of stairs (now South Parlor); the room opposite, was the visitors' dining room (now North Parlor). Beyond the swinging doors and to the right, were the oratory where the confessional stood (Ladies bathroom now) and the chapel (now Patio Lounge). The chapel was simply furnished: the sanctuary was only a platform, a little above the floor level, with a communion rail. The white altar faced west. A crucifix adorned the wall above it. The side altars were narrow ledges.



A central aisle separated the two rows of straight-backed pews (moved outside for sitting). The floor was softwood without paint or varnish. An organ stood in the rear, on the window side. The choir members grouped about this. The stations were framed pictures. On the left side of the chapel hall was the sacristy, the first small room to the left (men's Bathroom now). Beyond to the west, lay small music rooms, and last, Mother Pancratia's office



The present art rooms were the novices' room and the professed sisters' room. Above were two art rooms (now the library), a small classroom and the candidate's room. The south basement level was the milk cellar, the bakery and laundry. The kitchen, storage room, ironing room and reectories (novices and professed Sisters) lay in the north wing. At the end of the basement south wing a frame enclosed an outdoor walk that led to the toilets.



The fancy work room (Poverello) was used for making vestments and church goods. What few books the Sisters owned were kept on a shelf in the small library next to the fancy work room. This little room was later turned into a dining room for the Infirmary Sisters. The small rooms opposite were music rooms until they became Infirmary rooms. St. Thomas School room was the only large classroom. Above these wings were dormitories and the attic. In winter a sleigh was used to drive across the lake from the barn to the road by Oukers.

Next Month: Their rememberings continue with "Living Together"

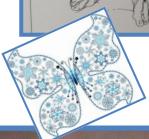
Ice and snow,
bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him
above all forever.

Daniel 3:7b

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Featuring Historical Events...
on our Silver Lake Ice and Snow.



A snowflake
IS A WINTER'S
butterfly



Sr. Florence Myers—1926

