Parish Histories of 1903 and 1907
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Woodsfield
Typescript submitted by Father Goebel:

History of St. Sylvester’s, Woodsfield.
Congregation was formed in year 1866.
Until then, catholics used to go to Miltonsburg
to church.
Church is brick; made of the clay of the
grounds.
Erected by Rev. N. E. Pilger 1867.
Lot for church and cemetery consisting
of two acres situated in southern part of
Woodsfield, was purchased of Senator James
Morris for $200.00. Cost of edifice was
$9000.00.
Fr. Pilger gathered some of the money from
the twelve families composing the parish;
the rest he collected from house to house in
Cincinnati.
The church was enlarged by extending it
thirty feet. this was done in 1886 by Rev. John
B. Weisinger, at a cost of $2000.00.
The original families who helped were:
Joseph Baker; Michael Hoeffler; Joseph
Schumacher Sr.; and Stephan Dougherty.
School:
There have been two school houses.
First was of logs, built about 1870, cost not
more than $100.00 and was used till 1883.
Second: The log school was moved to the
rear and a frame two storey building erected

Father Tiburtius Anthony Goebel was born in Marietta
in 1869 and was ordained by Bishop Watterson in 1893.
He served at parishes in Steubenville (Holy Name),
Wheelersburg, Woodsfield, and Coshocton before being
assigned to St. Mary Parish in Portsmouth in 1912. He
was still there in 1949 when Pope Pius XII named him a
“Monsignor.” At that time Bishop Ready called him “the
beloved Patriarch among the Priests of the Diocese.”
He died on February 23, 1953. This photo was taken
in 1912, just a few years after he wrote the notices of
the Woodsfield parish and its missions. (Courtesy of the
Archives, Diocese of Columbus)
in front of it. The first storey of new addition has two class rooms. The old log part and the
upstairs of the new building serves the purpose of a Sisters residence. The new addition cost
$800.00.

Lay persons taught from 1870 to 1886. From 1886 to present Sisters have been employed.
Parsonage:
A frame parsonage was built by Fr. Weisinger in 1882. It cost $900.00. The money
was raised by subscriptions, picnics etc.
Cemetery:
The name is St. Sylvester’s. It is a part of the two acres comprising the church yard.
List of pastors:
Who lived at Miltonsburg; and attended Woodsfield as a mission.
Rev. Nicholas E. Pilger. From 1867 to July 14-1872.

Who lived at Woodsfield;
Rev. John B. Weisinger. 1883 to Nov. 2-1888.
Rev. Tiburtius A. Goebel. Jan. 12 to the present.

Ozark
Typescript submitted by Father Goebel:

History of Immaculate Conception Church, Ozark, Ohio.
Congregation was formed in year 1875.

Corner stone for frame church was laid Aug. 31” 1875.
It was dedicated in Fall of 1876 and cost $1400.00.
Site for church and cemetry comprises two acres.
One acre was donated by George Burkhart and one acre by a Lutheran, John Adam Gertler.
School:
There is a school house. It was built in Fall of 1891, at an expense of $300.00. Most of lumber and labor was donated. School was held two winters. The term was for only three months. The teachers were lay teachers.
Parsonage: There is no parish house.
Ozark was attended from its origin until 1883 by the pastor of Miltonsburg. From 1883 to the present time by the pastor of Woodsfield.
The greater part of the money was raised by subscriptions; the rest by picnics and various extraordinary means.
List of Pastors who attended Ozark.
[The rest of the list is identical to Woodsfield’s.]
List of first members. George Burkhart, John Huth, Peter Kuhn, John Reasbeck, Adam Arnold, John Coffey, Anthony Burkhart.
PERRY COUNTY

St. Joseph near Somerset
Form sent in by Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O.P.:

1. [Foundation date] First chapel, or church, built of logs, was blessed Dec. 6th 1818 - First permanent location of a Catholic Church in Ohio (as far as we know).

2. [Property purchase dates] One half section of land was donated by Jacob Dittoe, and his wife Catherine. Date of Deed May 28-1818.

3. [Schools and teachers] College for Boys established about 1850. Closed 1862 or 1863 (Many students from South.) Amongst students was Phil Sheridan College taught by Fathers and Brothers.

4. [Date of rectory] Pastors always lived in Convent.

5. [History of church and other buildings] First church was of logs, to which addition was made of stone and bricks.


