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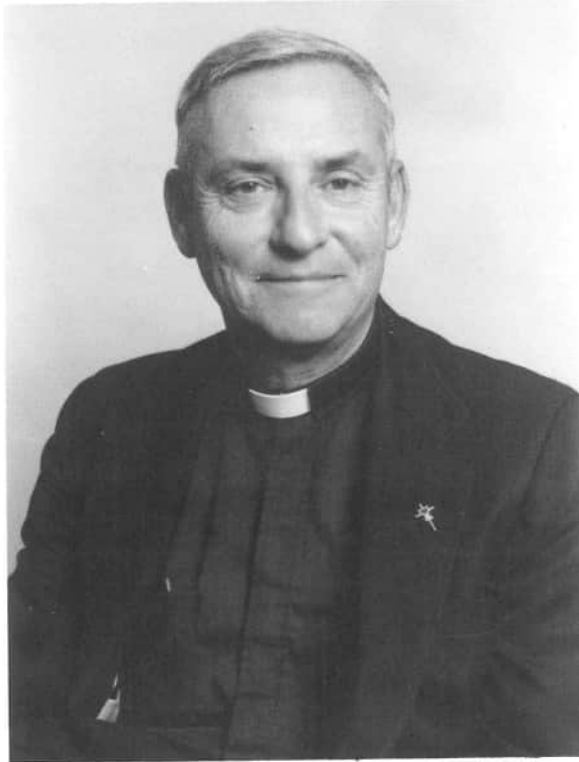


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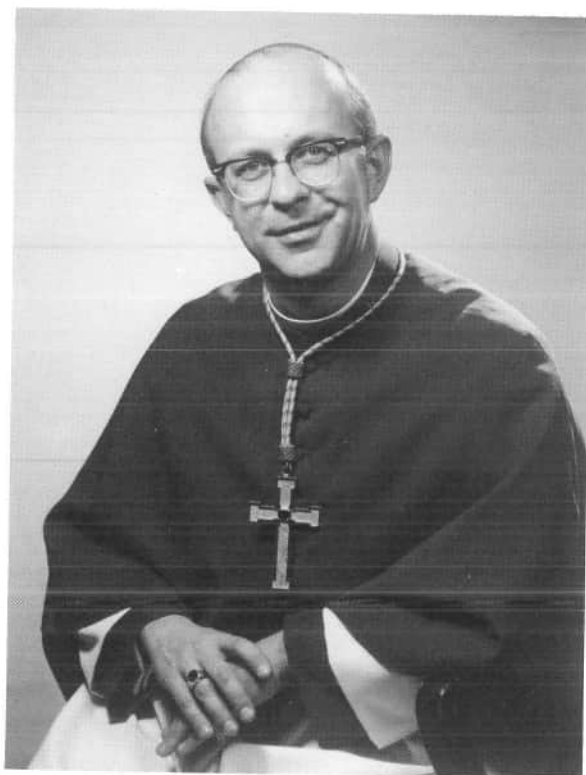
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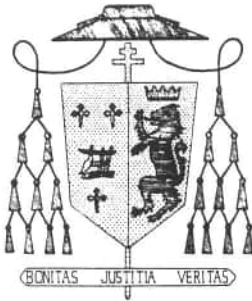
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Dear Friends:

I offer you my sincere congratulations on the Sesquicentennial of St. Rose Parish.

One Hundred Fifty Years is a long time, and you have weathered those years well.

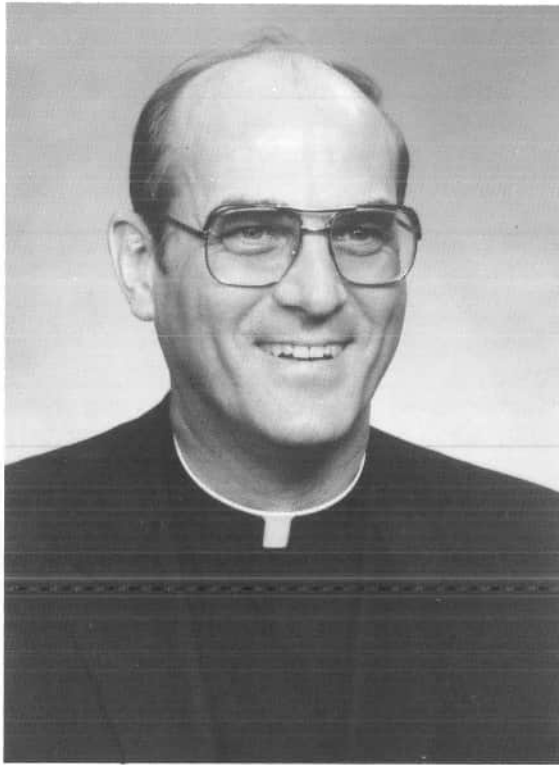
Obviously, none of us knows what the future holds, but as we look back at a century and a half, we realize that we have learned from the past to face both present and future with faith and gratitude.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel E. Pilarczyk".

Most Rev. Daniel E. Pilarczyk  
Archbishop of Cincinnati





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Dear Pastor and Parishioners:

The Sesquicentennial of your Christian Community, Saint Rose Parish, surely is cause for a special celebration. There are, of course, various facets that combine to form the basis for a festive commemoration of one hundred and fifty years of Christian faith and action.

One of the facets consists of a respectful recollection of the pioneer past, rooted in the enduring and sacrificial faith of the founding fathers and their families.

From these memoirs may well arise a deepening awareness and appreciation of the rich inheritance and the blessings that the Saint Rose community presently shares.

And from both the past and the present comes an abiding confidence in God's providential guidance of His faithful people through the changes and the challenges of the years yet to come.

The Society of the Precious Blood has shared some fourteen decades of historic years with the people of Saint Rose Parish. Be assured, then, that the Precious Blood priests and brothers join me in offering cordial congratulations and prayerful best wishes as you celebrate a joyous Sesquicentennial.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The V. Rev. John E. Kalicky, C.P.P.S.  
Provincial Director

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## HISTORY OF ST. ROSE PARISH

### Founding of the Parish

The year 1839 marks the foundation of four parishes in the Mercer-Auglaize County area, namely, St. Rose, St. Henry, Victoria (St. Joseph) and Wapakoneta. All the available data point to the fact that St. Rose is the oldest of the four.

In tradition, both oral and written, the story is told which deals with the origin of the name. Once, when the Most Rev. John Purcell, Bishop of Cincinnati, was passing through the eastern part of Mercer County on one of his visitation tours, he was enraptured by the dazzling beauty of the woodland scene. Wild roses grew everywhere. He saw it as a garden designed and planted by the Creator. In admiration, the Bishop called the spot Rose Garden, and the little village which later sprang up in this section was given its name.

St. Augustine's parish of Minster had as its two oldest daughters St. John's parish of Maria Stein (1837) and St. Michael's parish of Ft. Loramie (1838). In 1839, it became the mother-parish of St. Rose. It was during the late 1830's that a number of families living in and around the little village met, and St. Rose parish was organized and preparations made for the erection of a home of worship. Prior to the year 1844, religious services were held in a farm house, the home of Mr. Joseph Kleinhenz.

Scarcity of priests in the diocese of Cincinnati made regular services impossible. In 1839, the same year that St. Rose was founded, Bishop Purcell visited Europe in order to obtain additional priests to help care for the scattered Catholics of his diocese, which included all of the State of Ohio. Father Louis Navarron, from the diocese of Clermont, France, was one of the party of seven priests who landed in New York on August 22, 1839. Bishop Purcell sent him to attend to the spiritual needs of the French Catholics in Versailles. Until 1845, this zealous French missionary also made frequent trips to St. Rose.

In 1843, Bishop Purcell went again to Europe to recruit help, and he obtained the Society of the Precious Blood to tend to the German speaking members of his diocese. Father Francis Brunner, C.P.P.S., and seven other C.P.P.S. priests and seven students arrived at Cincinnati on January 1, 1844 and were sent to the northern part of Ohio (near Norwalk). In 1845, they were assigned to the Mercer County area, which included the parish of St. Augustine in Minster, which had been founded in 1834.

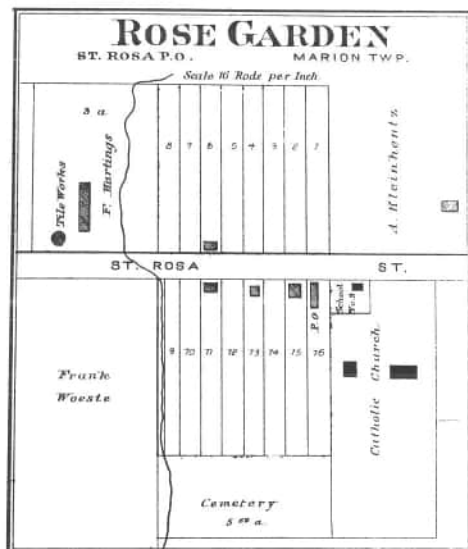
In the parish archives there is a copy of a lease (never recorded in the Recorder's Office in Celina) dated April 11, 1839, made between Arnold Pieper and Joseph Kleinhenz and the trustees for the German Roman Catholic Church, viz., Henry Lochtefeld, Henry Raudirkes, Henry Nichting and Herman Henry Goettemoeller. This lease is for the property thus described: "Beginning at the South West corner of the

East half of the South East quarter of Section 21, Township 7, Range 3 East — from thence East on the Section line to a stake on said line 35 feet east of the east extreme of the church now erected thereon from thence due north, etc.”

