

CHAPTER 8 — CELEBRATIONS

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

SILVER JUBILEE OF ST. ANTHONY'S (1904-1929)

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Anthony's Parish was celebrated on June 9, 1929. Parishioners as well as visitors and former parishioners turned out in large numbers for the occasion. Special tribute was paid to the pioneers, in particular those very early few who came in 1903 and almost immediately began plans to build a church.

Welcome signs, banners and flags, one of which was perched high on top of the church tower, were displayed everywhere. A picnic was held on the grounds of the new and recently completed brick church. The local brass band provided entertainment during the day. The main things remembered by some of the people who were quite young at the time were the beer and huge tubs of ice cream on hand through the day.

A Souvenir Booklet, devoted to the early history of the community, was published to commemorate the occasion.

A picture of the pioneers taken on this occasion will be found on the cover pages.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH (1904-1954)

On June 13, 1954, the parish of St. Anthony in Lake Lenore celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. The occasion was celebrated in great style with a full day of activities, thanks to the efforts of many willing workers.

The Jubilee Committee responsible for planning the celebration included the following people: Rev. Francis Lohmer, pastor, and church trustees Clem Boehm, Anton Britz, Anton Mamer and Joe Yarskie.

Among the special guests were: Rev. Bernard Schaeffler, pastor of St. Anthony's from 1918 to 1924; Abbot Severin and Rev. William Gehlen.

It was a time to pay tribute to the pioneers and so the day began by registration of pioneers and presentation of badges. This included all those who arrived in Lake Lenore in the years 1903 to 1907. Following this all the pioneers assembled for a procession to the church for the Solemn High Mass at nine thirty.

At eleven thirty lunch was served and this was followed by a most delightful parade beginning at



THE PIONEERS: Front, sitting (L to R)—Albert Gerwing, Charles Schreiner, George Gerwing, William Gerwing, Joseph Gerwing, John Mager, Frank Gaetz, John Schuler. Middle—Henry Weiland, John Gerwing, Prior Peter OSB, Henry Gerwing Jr., Frank Zenner, Adolph Pfefferle, Peter Wolsfeld, Mrs. Susan Gerwing. Back Tony Doyscher, Rupert Hetzel, William and Anna Schemenauer, Joseph Berscheid, Mrs. John Hoffman

Sr., Phillip Bohl, Mrs. Peter Wolsfeld, Ben and Lorene Hopfner, Tony Revering, Frank Stuckel, Agnes Riederer, Martin Braun, John Doyscher, Mrs. John Politeski Sr., Tony Prodahl, Floryan Politeski, John Stuckel, Mrs. Martin Braun, Frank Prodahl, Mrs. H. Weiland, Mrs. Joseph Sterner, Mrs. Frank Harding, Michael and Penny Hopfner, Mrs. Michael Musty, Mrs. Michael Abel.