7. [Title] All property is held in name of “The Literary Society of St. Joseph’s, Perry County, Ohio”


9. [Assistants] One was always sufficient for pastoral work. Fathers assigned to Convent always acted as assistants and took care of churches erected in various places (Lancaster, St. Patricks Junction City, New Lexington, McCluney, Chapel Hill (----?) Canton. Frs. Allemany (afterwards Arch-bp) and Vilarassa (once Prior) were stationed here.

10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] Have not at hand complete records - Prior of Convent always acted as Pastor of Church. Priors changed every three years, though there have been exceptions.

11. [Method of funding] Ground was donated by Jacob Dittoe. Money for building church was collected all over the country; some was collected even in Cuba, by Fr. (Archbp.) Alemany, who brought back from Cuba the large life-size figure of Christ, now on high altar, which attracts attention and excites admiration.

12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] [blank]

13. [Laity worthy of mention] Jacob Dittoe and his wife Catherine who donated the land, are the principal benefactors. Other donations have been made in the course of time: the congregation has always been poor, and the church would not be what it is without the labors of the Fathers and occasional benefactions from friends throughout in United States.

14. [Anything else of importance] Will write later - Documents are in hands of Fr. O’Daniel or Fr. Volz. The latter is preparing a history of our Province.

D. J. Kennedy O.P.

Junction City
Form sent in 1907 by Rev. William H. O’Sullivan:

1. [Foundation date] 1819. About this time

2. [Property purchase dates] We have no records as this parish was attended for many years by the Dominicans from Somerset.

3. [Schools and teachers] None

4. [Date of rectory] Yes - 1867 - Fr. Wm.
H. O’Sullivan became permanent pastor in the year 1872 December 24 - prior to this was attended off and on by many Dominicans from St. Joseph’s Perry Co.

5. [History of church and other buildings] The present church was built in 1846 and the house in 1867

6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] Yes - 1st cemetery in 1846 - new land was bought by Fr. O’Sullivan in 1892. Not consecrated-people buy graves.

7. [Title] None

8. [Pastors] Impossible to tell In the year 1872 The present pastor was appointed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Rosecrans. He being the first secular priest to have charge of this parish.

9. [Assistants] None

10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] Don’t know

11. [Method of funding] The usual means, collections & donations

12. [Dates of funding and expenditures] Know nothing about this

13. [Laity worthy of mention] None

14. [Anything else of importance] We are innocent of any knowledge of this subject unless the fact that the present pastor has been hanging his hat on the same wall for 35 years this 24th December - and during this time has never received half the salary he was entitled to by the statutes. He blames not the statutes of the diocese but his own bashfulness.

Wm. H. O’Sullivan

**New Straitsville**

Form sent by Father Kellerman:

1. [Foundation date] St. Augustine’s parish was established in the year 1871. Father Thienpont from Logan, O., attended the parish once a month. The church was dedicated by Bishop Rosecrans in 1872.

2. [Property purchase dates] The lot on which the church is built was donated by Judge Philemon Ewing of Lancaster. The lot on which the Pastoral Residence stands was purchased for $200.00.

3. [Schools and teachers] The parochial school was established by Fr. Weisinger in Sept. 1879. School was taught in the old pastoral residence which was built by Rev. Father Laffan in 1874. Father Weisinger taught school from Sept. 1878 to June 1879. The present school building was built in 1885. The Sisters of St. Joseph taught from 1879 to 1893; Sisters of Charity from Nazareth, Ky. 1893-1899. The school was closed for 5 years, and is now in charge of three lay teachers.

4. [Date of rectory] The present rectory was built in 1880 by Fr. Weisinger.

5. [History of church and other buildings] An addition to the church was made in 1881 and finished in 1882.

6. [Cemetery, dates, consecration, administration] The ground for the cemetery was bought in May 1883 and was consecrated by Rt. Rev. J. A. Watterson in 1884.

7. [Title] The Church property is in the Bishop’s name.

8. [Pastors] Rev. Jos. Laffan ws the first resident priest. He was stationed there from Sept. 1873-April 1875.

Rev. B. M. O’Boylan, April 1875-Nov. 1877.

Rev. John Meara, Nov. 1877-Feb. 1878

Rev. S. P. Weisinger Feb. 27, 1878-Jan. 13, 1898

Rev. J. J. Cahalan Jan, 1898-July 1906

Rev. H. J. Kellerman Aug 3, 1906-

9. [Assistants] [blank]

10. [Dates of each pastor etc.] See under No. 8.

11. [Method of funding] By Pew Rents, Subscriptions, Bazaars etc.