Thus the first place of worship was on the north side of the present S.R. 119, and this was already built in 1839. A recorded deed, dated April 9, 1842, records the sale of one half of an acre of land by Joseph Kleinhenz to Bishop Purcell in Section 21. A deed, dated March 5, 1845, records the sale of an additional three acres; and a deed, dated June 17, 1854, records the purchase of another four acres.

On April 9, 1842, Bishop Purcell also purchased ten acres from John Schlarman for \$14.00 — out of the northwest corner of the east half of the northeast quarter of section 28 (south S.R. 119).

In June of 1854, the land purchased by Bishop Purcell was surveyed and divided into sixteen lots. There were eight lots to the north and eight to the south of St. Rosa Street (present S.R. 119). Each lot was to be 51'9" wide and 6.43 chains (424'3") deep. St. Rosa Street was to be 60' wide. The western edge of this village of Rose Garden was to be 20.10 chains (1,326'6") from the eastern line of sections 21 and 28.



Under the capable direction of Father Navarron the first log church was erected at Rose Garden in 1844. Unimposing as was the architecture of that first log church, it nevertheless stood out above the other log cabins that surrounded it, for it possessed a steeple, and in the steeple a bell purchased for the sum of \$36.00. On November 24, 1844, Father Navarron dedicated the little log church and blessed the cemetery — an occasion of great rejoicing for the seventy-eight families that constituted the parish.

The first baptism in this church was of Joseph Benard Schwieterman on December 22, 1844 by Father Navarron. The first recorded marriage was solemnized by Father Friederich Broenner on January 25, 1848, between John H. Moeller and Elizabeth Ungruhn. The first recorded death to occur was on April 29, 1845 when B. Michael Surmann, aged 40, passed away.

The year that the death-dealing cholera swept through Ohio like a blight (1848), the Fathers C.P.P.S. were in constant demand everywhere. None worked more valiantly than they to stem the onrush of this dread disease and to confer the last rites of Holy Mother Church on the dying. In this priestly work of mercy, they were aided at St. Rose by Father Friederich Broenner, formerly a missionary of the Carmelite order. Father Broenner was pastor of St. Rose and at the same time of St. Henry; he died on December 29, 1849 and is buried in St. Rose Cemetery.

It is worthy of mention that in order to meet the needs of the people, St. Rose became the mother parish in 1847 of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Cassella (then called Marysville) and in 1851 of St. Sebastian. (Precious Blood in Chickasaw was founded in 1895, also formerly part of St. Rose.)



### **Building of the Second Church**

As the years went quickly by and in passing showed a yearly increase in the congregation, the log church became too small. The congregation soon realized that the house of prayer and worship had

served its purpose, and that soon more commodious quarters would have to be erected. In 1851, preparations were made for the building of a new church.

On August 10, 1851, the first assembly met to decide the building of a new church. On August 17 there was another assembly to select the building committee and determine the building site. Named to the committee were Johan Heinrich Raudirkes, Theodor Woeste, Georg Leugers, Heinrich Hagedorn, Joseph Koenig, Joseph Kleinhenz, Gerhard Stever as overseer and Johan Hagerdorn as treasurer.

The committee advertized twice in the German paper *Wahrheitsfreund* for bids on the bricks needed. The bid was accepted on February 19, 1852 at \$2.39 per thousand. These bricks were to be made at the site where the church was to stand, and according to the agreement Friederich Klinghammer was given the contract, and he promised to have them finished in the year 1852.

Meanwhile the necessary firewood was to be delivered by the parishioners, as well as the heavy wood for the roof. The contractor had to see to the necessary water himself, but if it had to be dug deeper than ten feet, then the parishioners were to help. After the contractor had completed the entire work — if the bricks were good — he was to be paid in full.

The parish decided that the church should be 76 feet long and 42 feet wide, and that there be two doors at the front end and with two aisles in the interior leading to the altar.

The stones which were to be used for the foundation as well as the door and window stones, had to be brought via the canal from Piqua and had to be hauled from Minster. Likewise the necessary boards had to be brought from Minster. The necessary sand, fortunately, was available in a creek at Bernard Grevenkamp's place, and was hauled from there.

It was decided at the meeting on St. Lawrence day (August 10, 1852) that a small change be made in the plans of the church. This change was handed over to the pastor, to the teacher Gerhard Heinrich Panning, to Gerhard Stever and to Joseph Kleinhenz:

1. That the windows be made so that the panes be 8 by 10 inches, and that the format be like that of St. John's;
2. That only one large door be made at the towered end, and one side door; that there be one large aisle five feet wide, and two side aisles three feet wide;
3. That the sacristy door at the upper end be in the center so that it would lead to both rooms;
4. That there be two windows next to the door at the towered (west) end, and the inscription stone be above the large door;
5. That the foundation wall be put out on bids and be ready before the winter.

Note: The inscription stone that was on this church is now to be found next to the sidewalk — at ground level — on the northwest side of the present church.

On August 15, 1852, the cornerstone was laid and blessed by Father Andrew Kunkler. On August 29, 1852, it was decided that bids for the mason (wall) work, the rough wood work and the carpentry work for the new church be let on September 29, 1852. On October 4, 1852, the bids were opened. A. Van der Broeke got the mason work at \$415.00, Anton De Curtins got the carpentry work at \$228.00 and he also got the lumber work at \$765.75.

On January 18, 1854, the structure was dedicated with great solemnity. The church was built at a cost of \$6,000.00 and was built free of debt.

In 1862, the first organ was installed for \$690.00. At the same time statues of St. Rose, St. John, St. Lawrence and the Good Shepherd, all imported from Europe, were purchased for \$315.00. In 1853, the bells had been purchased for \$544.00. They were blessed by Father Kunkler. In 1873, the church was reroofed for \$540.00. In 1885, the tower and the church were painted for \$1,026.50. At the same time new windows for the church were purchased — each one costing \$28.00. The large crucifix and statues of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, St. Francis and St. Anthony were received.

#### **Golden Jubilee of the First Church**

On November 24, 1894, the parish celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the first church. Of the early pioneers only two old men were present for the festive occasion, which was a gala day for the pastor, Father Aloys Malin, and members of the parish. These two men were Bernard Holdheide, 79 years, and Henry Boeckman of Cassella, 84 years. Mrs. Elizabeth Goettemoeller, 94 years, could not be present because of paralysis. In order to render the day ever memorable, the Very Reverend Provincial, Father Henry Drees, delivered the sermon in the Low German dialect.

#### **Building of the Rectory**

It is interesting to note that during the years 1846-1848 and 1850-1881 the pastors were changed very frequently. As a matter of fact it is almost impossible to determine who was the one in charge. This was due in part to the fact that St. Rose did not have a residence for the pastor. The attending priests resided at the Gruenenwald convent at Cassella (still standing — about a half mile south of S.R. 119 on Cassella-Montezuma Road) or at the Maria Stein convent. In 1905, when Archbishop Henry Moeller was on a visitation tour, he expressed his desire that a rectory should be built near the church so that the pastor could live

among his flock. At once the newly appointed pastor, Father Liberat Schupp, proceeded to carry out the wish of the Archbishop. Preparations were made for the building of a rectory.

The contract for the building was let in June 1905, and the work was awarded to Mr. H. Forthhoff, for the sum of \$3,635.00. The pastor himself superintended the erection of the new building. "It is built of pressed brick, it is two stories high and contains ten rooms, also all modern conveniences, such as hot water heating, acetelyne light, etc." The building was completed at the cost of \$6,000.00, and on March 23, 1906 the pastor moved into his new residence.

### **Building of the Third Church**

What was probably the most extensive improvement in the history of the parish was undertaken during the year 1910. In January of that year Father Liberat Schupp placed before the congregation the necessity of building a new church. A meeting of the parishioners was called and a unanimous resolution was passed to erect a new church. In order to procure the necessary money, a subscription was taken up which, within a week's time, amounted to \$21,479.00 — another striking proof of that spirit of generosity and sacrifice which seems to pervade the entire history of the parish.

A building committee was chosen by acclamation and the following members were elected: B. Evers, H. Goettemoeller, Joseph Homan, A. Selhorst, B. Tuent, Theodor Evers, H. Harting, John Lochtefeld, Math. Harting and Fred Stucky. Mr. H. Moeller was chosen as treasurer.

Plans were then made by Mr. A. De Curtins of Lima, Ohio. The date for the opening of the bids was set for June 15, 1910. Due to the fact that all bids for the contract were exorbitant, the pastor with his committee concluded, after careful consideration, to erect the building by piece work: the contract for the mason's work was let out to Joseph Vonder Hirst of Celina for \$4,200.00, and that of the carpenter's work to Jacob Notter of Wendelin for \$2,775.00. On May 21, 1911, the cornerstone was laid by the Very Reverend Provincial, Father Boniface Russ; the church was completed the following year and the Most Reverend Archbishop Henry Moeller dedicated it on September 8, 1912. The church is a magnificent building constructed of pressed brick with Bedford stone trimmings. Its high and sharply pointed arches are of the Gothic style of architecture.

### **Diamond Jubilee of the First Church**

On Thursday, November 27, 1919, was celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the first church in the St. Rose Congregation, which culminated the organization of the parish.

This occasion was fittingly celebrated by a Solemn High Mass sung by the Rev. Richard Schwietermann, of the St. Mary's Novitiate at Bur-



kettsville. Owing to the fact that it was Thanksgiving Day many of the invited priests could not be present. Especially did the pastor (Father Schmaus) and the congregation regret that Father Liberat Schupp, pastor of Glandorf, Ohio, the builder of the church and rectory, was not able to attend the jubilee.