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Burke -- see Ann B. Hanegan
Burke, Catherine T. (wife of John Hogan), Saint Mary’s, Ontario, Nov. 4, 1894
Burke, Mary Agnes (wife of David M. Martin), Enon, Clarke Co., O., Feb. 4, 1894; Mar. 7, 1897
Burke, William P. (husband of Gertrude B. Carroll), Bellefontaine, O., May 12, 1895
Butler, Mary Ann (wife of Edward Fergus), Winchester, Ontario, Oct. 23, 1892
Cahill, James Martin, Milford Center, O., Jan. 30, 1891
Cameron, Erastus Reed (non-Catholic) (husband of Mary Mackey), Richwood, O., June 20, 1891
Campbell, Henry W. (non-Catholic) (husband of Helen J. Torrance), Vermont, Aug. 19, 1895
Carpenter, Patrick (husband of Catharine Maurer), near Ironton, O., Apr. 5, 1897
Carroll, Gertrude Bridget (wife of William P. Burke), King’s County, May 12, 1895
Carroll, Sarah (wife of David Kelly), Salahead, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, Feb. 16, 1890
Chapman, Elizabeth (wife of Joseph Scharf), Essex, O., Nov. 3, 1895
Clarke, Mary (wife of John F. McDonough), Parish of Mullagh, Co. Cavan, May 13, 1894; May 11, 1895
Cleary, John M. (husband of Helen Darmody), Delaware, O., Sept. 20, 1896
Conlan, Mary (wife of Thomas Sullivan), Co. Westmeath, Feb. 1, 1891
Connell, Daniel Edward (husband of Mary Zita “Atkins(on)”), Delaware, O., Jan. 22, 1893; David Connell, Nov. 20, 1891; David E. Connell, Sept. 9, 1894
Connelly, Sarah (wife of John O’Brien), Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 7, 1890; “Conley (Connelly),” Jan. 17, 1897
Coughlin, George Washington (husband of Catharine Bray), Mechanicburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., Sept. 21, 1891; Harrisburg, Pa., Apr. 15, 1894
Coyle, Anna Catherine (wife of Daniel Francis Lawrence), Nashville, Tenn., July 5, 1891; Mar. 12, 1893; May 8, 1894
Cunningham, Margaret (wife of Dell D. Rinehard), Cohoes, N.Y., Mar. 31, 1895; Apr. 19, 1896
Curran, Thomas (husband of Winifred E. Dwyer), Logansport, Ind., July 19, 1891; Nov. 26, 1893; Jan. 19, 1896
Cusack, Patrick (husband of Dorothy Hagan), near West Port, Co. Mayo, July 10, 1892
Cusic, Agnes Mary (wife of Patrick Dwyer), Cleveland, O., Sept. 5, 1897
Cusic, Mary (wife of Michael McGrath), Dayton, O., July 7, 1895; Dec. 13, 1896
Cusic, Michael (husband of Catharine Mullee), Gorteen, Co. Mayo, Ireland, Oct. 19, 1890; West Port, Co. Mayo, Apr. 9, 1893
Dalton, Stephen (husband of Catharine Kime), Shelby, Richland Co., O., May 30, 1894
Darmody -- see Lenihan
Darmody -- see Ward, Helen
Daugherty, Alice (wife of Edward Mortell), Erie, Pa., June 14, 1891; Ontario, Canada, Dec. 17, 1893
Daugherty, Martha E. -- see Doherty
Daugherty, Sarah (wife of Stephen P. Murphy), Vinton Co., O., Mar. 30, 1890; Wilkesville Twp., Vinton Co., Nov. 20, 1892; Wilkesville, O., Sept. 9, 1894; Wilkesville, Apr. 12, 1896
De St. Germain, Albert Joseph (husband of Ann Elizabeth Sweeney), St. Catharine near Magna Canada West, Jan. 5, 1890
Deal, Mary, age 17, born Columbus, O., daughter of Theodore and Ann, baptized Oct. 15, 1890
Deal, Mary Rebecca (wife of Daniel Henry Gaffney), near Columbus, O., Aug. 15, 1891
Dee, Adeline (wife of Thomas Tyner), Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 21, 1892
Dee, John L. (husband of Alice Flaherty), Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 14, 1890; Feb. 12, 1893; Aug. 11, 1895
DeHaven, Watson L. G. (non-Catholic) (husband of Alice T. Hogan), North Springfield, Summit Co., O., Jan. 28, 1893
Doeg, Robert (husband of Agnes Nevins; their son born 1868), New Castle on Tyne, Northumberland, Britain
Doherty, Martha Elizabeth (wife of Henry Joseph Hoster), Wilkesville Twp., Vinton Co., O., Aug. 24, 1890; Daugherty, Mar. 5, 1893; Dougherty, June 2, 1895
Doherty, Rose Ann (wife of Michael Haggerty), Wilkesville, O., Oct. 13, 1895
Donnelly, Mary Helen (wife of William Wandelin Orians), New Lexington, O., Mar. 1, 1891; Aug. 7, 1892; June 16, 1895
Donovan, James (husband of Helen Donovan), Parish of Leap, Co. Cork, July 9, 1893; Jan. 16, 1895
Donovan, Helen (wife of James Donovan), Willkes Barre, Pa., July 9, 1893; Jan. 16, 1895
Dougherty -- see Doherty
Drake, Patrick (husband of Joanna Molloy), Parish of Downpatrick, Co. Down, June 21, 1891; Dec. 15, 1894
Drew, Margaret Agnes (wife of Patrick Hanley), Chicopee, Hampden Co., Mass., Mar. 5, 1892; July 14, 1895
Dunn, Peter Daniel (husband of Agnes F. Mullee), Oil City, Venango Co., Pa., Nov. 27, 1892; Indianapolis, Ind., Apr. 19, 1896
Durkin, Helen (wife of John Sullivan), New Milford, Ct., Mar. 1, 1896
Duross, Owen (husband of Helen Molloy), born on the Atlantic Ocean (origin Ireland), Apr. 17, 1892; Septirionali Hibernia (west of Ireland), Sept. 2, 1894; on the Atlantic Ocean, May 3, 1896
Dwyer -- see Molloy, Margaret Alice