The Very Reverend Provincial, Father George Hindelang, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Celina, gave a very eloquent address both narrative and instructive of the history of the Catholic Church in the southern part of Mercer County in general and of the history of St. Rose Congregation in particular. He very vividly pictured the Catholic missionary life. He also spoke very endearingly in loving memory of that good and pious priest, Father Caspar Schedler, who for eleven years was the pastor of St. Rose parish.

The St. Rose choir, under the direction of the organist, Albert H. Dorsten, rendered a very appropriate program. A new Mass, St. Rosa de Lima Mass, with new benediction hymns, were sung on this occasion. The Te Deum was sung by all and accompanied by the Minster band.

After the church services a genuine Thanksgiving Day dinner was ready and was served by the ladies. Music was furnished by the Minster and Cassella bands. As the weather did not allow any outdoor activities they were transplanted to the spacious and electrically lighted St. Lawrence Hall and the school building. Here everything was cozy, dry and pleasant, and a large church bazaar was held in comparatively small space. The bazaar was a complete success financially. These returns together with the very liberal subscriptions taken up by the pastor among the parishioners during the previous weeks, was enough to wipe out the debt of \$5,000.00 remaining on the building of the new church. This, above all, led the people to be jubilant and thankful.

Together with the pastor, Father Schmaus, the following committees were instrumental in helping this diamond jubilee to be a great success: Bernard Evers, Sr., Henry Moeller, Henry Hartings, Henry Goettemoeller, Joseph Homan, Joh. W. Kleinhenz, Mrs. John

Fortkamp, Mrs. Herman Ungruhn, Mrs. Fred Goettemoeller, Mrs. Josephine Albers, Miss Helen Bomholt and Miss Rose Goettemoeller.

In connection with the jubilee a soldier's homecoming was celebrated in honor of the safe return of all the boys of the congregation from the World War. They were the guests of the congregation.



#### **Summary 1979-1989**

Since the publication of the History of St. Rose in 1979 by Fr. Milton Ballor, C.P.P.S., the following additions might be added to bring up to date what has transpired since the building of the present church. Under able pastors, the church and its surroundings has not only been maintained in excellent shape but has been improved. Under their direction the cemetery wall was added to beautify it. In regard to the church the two side front doors have been replaced, a ramp was installed on the east side for the ease of the elderly and disabled. A passage way between the rectory and church was closed in for the convenience of the pastor and others wishing to use the entrance to the basement. Also the church's interior has been redecorated with taste and made more functional for liturgical usage. The rectory as well as the sidewalks and grounds have undergone renovations under the various pastors. On the whole the peoples' dedication and love for their church

has been manifested by their continual desire to make the place beautiful in appearance. The latest example of their pride as members of St. Rose is the newly erected sign in the front of the church.

These physical changes and improvements only reflect a part of St. Rose parish history. And perhaps not the most important part of their growth. Along with it comes the important part that makes them a church in the first place, namely their spiritual life growth.

Two big events in their lifetime as a parish influenced this change and growth. First the Second Vatican Council called for renewal and change that has effected not only St. Rose but the whole church. The second factor that brought about a significant change in the life of St. Rose parish was The Harvest Program of the Diocese which called for a committment of each parish in the diocese as to its desire to stay open as a parish or merge with another.

The Vatican Council called for an update in the peoples' participation in the life of the church. Introduced to achieve these goals was a change in the worshipping life of the parish. In the year 1959, St. Rose parish had its first dialog Mass and singing of the four hymns followed. In 1962 the present organ was purchased to help the people better participate in singing and praying. In 1965 parts of the Mass were permitted to be said in English which called for readers at Mass. Changes in the Eucharistic fast enabled more and more people to receive Holy Communion and thus necessitated the introduction of lay distributors of Communion. Finally all the parts of the Mass were translated into English and the missalettes replaced the Missals that the people used when the Mass was in Latin. More songs were added and the people were urged to sing their parts in the liturgy. The Council's demand for more active participation did not end with liturgy but spread to the entire life of the church. Parish Councils were established as well as all the Commissions a parish deemed necessary to give service to the people of the parish. In 1976 Saturday evening Mass began at St. Rose for those who because of work could not attend on Sunday.

For the Harvest brought a more urgent demand that the parishioners become involved in the parish and accept their responsibility to minister to each other in St. Rose parish. This demanded in St. Rose, a need for leaders to be responsible for the various ministries in the church's worshipping life. Also to head the CCD Programs and other needed programs. Especially will this be necessary as they begin to share a pastor with Cassella as called for by the Harvest Program.

Much has been left out of this short addition to the St. Rose History and much will be written in the future as history is made. Let this only indicate that St. Rose Parish is very much alive and growing in Christ.

#### **Religious Vocations**

Eighty-eight years had passed and St. Rose had given none of her sons to the Holy Priesthood; but the seeds of vocation had been planted.

It was indeed a happy event when Father Ferdinand Goettemoeller, C.P.P.S., was ordained at Carthagena on May 26, 1927. It was a day of greater celebration when he sang his First Solemn High Mass at St. Rose on May 28, 1927.

The complete list of vocations to the priesthood and religious life from St. Rose follows:

Father Ferdinand Goettemoeller, C.P.P.S., born March 7, 1898, son of Henry and Catherine (Woehrmann) Goettemoeller, ordained May 26, 1927. Father Goettemoeller died October 25, 1971.

Father Melchior Lochtefeld, C.P.P.S., born January 4, 1905, son of John and Catherine (Hoying) Lochtefeld, ordained May 14, 1931. He died July 27, 1984.

Father Aloys Selhorst, C.P.P.S., born November 16, 1912, son of Anthony and Catherine (Albers) Selhorst, ordained May 7, 1939. Father Selhorst died in a rectory fire at Manteca, California, on August 23, 1967.

Father Tobias Lochtefeld, born February 23, 1922, son of Vincent and Matilda (Reinhard) Lochtefeld, ordained May 18, 1948. Father Lochtefeld died in an airplane accident in Brainerd, Minnesota on August 26, 1956.

(Note: The following were baptised, but not raised, in St. Rose.)

Father John Anthony, born June 7, 1896, son of Hugo and Gertrude (Miller) Anthony, ordained May 26, 1923. Father Anthony died December 3, 1960.

Father John Reichert, born March 1, 1898, son of Joseph and Philomena (Hagedorn) Reichert, ordained June 11, 1927. Father Reichert died May 12, 1976.

Sister Angelica, C.P.P.S., born Mary Lochtefeld, August 15, 1855, daughter of Henry and Bernadine (Gresshoff) Lochtefeld, entered the convent on January 1, 1873. Sister Angelica died February 20, 1902.

Sister Agatha, C.P.P.S., born Rosina Philomena Lochtefeld September 22, 1858, daughter of Henry and Bernardine (Gresshoff) Lochtefeld, entered the convent March 16, 1882. Sister Agatha died January 7, 1928.

Sister Emma, S.F.P., born Catherine Bernardine Lochtefeld November 29, 1894, daughter of John and Catherine (Hoying) Lochtefeld, entered the convent November 29, 1917. Sister Emma died March 19, 1928.

Sister Leonidas, C.P.P.S., born Agnes Piekenbrock February 14, 1918, daughter of Frank and Catherine (Luttmer) Piekenbrock, entered the convent August 13, 1939.



**Ferdinand Goettemoeller, C.P.P.S.**



**Melchior Lochtefeld, C.P.P.S.**



**Aloys Selhorst, C.P.P.S.**



**Tobias Lochtefeld.**



**Sr. Leonidas Piekenbrook, C.P.P.S.**

### **Description of St. Rose Church**

The cornerstone of the present church was blessed on May 21, 1911. The dimensions of the church, based on the blueprints of the architect Andrew De Curtins of Lima, Ohio, are: length — 115', width at front — 51', width at transept — 63', height of roof — 55' and height of steeple cross — 133'. The altars, communion rail, confessional and pews were built by the E. Hackner Company of LaCross, Wisconsin. The art glass windows were purchased from the Emil Frei Company of St. Louis, Missouri. The church was blessed on September 8, 1912.

#### **High Altar**

The high altar was bought in 1913 at a cost of \$1,565.00. The upper part of the reredos contains a statue of St. Rose. On the east side is a Crucifixion scene and on the west side is a Resurrection scene. In the mensa are an Emmaus scene and various symbols of the passion — crown of thorns and nails, veil and face of Christ, tunic and dice, and ladder, sponge and rope. (Note: On the original altar there were also statues of St. Peter and St. Paul and also two standing angels with lights. In 1920, additional "towers" and angels, plus two kneeling angels with lights on pedestals were added. All of these were removed when the altar was lowered three steps and placed against the south wall in 1971.) On the door of the tabernacle is inscribed: "Altar and Tabernacle Gift of the Evers Relationship." The tabernacle was replaced in 1938. The additions to the high altar (and also the side altars) were bought in 1920 at a cost of \$1,690.00.

#### **Blessed Virgin Altar**

In the east transept is an altar in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the reredos is a statue of the Blessed Virgin Queen and the Christ Child, which had been in the old church. On the east side of this statue is one of St. Catherine of Alexandria, and on the west side one of St. Barbara. In the mensa is an Annunciation scene. On the tabernacle is a plaque stating: "In memory of Theodore and Catherine Brockman 1920."

#### **St. Joseph Altar**

In the west transept is the altar in honor of St. Joseph. On the reredos is a statue of St. Joseph (from the old church). On the east side of it is one of St. Lawrence and on the west side is one of St. Anthony. In the mensa is a scene of the death of St. Joseph. There is a plaque on the tabernacle stating: "Gift of the St. Joseph and St. Lawrence Societies 1920."

#### **The Apse**

On the ceiling of the apse are five paintings: in the center Christ the Good Shepherd and two angels on each side. On the walls are paintings of the Evangelists: St. Matthew (and boy), St. Mark (and lion), St. Luke (and ox) and St. John (and eagle). In the center of the ceiling is an art glass window depicting the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.