Dwyer -- see Cusic, Agnes M.
Eckenrode, Hannah Mary (non-Catholic) (wife of John H. Swick, mother of Mary Helen, born 1872), Ada, Hardin Co., O., June 12, 1892
Edmondson, Augustine Charles (husband of Julia Fahey), Urbana, O., Nov. 1, 1891; Oct. 25, 1896
English, Thomas (husband of Catharine Wixtead), Donohill, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, Sept. 25, 1890
Enspach, Emma (non-Catholic) (wife of John Herr), Hardin Co., O., June 16, 1895
Farrell, Mary Elizabeth (wife of Henry Prior), Clarkshill, Clinton Co., Ind., June 5, 1892
Feedner, Herman (non-Catholic) (husband of Helen Lynch), New York, Jan. 22, 1894
Fergus, Edward (husband of Mary A. Butler), New Port, Co. Mayo, Oct. 23, 1892
Fitzgerald, Margaret Amelia (wife of Murray T. Snyder), Big Run, Athens Co., O., Apr. 14, 1894; Athens, O., Apr. 19, 1896
Fitzgerald, Michael (husband of Bridget Loreta O'Connell), Columbus, O., Feb. 22, 1891, Jan. 8, 1893
Fitzmaurice, Mary (wife of Thomas O'Connor), Co. Kerry, Feb. 22, 1895
Flaherty, Alice (wife of John L. Dee), Marietta, O., Feb. 12, 1892; Aug. 11, 1895
Fortney, Naomi Beatrice (wife of Ralph F. Sargent), New Winchester, Crawford Co., O., Jan. 19, 1896
Frank, Helen Bertha (wife of Francis P. Orians), Upper Sandusky, O., Feb. 7, 1897
Frasso, Henrietta (wife of John H. Lawrence), Huntington, Huntington Co., Ind., Apr. 1, 1894; “Frossard (Frasso),” Dec. 29, 1895
Gaffney -- see Deal
Gelhaus, Augustine (husband of Mary Willis), Dixon, Lee Co., III., May 11, 1890
Gillooly, Patrick (husband of Mary Ryan), near Roscommon, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, June 22, 1890

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October 22, 1853
Ordinations: On Saturday the 15th at St. Mary’s Seminary, Thomas J. J. Coppinger, Edward Fitzgerald, John Mange, and Terence Smith received the tonsure; the same and Joseph Whittler received minor orders from Archbishop Purcell. On Sunday the 16th at the Cathedral, Whittler, Coppinger, and Thisse were ordained subdeacons, Doyle, Garvey, and Hemsteger deacons, and Sheehan to the priesthood.

OBITUARY
Of your charity pray for the soul of Mrs. Ann Kennedy, wife of Mr. Patrick Kennedy, of Beverly, Washington County, Ohio, but formerly of Meigs Creek, Morgan County, Ohio. The deceased, who was daughter to Mrs. Sherlock, of Meigs Creek, departed this life on the 6th instant, rather suddenly.