### East Transept

Above the Blessed Virgin altar is a painting (by Father Paulinus Trost, C.P.P.S.) of Christ visiting Mary and Martha. On the east wall of the transept is an art glass window depicting the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Above the scene is the monogram of Mary. On each side of the window is a painting of the Old Testament prophets, Daniel and Ezechiel. On the north wall is a medallion with the Chi (X) and Rho (P) and the Alpha and Omega. East of the Blessed Virgin altar is a wall pedestal with a statue of the Sacred Heart, and next to it a painting of an angel. On the window is the inscription: "In memoriam Frauen Verein." Above the window is a medallion of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove.

### West Transept

In the west transept, above the St. Joseph altar, is a painting (also by Father Trost) of Christ blessing the children. On the west wall is an art glass window depicting the death of St. Joseph. Above the scene is the monogram of St. Joseph. On each side is a painting of the Old Testament prophets: Isaiah and Jeremiah. Above the window is a medallion of the Lamb of the Apocalypse. On the north wall is a medallion of a sunflower. Next to the St. Joseph altar is a statue of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, C.P.P.S., and next to it a painting of an angel. The inscription on the window is: "In memoriam Maener Verein." On the St. Gaspar statue is a plaque stating: "In memory of Dahlinghaus family."



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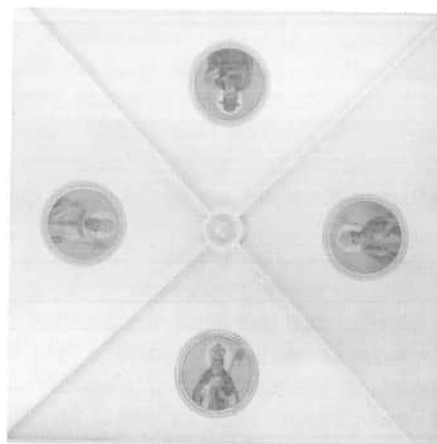
### The Nave

High on the walls of the nave are medallions (four on each side). On the east side are: pillar and whip, cross with INRI, cross and chalice, and veil with face of Christ. On the west side are: ladder and lance and sponge and dice and nails, cross and pierced hand, bread and fish, and the pellican.

On the dome of the nave are paintings of the four great doctors of the West: St. Augustine (north), St. Jerome (east), St. Gregory (south) and St. Ambrose (west).

**St. Jerome**

**St. Gregory**



**St. Augustine**

**St. Ambrose**

**The Windows**

On the east side of the nave are four art glass windows with inscriptions. They are (starting from the south) St. Rose (In memoriam Jungfrauen Verein), St. Barbara (In memoriam Faml. Fred und Henry Goettemoeller), St. Elizabeth (In memoriam Faml. B. Evers Sr.) and St. Catherine (In memoriam Mrs. Catherine Hagedorn).



**St. Rose**



**St. Barbara**



**St. Elizabeth**



**St. Catherine**



On the west side the four art glass windows are: (starting from the south) St. Lawrence (In memoriam Juengleins Verein), St. Florian (In memoriam Faml. Jos. Meyer), St. Isidore (In memoriam Faml. John Loechtefeld) and St. Theodore (presumed) (In memoriam Faml. Frank Ungruhn).



**St. Lawrence**



**St. Florian**



**St. Isidore**



**St. Theodore**

In the former baptistry (near the front entrance) is an art glass window with the inscription "In memoriam Faml. Frank Fortkamp." In the choir loft are two art glass windows both inscribed: "In memoriam Faml. H. Dwenger." In the center of the north wall (under the steeple) is an art glass window with the inscription: "In memoriam Faml. B. Piekenbrock."

#### **The Way of the Cross**

The stations of the cross were purchased in 1914 for \$668.61 and were erected by Father Paulinus Trost, C.P.P.S. (delegate of Archbishop Moeller) on February 11, 1915. The way fo the cross begins on the southeast corner of the nave. These are the inscriptions on them (plus the titles in German): 1. Familie Clune, 2. John Fortkamp, 3. H. Dwenger, 4. Frank Bomholt, 5. John Stuke u. Sohn, 6. Herman Schwegman, 7. Theo. u. Kath. Brockman, 8. Ant. Meiring u. Mutter, 9. John Loechtefeld, 10. Fred. u. Hein. Goettemoeller, 11. Bern. Albers u. Sohn Clemens, 12. Heinrich Moeller, 13. Joseph Homan, 14. Jos. Meier u. B. Evers.

### **The Sanctuary**

In the sanctuary are the altar of sacrifice, the pulpit and the presidential chair. These were made from the former communion rail. In the mensa of the altar is the wood-carved scene of Melchisedech offering bread and wine for Abraham. On the pulpit is a wood-carved scene of Moses and the people gathering Manna. (These two scenes had been the gates of the communion rail.) On the pulpit is the inscribed plaque: "Donated by Jos. Homan Sr." The two credence tables were made from the pedestals on which kneeling angels with lights had been placed next to the high altar.

In the choir loft is a large cross, with a statue of the Blessed Virgin at the foot of the cross. On it is painted the inscription: "Mission 1 — 8 Decem. 1912." (Note: This cross was in the old church; thus the date must have been added later.)

Near the entrance of the church is a statue of St. Theresa, the Little Flower. A plaque on it states: "In loving memory of Amalia Lorshetter presented by her son Frank Lorshetter." This statue is now placed in the northeast corner of the nave. In the northwest corner of the nave is a statue of the Pieta (purchased in 1914 with a pedestal for \$170.00).

### **The Bells**

In the tower are three bells, weighing respectively 1800 lbs., 1350 lbs. and 900 lbs. All have the same inscription: "E.W. Vanduzen Company, Cincinnati 1932." They were purchased in 1932 for the sum of \$543.26 and blessed on May 29, 1932.

### **The Sacristy**

In the sacristy is a monstrance with the inscription: "Geschenk von H. Moeller u. Familie." One ciborium is inscribed: "Gift of the Charles C. Bruns family," and another: "In memory of William and Elizabeth Schaefer." One chalice is inscribed: "In memory of Vincent and Mathilda Lochtefeld," and another: "Thobias Lochtefeld, from my parents, May 18, 1948."

## PASTORS OF ST. ROSE PARISH

April 1839 – October 1845 (no picture) ..... Louis Navarron  
 November 1, 1845 – July 1846 ..... Johan Van den Brock, C.PP.S.  
 July 1846 – December 1846 ..... Johan Wittmer, C.PP.S.  
 January 1847 – December 1847 ..... Johan Van den Brock, C.PP.S.  
 January 1848 – December 1849 (no picture) ..... Friederich Broenner  
 January 1850 – December 1850 ..... Andrew Kunkler, C.PP.S.  
 January 1851 – May 1852 ..... Sebastian Ganther, C.PP.S.  
 June 1852 – August 1857 ..... Andrew Herbstritt, C.PP.S.  
 August 1857 – May 1861 ..... Bernard Austermann, C.PP.S.  
 May 1861 – August 1866 ..... Peter Wilhelmy, C.PP.S.  
 September 1866 – June 1867 ..... Erhard Glueck, C.PP.S.  
 June 1867 – October 1874 (no picture) ..... Anton Kramer, C.PP.S.  
 November 1874 – September 1875 ..... Erhard Glueck, C.PP.S.  
 September 1875 – May 1879 ..... Francis Buechel, C.PP.S.  
 May 1879 – May 1881 ..... Erhard Glueck, C.PP.S.  
 May 15, 1881 – April 6, 1892 ..... Caspar Schedler, C.PP.S.  
 April 1892 – February 1893 ..... Henry Drees, C.PP.S.  
 March 1, 1893 – March 14, 1895 ..... Aloys Malin, C.PP.S.  
 March 14, 1895 – January 1905 ..... Caspar Schedler, C.PP.S.  
 January 1905 – September 1, 1914 ..... Liberat Schupp, C.PP.S.  
 September 1, 1914 – July 12, 1917 ..... Albert Voag, C.PP.S.  
 July 12, 1917 – July 24, 1951 ..... Raphael Schmaus, C.PP.S.  
 July 24, 1951 – June 27, 1956 ..... George Pax, C.PP.S.  
 June 27, 1956 – June 26, 1957 ..... Aloys Dirksen, C.PP.S.  
 June 26, 1957 – July 27, 1958 ..... Aloysius Cook, C.PP.S.  
 July 27, 1958 – April 25, 1963 ..... Walter Roth, C.PP.S.  
 August 28, 1963 – January 6, 1965 ..... Aloys Dirksen, C.PP.S.  
 January 6, 1965 – August 2, 1976 ..... Clement Goubeaux, C.PP.S.  
 August 2, 1976 – July, 1983 ..... Milton Ballor, C.PP.S.  
 July, 1983 – July 1987 ..... Joseph Pax, C.PP.S.  
 July, 1987 – ..... Raymond Bauer, C.PP.S.

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**Johan Wittmer, C.P.P.S.**



**Andrew Kunkler, C.P.P.S.**



**Sebastian Ganther, C.P.P.S.**



**Andrew Herbstritt, C.P.P.S.**



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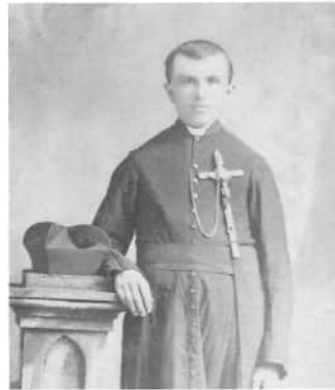
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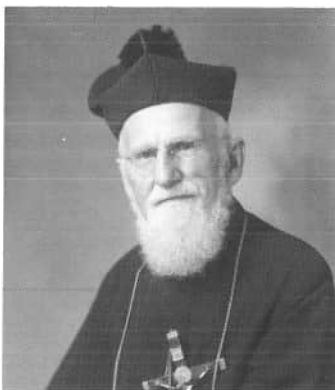
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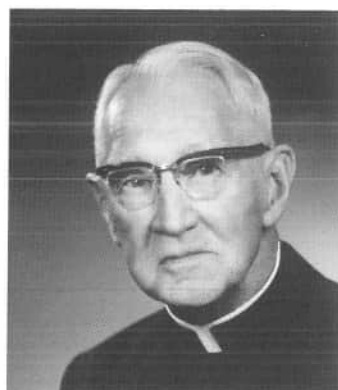
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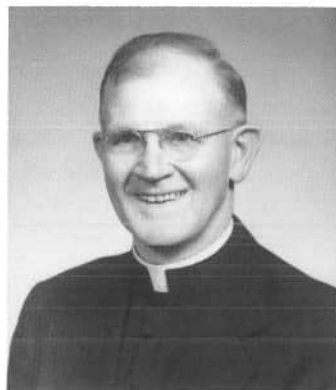
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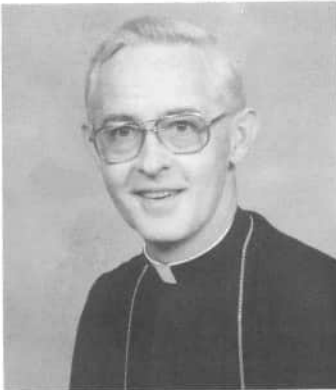
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**Raymond Bauer, C.P.P.S.**

## PARISH VOLUNTEERS



## CHOIR

Left to Right, First Row — Irene Bruns, Mary Jane Meier, Kathy Bueing, Sherri Schoenlein. Second Row — Donna Rutschilling, Marilyn Holdheide, Stella Evers, Ginny Kremer, Karen Scott, Ellen Evers.

## ORGANIST

Left to Right — Ruth Hartings, Marilyn Holdheide, Ginny Kremer.



## CARING MINISTRY

Luella Lochtefeld, Regina Hemmelgarn, Ann Mueller.





### **MAINTENANCE**

Left to Right — Art Bruns, Rich Lochtefeld.



### **SACRISTANS**

Left to Right — Deb Homan, Kathy Hemmelgarn.



### **CEMETERY AND HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Newly elected since pictures were taken: Cemetery President — LeRoy Piekenbrock; Holy Name Society President — Cletus Griesdorn.

Dennis Homan, President, Cemetery Board (on left); Louis Bruns, President, Holy Name Society.

### CYO

Left to Right — Gary Kremer, Officer; Chris Clune, Andy Bruns, Deb Homan, Kevin Homan, Angie Siegrist, Jeremy Hess, Kelly Meier, Kelly Goettemoeller, Benji Kremer, Kurt Goettemoeller, Ginny Kremer, Officer.



### SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Left to Right, Front Row — Rich Lochtefeld, Elaine Evers, Andy Schlarman, Romie Schaefer, Werner Stucke. Second Row — Father Bauer, Gary Kremer, Walter Braun, Ginny Kremer, Bill Homan.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Left to Right, First Row — Louis Bruns, Janice Piekenbrock, Elaine Evers, Jane Evers, Father Bauer. Second Row — Dave Buening, Dennis Homan, Bill Homan, Ivo Post.





### USHERS

Left to Right, First Row — Andy Schlarman, Mark Hemmelgarn, Werner Stucke, Jim Stucke, Tom Goettemoeller. Second Row — Bob Homan, Gene Evers, Art Leugers, Dick Mueller, Paul Bruns. Third Row — Dave Buening, Dale Goettemoeller, Cy Evers, Jeff Griesdorn, Clete Griesdorn, Rich Lochtefeld.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Left to Right, First Row — Shirley Homan, Ann Mueller, Sister Rita, Alvera Stucke, Linda Bruns. Second Row — Werner Stucke, Andy Schlarman, Sharon Evers, Marge Griesdorn, Rosemary Hartings, John Bruns. Third Row — Dan Hess, Gary Kremer, Roger Evers, Paul Bruns, Dick Mueller, Ivo Post, Nick Meier, Bill Homan.



### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Left to Right, Front Row — Marilyn Holdheide, Father Bauer, Ginny Ruskin, Marian Homan. Second Row — Janice Piekenbrock, Walter Braun, Ginny Kremer, Irene Bruns.



### **LECTORS**

**Left to Right — Ginny Ruskin, Romie Schaefer, Larry Meier, Jeff Griesdorn, Clarence Tuente, Walter Braun, Deb Brown.**



**Left to Right — Roger Homan, LeRoy Piekenbrock, Kathy Buening, Kathy Hemmelgarn.**

### **LADIES SODALITY**

**Left to Right — Jane Evers, Mary Jo Hess, Janice Piekenbrock. (Absent) Agnes Goettemoeller**





**DIRECTOR OF  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Janice Piekenbrock



**CCD OFFICERS**  
Left to Right — Larry Meier, Dave  
Buening, Donna Rutschilling.



**CCD TEACHERS**  
Left to Right — Ginny Kremer, Gary  
Kremer, Walter Braun, Mark Homan,  
Deb Brown. (Absent) Jane Luebke



### **SERVERS**

**Left to Right — 1st Row — Ivo Post, Director, Aaron Rutschilling, Ben Bruns, Frank Evers, Greg Bruns, Brian Evers, Matt Hess, Joe Hartings, Ben Buening. 2nd Row — Kurt Goettemoeller, Greg Rutschilling, Brad Meier, Dave Kremer, Brent Hess, Eric Bruns, Bruce Goettemoeller. 3rd Row — Andy Bruns, Benji Kremer, Doug Holdheide, Kevin Homan, Steve Hartings, Jeremy Hess, Chris Clune.**

## PARISH FAMILIES

### Don and Alice Ahrens Family

Don and Alice Ahrens currently rent a house owned by Clarence Tuente at 7457 St. Rt. 119. They moved there in January of 1986. Don is originally from St. Nicholas parish in Osgood and Alice (Franzer) is originally from St. Aloysius parish, Carthagena. They were married January 8, 1983 in Carthagena. They have two boys, Travis was born March 27, 1984 and Dustin was born March 19, 1986. Don works at Crown Controls in New Bremen and Alice manages The Kings Room in Coldwater.



### Rev. Raymond Bauer, C.P.P.S.

He was born May 8, 1931 in Pittsburgh, Pa. to a steel worker, Raymond Bauer and his wife, Cecelia Bendig. He was educated in the catholic school of St. Peters. He entered Brunnerdale Seminary after grade school to pursue studies in the priesthood. He was graduated from Dayton University and ordained from St. Charles Seminary into the Society of the Precious Blood on May 31, 1959. He did post graduate work in the University of Detroit and became associate pastor to St. Joseph, Hamilton, St. Joseph, Wapakoneta, Precious Blood, Ft. Wayne, St. John, Glandorf and St. Henry as pastor in Feb. 1977. In 1988 he was assigned to St. Rose Parish, St. Rose, Ohio. He thanks God for His goodness to his life.



### Clarence Henry Bergman Family

The farm of Clarence Henry Bergman, on Clune-Stucke Road south of Indian Trail Road, came into the Bergman name when Clarence's grandfather, Stephen, bought it from Frank Wissman, July 4, 1911. February 1914, Stephen transferred the farm to his son George Bergman (Clarence's uncle). On April 15, 1941, Clarence became the owner.

In 1950, he remodeled the house. At this time his brother Victor married Helen Borger of Celina, Ohio, and they moved in with Clarence.

Clarence farmed until April 1974, when he suffered a stroke. At the present time the farm is rented out.

John T. and Bernadina (Knuefner) Bergman had seven children; Elizabeth Keller, Aloys B., Clarence H., Rosemary Brunswick, Norbert F., Victor G., and Rosalina Siefring.



### Frank Bergman Sons Farm (Life Estate)

The Frank Bergman and Sons Farm is located on the south side of Huwer Road and the corner of Homan Road. This 80 Acre farm came into the Bergman name February 18, 1902 when the Henry Leugers Estate sold it to Stephen Bergman, the father of Frank for \$5,035.00 and then Stephen transferred this farm to his son Frank on December 18, 1907.

Later Frank traded another 80 acres for 50 acres to the east to the first 80 acres with Ben Luttmmer. He then had 130 acres between Clune-Stucke Road and Homan Road. In 1947 Frank transferred this 130 acres to Stephen and his brothers. The brothers also had other farms located in Marion Township.

There were six boys and three girls born to Frank and Elizabeth (Puthoff) Bergman: Stephen, Leo, Catherine Grieshop, Robert, Herman, Regina Albers, Cecelia Steinlage, Andrew and Michael. Only Michael of the six boys married and he moved to Cassella, Ohio on a farm on the Indian Trail Road. The other five boys made their home at the Frank Bergman farm. Leo is the only one living of the six boys at this time.

125 acres of this 130 was sold December 1986 and the remaining 5 acres with house and building was sold on May 7, 1988. Up to that time the farm was in the Bergman name for 86 years.





### Victor G. and Helen Bergman Family

The farm of Victor Bergman is located on the Clune-Stucke Road about two miles south of St. Rose. It came into the Bergman name when Stephen Bergman (Victor's grandfather) bought it from William Evers, January 17, 1907. April 20, 1911 it was transferred to John T. Bergman (Victor's dad). When he retired it was transferred to his four sons on January 27, 1941, Victor became the owner, but never lived on the farm.