Subscriptions, Oct. 29-Dec. 31 (name, post office, issue):
Rev. J. Brent, Mt. Vernon, Nov. 12
Daniel Coakley, Zanesville, Dec. 24
Thomas Collopy, Roscoe, Oct. 29
Michael Creighton, Barnesville, Nov. 19
C. Daly, Doeraeile, Co. Cork, Ireland, Nov. 12
Philip Haffey, Zanesville, Dec. 24
James Hallecy, Roscoe, Oct. 29
Benedict Magers, Danville, Nov. 12
W. O’Driscoll, Columbus, Dec. 31
R. A. O’Kearney, Lancaster, Nov. 12
Philip Patten, Canal Fulton, Dec. 10
John Poulton, Graysville, Nov. 19
Arthur Taggart, Stockport, Dec. 3

November 26, 1853
REV. J. MEAGHER lectured before a crowded house on Wednesday, 17th inst. His subject was the Military character of the Irish people, and was ably handled. We had intended to copy the able report of the Cincinnati Commercial, but have mislaid the paper.

December 3, 1853
Lieut. W. S. Rosecrans, U.S.A., will deliver the sixth lecture, in course, before the Young Men’s Catholic Literary Institute, at Smith and Nixon’s Hall, on Wednesday Evening, Dec. 7, at 7 1/2 o’clock.

Information wanted, of Patrick Morisey, stone mason; when last heard from he was in Columbus, Ohio, working on the repairs. His distressed wife and children are now in Cincinnati, anxious to hear from him. Any information sent to the Catholic Telegraph office, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be thankfully received.

December 24, 1853
Died at St. Mary’s Academy, Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, on the 8th day of December, Margaret Moynagh, daughter of Jas. and Bridget Moynagh, of Eresipelas, in the 16th year of her age. The deceased was an amiable and interesting youth. She was carried to the grave, followed by her mourning relatives, and friends her teachers, and school-mates, and a number of citizens. She had been in the Academy as a boarder but a few days, having previous to that time, been a day scholar, at the institution. It appeared as though her good Angel Guardian, had conducted her to that Holy Sanctuary, to yield up her chaste soul to her God, whom she so tenderly loved, and also to have the consolation and prayers of those good and holy sisters, who surrounded her dying couch, both night, and day, until her pure spirit fled to its home, in Heaven....

December 31, 1853
Rev. John Nicholas Thisse was ordained deacon of the 24th and priest on the 28th in the Chapel of St. Peter’s Orphan Asylum.
ADDRESS FROM THE IRISH CATHOLIC CONGREGATION OF COLUMBUS TO THE REV’D JAMES MEAGHER.

REV. AND DEAR SIR: As little children do we approach you, to tender to you a small token of our heartfelt thanks, and deep gratitude for the zealous and exemplary manner in which you have fulfilled the duties of a Pastor since the time it pleased God in his Divine Providence to send you to preside over us, to guide and to teach us. Be assured, Rev’d. Sir, that we speak in the language of sincerity, when we say that our thanks and gratitude are, as our faith, pure and firmly seated.

And how can it be otherwise? To look back and view our position on your arrival amongst us— we behold ourselves, united in faith it is true, but disjointed, estranged, disunited, and cavilling; lacking that unity of sentiment and action so necessary to the promotion of sound morality and true piety. We behold, the spot on which now stands that beautiful temple dedicated to the Living God under the invocation of the sainted Apostle of our Fatherland, a solitary plat seldom trodden by the foot of a true believer. Since then we have seen you toil and travel, under a parching sun, in the storm, and in calm, to the remotest limits under your pastoral care; we have felt and understood your purity of purpose; we have listened to your counsel; we have drank deeply of your fervent exhortations; we have heard your advice, and, now, O, what a change! We are no longer disturbed by the canker of local prejudice, no! we feel that we are brothers, the children of one merciful and loving father, united in one faith, one baptism and one fold, having a temple wherein to worship (as it were with one voice) our common Father.

And now, Rev’d. Sir, feeling ourselves indebted to your indefatigable exertions, wise counsels, and holy example, for such blessings we beg you will accept of this equipage, an earnest of our lasting esteem and gratitude, and we pray our Heavenly Father to grant you an increase of strength, health, and fortitude to perform your many and sacred duties; beseeching for ourselves also a spirit of meekness, humility and piety that will render us worthy to be called your children and the children of God.

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