September 23, 1950, Victor married Helen Borger of Celina, Ohio. They lived with Victor's brother until 1964, when they moved to Celina, Ohio. Victor worked for the State of Ohio and farmed until he retired on August 1, 1985.

John T. and Bernadina (Kneufner) Bergman had seven children. Elizabeth Keller, Aloys B., Clarence H., Rosemary Brunswick, and Norbert F. were born on this farm. Victor G. and Rosalina Siefring were born on Clarence Bergman's farm.



### Alma A. Bomholt Family

Alma Bomholt was born in St. Rose November 19, 1912. She is the daughter of the late Henry and Carrie (Hartings) Bomholt.

She left St. Rose in 1928 to work in Dayton. After retiring in 1981 she returned to the family home at 7396 State Route 119 where she was born. It has been in the family for 120 years.

Her two sisters are Dorothy Raffel who died of complications February 10, 1989 and Mary Kremer of St. Anthony. Two brothers are deceased, Joseph Bomholt died in 1960 due to a highway accident. Clarence Bomholt died in 1985 of cancer.

### **Byron and Nancy Bomholt Family**

Byron (Bub) Bomholt was born at Coldwater to Dorothy (Thien) Bomholt and the late Clarence Bomholt.

On May 1, 1971 he married Nancy Nieberding, daughter of Bernard and Mary Ann (Niekamp) Nieberding of Versailles, Ohio. They have three children, Nathan, Amanda and Brenda, all at home.

Bub served 2 years in the Marine Corps. in Vietnam. He has worked for Buschur Electric in Minster, Ohio for the past 9 years. His wife is employed at Gagel True Value Hardware in Maria Stein, Ohio.

### **Clarence and Dorothy Bomholt Family**

Clarence Bomholt was born in St. Rose to the late Henry and Carrie (Hartings) Bomholt. On May 4, 1946 he married Dorothy Thien, daughter of the late John and Theresa (Fisher) Thien. They lived in the Frank Bomholt home, next to the implement shop until 1949 when they built a house at 7415 St. Rt. 119 across from St. Rose Church.

Their children are Tacie, Byron, Bonita, Donna, Randy and James. They also have 14 grandchildren.

Clarence (Pete) served 40 months in World War II and worked 43 years at Avco New Idea in Coldwater. He died of cancer October 6, 1985.



### Walter and Marian Braun Family

Walter Braun of St. Henry, Ohio married Marian Frey of Osgood, Ohio, on September 7, 1957. After their marriage they lived at Burkettsville, Ohio and Minster, Ohio. In January of 1969, they moved in their new home at 7537 Ft. Recovery-Minster Road.

They had six children, three are deceased, Mary, Jane and James.

David married Ann Gray and they have a daughter, Gabrielle and live at Troy, Ohio. Daniel married Cyndi Cornell and they have a daughter, Morgan and live at Coldwater, Ohio. Doris is engaged to John Wale of Celina, Ohio, and lives at home.



### Anthony and Linda Broering Family

Anthony H. Broering was born March 15, 1953, son of Cyril and Mildred (Guggenbiller) Broering, grandson of Anthony and Josephine (Holdheide) Broering and Aloys and Caroline (Kunkler) Guggenbiller. He graduated from Marion Local High School in 1971 and started farming in 1971.

Linda M. Homan was born September 25, 1955, daughter of Stanley and Lucile (Mescher) Homan, granddaughter of Aloys and Emma (Fortkamp) Homan and Louis and Rose (Spoltman) Mescher. Linda graduated from Marion Local High School in 1973 and worked at Otis Hospital as a receptionist for three years.

They were married September 6, 1975 in Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw, Ohio. They started their life together at the farm where they still live at 768 Voskuhl Road.

They have five daughters: Sue born January 29, 1977, Jenny born July 21, 1978, Angie born March 27, 1980, Brenda born March 24, 1984 and Sara born October 27, 1987.

The farm where they live was purchased from Gus and Clem Bruns in 1969. In 1975 they purchased a mobile home and lived in it for ten years. The dairy setup on the farm was built in 1978 after having milked at Leo Kunk's farm for four years. The brick house in which they now live was built in 1985.



### Ken and Karen Broering Family

On October 4, 1980, Karen Homan and Ken Broering were married. Karen is the daughter of Arnie and Lil (Meier) Homan of New Bremen. Her mother is originally from St. Rose (Aloys and Rose Meier's daughter). Ken is the son of Cyril and Millie Broering of Cassella. His paternal grandmother, Josephine Broering, was a Holdheide from St. Rose.

Ken farms 140 acres, milks approximately 50 cows and raises approximately 700 feeder pigs a year where his parents live. Karen is employed by Maria Stein Grain Company as a bookkeeper/secretary.

Ken and Karen have a son, Craig Steven, who was born January 20, 1986, and was a very welcome change to their lives.

Their home was once owned by a Brockman family who sold it to William Schaefer who then sold it to his son, Alphons Schaefer. Alphons' nephew, Roman Schaefer, inherited the farm in approximately 1979 who in turn sold the buildings to Ken and Karen in 1980.



### Bob and Deb Brown Family

Bob and Deb (Hartings) Brown were married Feb. 15, 1974 in St. Rose by Fr. Clement Goubeaux, C.P.P.S. Deb is the daughter of Vernon and the late Bert Hartings. Bob is the son of Noveda and the late Robert Brown.

After their marriage they lived in an apartment in Chickasaw, and in December of 1975 moved into the house where Deb's grandparents, John and Bernadine (Leugers) Hartings, had raised a family of 12 children, 3 of whom are now deceased. This home was also that of Deb's great-grandfather Frank and Bernadine (Albers) Hartings who raised a family of 10 children.

Bob and Deb are the parents of five children; Kim, age 13, Kelly, age 11, Tonya, age 8, Joshua, age 4, and Christopher, age 3 months. Bob is employed as a Deputy Sheriff for Mercer County and Deb is a housewife. Bob moved into this area in 1971 with his parents from Miami County.



### Arthur and Genevieve Bruns Family

Arthur and Genevieve Bruns, 7407 State Route 119, were married June 6, 1946. Arthur, son of Fred and Louis Bruns, is a member of the first class to graduate from St. John High School and a veteran of World War II. The parents of Genevieve, a former teacher and graduate of Cardome Academy and Wilmington College, were August and Ethel Georges of Clarksville, Ohio.

Arthur was, for a time, co-owner of Bruns Bros. Grocery, and is a retiree of Matt Schwieterman, Inc.

The Bruns home is on the site of the livery barn used by St. Rose parishioners in horse-and-buggy days.

The Bruns have three daughters. Emily, a teacher, is a graduate of the University of Dayton. Dolores (Mrs. William Starr), also a teacher and graduate of the University of Dayton, lives with her family in New Bremen. Martha Jane (Mrs. Phil Luebke), is a medical assistant. The Luebkes and their two children are members of St. Rose parish.



### Ermin and Irma Bruns Family

Ermin and Irma live at 7392 St. Rt. 119. They were married on January 23, 1946 and came to St. Rose on March 24, 1947 when they bought their present home. They had four children, Mary Lou, Phyliss Ann, Anne Marie and Randy of whom Phyliss and Anne are deceased. Mary Lou married Ivo Wendel and they have five children, Kim, Scott, Amy, Chad and Jodi. They reside in Indiana.

Their house was built in 1849 and is 140 years old. They spent 36 years in the grocery business here in St. Rose. On January 1, 1983 their son, Randy, took over the business. Retirement has been very good to Irma and Ermin. In their spare time they make wooden toys and do a lot of traveling and enjoy playing cards.



### Jim and Beth Bruns Family

Jim and Beth Bruns reside at 7443 St. Rt. 119. They were married on November 28, 1986 in St. Henry. They are presently renting their home from Bob and Harold Homan. The property was originally purchased in the early 1800's by Joseph Kleinhenz and was most recently purchased by Bob and Harold Homan in 1980 from Elmer Schmiesing.

Jim is the third son of Ken and Ruth (Piekenbrock) Bruns, St. Sebastian. He is the grandson of Stella (Prenger) Piekenbrock and the late Ed Piekenbrock, St. Rose. He is a graduate of Celina Senior High School and is currently employed by Crown Controls, New Bremen.

Beth is the eldest child of Charles and Eileen (Sutter) Whitsett, St. Henry. She is a graduate of St. Henry High School and Clark Technical College. She is employed by Heritage Manor, Minster, as a registered nurse.

The couple has one son, Adam.



### John and Irene Bruns Family

John E. Bruns from St. Sebastian and Irene M. Bensman from Versailles were married June 3, 1972. Their first residence was in St. Rose Parish in Bernard Rentz's farm house on Clune-Stucke Rd. Andrew John was born August 1, 1973 and baptized in St. Rose. In October 1973 they moved to St. Sebastian. Their next three sons, Eric Lavern, February 28, 1976, Bernard Mark (Ben), September 21, 1977 and Gregory Michael (Greg), December 12, 1978, were born and baptized in St. Sebastian Parish with Andy making his First Communion there also. June 4, 1983, ten years later, they bought the Poultry Operation on 7808 St. Rt. 119 from Roman and Shirley Schaefer and moved back to St. Rose with the three youngest boys making their First Communion here at St. Rose. The chicken business being good to them, they decided to remodel in the summer of 1987 and stay in the business. They tore down the center coop and the cooler to make room to build a Hi Rise with a conveyor which brings the eggs from the west coop to the new cooler/packing room. Originally they housed 27,500 birds, now they house 69,000.



### Louis and Evelyn Bruns Family

Louis and Evelyn Bruns live on 2641 Goettemoeller Rd. on the farm on which he was born. Louis is the son of Charles and Anna (Meyer) Bruns and Evelyn is the daughter of Ben and Agatha (Albers) Schmitmeyer of St. Sebastian. They were married on September 8, 1948 at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church. They have seven children. Mary Jane married Charles Hileman of Celina and has three sons. Shirley married Roger Schlater of Versailles and lives in Willowdell and has four children. Martha married Richard Schmackers of St. Henry and has six children. David married Joyce Schmackers and lives in Cranberry and has four daughters. Stanley married Mary Lou Bertke and lives in Maria Stein and has one daughter. Linda and Louis Jr. live at home.



### Paul and Beck Bruns Family

They moved to 1954 Hartings Rd. in St. Rose on Memorial Day in 1985. They were married on September 25, 1982 and lived on Clover-Four Road and belonged to Precious Blood parish, Chickasaw for three years.

Tonya and Trisha are their two children. Tonya was born on October 6, 1983 and Trisha was born on August 13, 1986.

Paul was raised on a farm outside of Minster and belonged to St. Joseph's parish in Egypt. He was born on December 9, 1959. His mother's name is Margaret Bruns and his father is deceased. Paul is self employed as a dozer and backhoe operator.

Beck was raised on a farm outside of Coldwater and attended church at St. Mary's parish, Philothea. She was born on December 16, 1960 and is the daughter of Paul and Rita Jutte. She is a milk testing supervisor for Mercer County.



### Dave and Kathy Buening Family

David and Kathy (Barga) Buening were married on July 8, 1977 at St. Louis Catholic Church in North Star, Ohio. They resided on Philothea Rd. between St. Henry and Coldwater for nearly three years.

In November 1979 they purchased the property at 8059 St. Rt. 119 in Maria Stein. Having been constructed in 1898 this is a very old dwelling. After renting the home to the former owners for several months, they moved to Maria Stein on Easter weekend in 1980. At the time they moved, they had one child, Benjamin Joseph (born August 26, 1979). Since then they have had three more children: Amy Beth, born December 6, 1980, Brian David, born August 29, 1982 and Lisa Renee, born July 31, 1986.

Dave works at Francis Mfg. Inc., an aluminum foundry located in Russia, Ohio and has been employed there since June 1982. Before that he worked at Avco New Idea for 9 years. Upon the birth of their first child, Kathy decided not to remain in the work force. She had been working at Celina Group since she was married.



### Ida Clune Family

Ida (Heitkamp) married Clarence Clune June 10, 1930 in St. John's Church, Maria Stein by Rev. Otto Mislser. Clarence died November 24, 1972. They were blessed with seven children. Delbert, born May 10, 1933, is married to Charl Strout and now lives in Muncie, Indiana. Eugene, born in June 5, 1935 and died May 10, 1955. Evelyn, born September 16, 1937, married Ralph Koesters and now lives in Coldwater. Kenneth, born September 8, 1939, is married to Darlene Branham and lives in Camby, Indiana. Jerome, born December 28, 1941 married Pat Liette and lives on the home place. Janice, born November 23, 1943, is married to Richard Forthofer and lives in Portland, Indiana. Marlene, born March 13, 1945, is married to Richard Carlile and lives in Dayton. There are 17 grandchildren.





### **Jerome and Patricia Clune Family**

Jerome Clune and Patricia Liette were married at Burkettsville November 27, 1965 and are the fifth generation owners of the Clune farm at 1414 Clune-Stucke Rd. They have six children. Laura 21, works as a dental hygenist in Dayton, Greenville and Minster. Brian, 19, works for Denis Rethman Construction. The other 4 children are in school, Mark, 17, Chris, 14, Amanda, 7, and Ashley, 1. Besides farming Jerome has worked at Midmark since 1965.



### **Brian and Bonnie Dahlinghaus Family**

Living at this residence on 7107 Indian Trail Road since 1985 are Brian and Bonnie Dahlinghaus. Bonnie is the daughter of Clarence and Velma Bruns of Maria Stein. Brian is the son of the late Paul and Kathleen Dahlinghaus. They have three children, Erin age nine, Cole age six and Ian born January 13, 1989.

Brian is the third generation of the Dahlinghaus family to own the farm. He bought a portion of it in 1975 from his father Paul and the remainder in 1985.



### Velma Dwenger Family

Velma and Anthony (Penny) were married November 8, 1944. Penny passed away November of 1965. Robert was born July 22, 1952 and lives on the home place (120 acre farm) with his mother. Velma is 72 and takes care of the housework. Robert is an independent trucker and farms the home place at 7337 Ft. Recovery-Minster Rd.



### Cyril and Phyllis Evers Family

Albert and Anna Evers purchased the farm at 1160 Goettemoeller Rd. from Albert's father (Henry) in the year 1927. Albert and Anna had two children, a daughter, Florentine (Rose) and a son, Cyril. Anna passed away in 1936 at the age of 37 and Albert passed away in 1981 at the age of 83. Cyril purchased the farm from his dad in the year 1970. He and his wife, Phyllis are the present owners. Cyril and Phyllis have three children, a daughter, Lisa, and two sons, Bob and Jim.



### Donald and Jane Evers Family

Don was born to Othmar and Alvira (Prenger) Evers, who lived in St. Rose until Don married in 1977, then moved to Chickasaw. Don has one sister, Mrs. John (Marlene) Schmitmeyer, who has four children.

Don's family is of German descent. His father was born at St. Rose to Bernard and Mary (Meier) Evers. They were married in May, 1911 and lived their entire life on the home farm at 7318 St. Rt. 119. Othmar has two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Clem (Zita) Enneking, Mrs. Morris (Olive) Bohman, Victor and Ray. Don's mother was born to William and Clara (Wehrman) Prenger in Egypt. Alvira has one sister, Mrs. Harvey (Viona) Schmiesing.

Don and Jane Henry were married on November 19, 1977. They are the parents of three sons, Robert, Thomas and Jeffrey. They reside on the family farm and are engaged in dairy and hog farming.

Jane was born to Paul Henry and the late Irene (Rinderle) Henry. They are of French and German descent. Jane has one brother and two sisters, Alan, Mrs. James (Donna) DeMange and Connie Henry. Jane's family was engaged in dairy farming near Versailles.



### Gene and Sharon Evers Family

Gene Anthony Evers (6-22-54), son of Anthony and Marie (Vondrell) Evers of Cassella, and Sharon Kay Knapke (5-31-56), daughter of Urban and Mildred (Klenke) Knapke from Maria Stein, were married on July 17, 1976.

Gene farms with his dad and also drives bus for the Marion Local School System. Sharon is a full time housewife. They have four children, Frank (May 13, 1978), Brian (April 30, 1980), Jodie (January 3, 1984), and Kimberly (November 6, 1986).

Gene and his family live at 1105 Goettemoeller Road. Gene and his dad bought the farm in 1976 from Joe and Irene Selhorst who now live in Osgood, Ohio. Gene and Sharon moved in the St. Rose Parish in September of 1976.



### Gregor and Stella Evers Family

The Evers farm at 1377 Goetemoeller Rd. consists of 165 acres. This farm was purchased by Frantz Evers on May 24, 1851. He passed it on to his son Theodor, who passed it on to his son Henry. Henry and Elizabeth (Homan) Evers turned the farm over to Gregor and Stella (Pleiman) Evers on April 9, 1954.



Gregor married Stella on September 7, 1949. During their ownership they made several changes, including adding a milk house and parlor. They have four children. Willard married Ellen Weitzel on October 12, 1974 and lives in the St. Rose Parish with their five children. Ann is a nurse and lives in Kettering, Ohio. Elaine is a loan secretary and lives in the St. Rose Parish. Roger is engaged to be married to Mary Lou Wynk on October 21, 1989. He will remain on the home farm.

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### Willard and Ellen Evers Family

Willard Evers, oldest of four children born to Gregor and Stella (Pleiman) Evers of St. Rose, was born August 22, 1950. He married Ellen Weitzel, daughter of Clarence and Regina (Nieport) Weitzel of Sharpsburg on October 12, 1974. Ellen, born May 30, 1952, is the seventh of 13 children. They purchased land from Victor Hartings and built their home at 291 Homan Road in the summer of 1974.

Will and Ellen have five children, Julie (age 11), Lisa (age 8), Sara (age 6), Mark (age 4) and Stacy (age 4 months). Will is employed at Crown Control Corporation in New Bremen and Ellen is a part-time secretary at Maria Stein Grain.



### Edward and Marian Fortkamp Family

Ed, native of St. Rose, worked at Streackers Inc. in Minster for thirty-two years. He retired in 1978. He and his wife Marian (Dibley — from Albion, New York) have lived in St. Rose since their marriage in 1948. Their six children live in different parts of Ohio.

Tony lives in Lancaster with his wife Shirley (Thompson — from Unionville Center near Marysville) and their four children and one foster child — Sarah, Laura, Aaron, Ben and Sevn.

Terry attends Ohio University where she is working for her masters degree in art. She lives with her sister Peg.

Peg lives in The Plains near Athens with her son — Joshua.

Betty lives in St. Anthony with her husband Don Eischen and their five children — Amy, Cory, Jessica, Margot and Fred.

Gene lives in Sharpsburg with his wife Grace (Homan — from St. Henry) and their four sons — Ed, Joe, John and David.

Angela lives in Cleveland. She is a pharmacist and is currently working at the Cleveland Clinic.



### Regina Fortkamp Family

Regina Fortkamp of 7364 St. Rt. 119 is from a family of 10 children. She is the daughter of Frank and Josephine (Hartings) Fortkamp. Her grandparents were Frank and Bernadine Hartings and Herman and Theresia Fortkamp. Regina has lived here all of her 75 years and has never married.

Two sisters, Bernadine Mueller and Anna and four brothers, Herman, Norbert, Leander and Raymond are deceased. Erma Bruggeman lives at Cranberry. Ed lives in St. Rose and Frank lives in Cassella.



### Leander and Rita Fortkamp Family

Rita Fortkamp has been a resident of St. Rose for forty-seven years. She was born July 3, 1923 to Jacob Bernard and Josephine Steggemann (Stegeman) in Coldwater. Rita married Leander Fortkamp on October 5, 1942. Lee was one of ten children of Frank and Josephine (Hartings) Fortkamp. A life long resident of St. Rose, Lee was born August 25, 1913 and died December 24, 1979. Having been a milk hauler for twenty-five years, Lee also worked as a mechanic at Steacker's in Minster and later at Frank Bomholt & Sons in St. Rose. Rita has been a homemaker, working at the Mercer County Elks part time the past few years.

Lee and Rita had eight children: Josephine (Ed Grieshop), Anna; Leander Jr. (Marilyn Sommer), Minster, three children; Barbara, (Larry Poppe), McCartyville, two children; Ralph (Linda Boerger), New Bremen, two children; Mary, deceased; Marcia (Ben Tebbe), Maria Stein, three children; and Ron "Herbie", who lives at home.

This residence has been in the Fortkamp family for over eighty years. Regina, Lee's sister, also call this home. Ron farms the twenty-two Fortkamp acres.



### Dale and Agnes Goettemoeller Family

Dale Goettemoeller married Agnes Albers, daughter of Edward and Regina (Bills) Albers on April 7, 1973. They presently live on the farm homesteaded by Dale's ancestors in 1837. Their children are the sixth generation to live on this farm which is located at 2287 Goettemoeller Rd., a mile and a half northwest of the church.

They have five children. The twins are Kurt and Kelly who are 14, Bruce is 11, Russel is 6 and Leslie is 5. Dale farms and raises beef cattle and also has a lime spreading business in which agricultural lime is hauled from Armco Quarry of Piqua, Ohio.

Dale is the youngest of six sons of Lawrence (Lou) and Loretta (Wolf) Goettemoeller. Lou was very active in local National and World Plowing Competitions and was also a supervisor of the Soil Conservation district. He died of cancer in 1985. Loretta died in 1987. Dale's grandfather was Fred Goettemoeller who served as a County Commissioner until he died in 1936.



### Daniel and Esther Goettemoeller Family

Daniel Goettemoeller, son of Emil and Lucinda (Ellerbrock) Goettemoeller, married Esther Klenke, daughter of Norbert and Victoria (Thobe) Klenke, on July 8, 1950. They had eight children, Ronald, Carthagen; Ruth McCurdy, Minnesota; Susan Osterfeld, Coldwater; Debra Bodell, Mansfield; Richard, Coldwater; Randal, Maria Stein; Ann Griesdorn, Maria Stein and Martin, at home. They also have ten grandchildren.



### The Lucinda Goettemoeller Family

Lucinda Goettemoeller was married to Emil Goettemoeller (deceased). Their children are Dan, St. Rose; Paul, St. Henry; David, Salisbury, Missouri and Jeanette Crusie, St. Marys. There are 23 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.



### Randy and Diane Goettemoeller

Randy and Diane (Gremaux) Goettemoeller were married on June 28, 1986, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Decatur, Indiana.

Randy is the son of Daniel and Esther (Klenke) Goettemoeller, St. Rose. He was born October 31, 1962. Diane was born December 22, 1963, the daughter of Joseph and Rosemary (Ottenweller) Gremaux, Decatur.

In 1981, Randy graduated from Marion Local High School. He is self-employed as a dairy farmer. Diane graduated from Adams Central High School and International Business College. She is employed as a computer programmer by the St. Henry Bank. They live at 2860 Homan Road.

On March 5, 1989, their first child, Kyle, was born.



### Tom and Irene Goettemoeller Family

Tom Goettemoeller, son of Lou and Loretta (Wolf) Goettemoeller of St. Rose married Irene Mueller, daughter of Albert and Bernadine (Fortkamp) Mueller also of St. Rose on May 28, 1960 in St. Rose Catholic Church by Fr. Walter Roth.

They have lived in St. Rose since their marriage. In 1977 they built their present home at 2040 Homan Rd.

Tom is employed by Bruns Building and Supply. Irene is employed by Marten's Greenhouse.

They are the parents of three children. Tim married Lisa Zehringer September 29, 1984 and they have a son Jordan Thomas and reside in Cassella. Lori married Roger Edsinger November 30, 1985 and reside in Columbus. They have one daughter, Danielle Elizabeth and one son Eric Ross. Sherri lives at home.





### Cletus and Marguerite Griesdorn Family

Cletus Griesdorn, son of Julius and Philomena (Fiely) Griesdorn of St. Rose and Marguerite Bettinger, daughter of Arthur and Regina (Hemmelgarn) Bettinger were married April 14, 1951 in Coldwater. They lived in Minster for seven and a half years and built their present home at St. Rose in 1958. They have three children.

Jeffrey married Rita Barga of North Star and they live in St. Rose. Craig married Diane Bruns of St. Henry and they live in New Bremen where he teaches High School. Treva is a student at Wright State University in Dayton.



### Jeffrey and Rita Griesdorn Family

Jeffrey, son of Cletus and Marguerite (Bettinger) Griesdorn, and Rita, daughter of Eugene and Melva (Goubeaux) Barga, were married on October 20, 1978 in St. Louis Church, North Star. In March of 1979 they purchased and began to remodel the house located at 7110 St. Rt. 119, Maria Stein, where they are currently raising their family; Gwen Marie (November 27, 1981), Derek Joseph (October 11, 1984) and Brett Michael (April 6, 1988).

This real estate was originally sold to Charles Huber on February 25, 1911 in the amount of \$450. Charles later built a house on this property. Julius Griesdorn (grandfather of Jeffrey) purchased the house in 1921. He married Philomena Hemmelgarn in June of 1923 and later raised their family; Luke, Cletus, Thelma (Barber), Bud and Mark in this house. Clete and Luke remain living in the St. Rose Parish.



### Luke and Kathryn Griesdorn Family

Luke and Kathryn Griesdorn live at 7313 St. Rt. 119. Luke is a truckdriver for Tuent Stockyards of Osgood and Kathryn is a housekeeper. They have three children. Tom, Detroit, Michigan, is General Manager of WXYZ TV of Southfield, Michigan. Ted, Coldwater, is a truckdriver for Tuent Stockyard, Osgood. Bev Barga is a housewife in Houston.

### Edna Hartings Family

Alfred Hartings and Edna Stegeman were married on November 4, 1939 in Coldwater, Ohio and reside in St. Rose on State Route 119. Alfred was the son of John and Bernadine Hartings of St. Rose. Edna was the daughter of Gcorgc and Josephine Stegeman of Coldwater.

They have three daughters. They are Linda, Judy and Pat. Linda was born March 24, 1944. She married Mark Homan and they have five children, Brenda, Brian, Bonnie, Brad, and Beth. They live in St. Henry.

Judy was born July 30, 1945. She married Jim Hilgefert and they have four daughters, Susan, Cindy, Donna and Pam. They live in Ft. Loramie.

Pat was born April 5, 1949. She married Paul Dwenger and they have five children, Jenny, Steve, Matt, Karen and Theresa. They live on Guadalupe Road.

Alfred passed away on February 16, 1974. He was employed at Frank Bomholt and Sons. He lived and worked in St. Rose all of his life.



### Estella Hartings Family

Estella Hartings was born January 3, 1908 in a log house on the same farm where she now lives at 7208 Huwer Rd. She was the daughter of Henry and Rosa (Bruening) Hartings who had ten children; Anna (Evers), Joe, Mary, Ferdinand, Estella, Hilda (Vanderhorst), Leona (Watercutter), Victor, Henry Jr. and Sylvarius.

Estella's grandparents had to clear the land and make their living by selling their crops, wool and livestock. The Miami-Erie canal was completed in 1845, and by 1850 timber also became quite a valuable income for them.



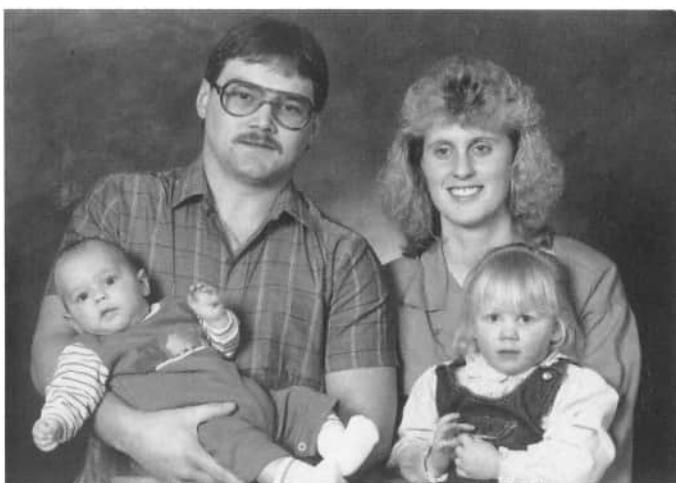
**The family of Henry & Rosa (Bruening) Hartings.**

**Standing left to right: Mary, Anna Evers, Joe, Ferdinand  
Sitting: Estella holding Sylvarius, Leona Watercutter, Hilda Vanderhorst, Henry Jr. and Victor.**

**On March 17, 1989, Estella died at her home.**

### Jeff and Joyce Hartings Family

Jeff Hartings is the son of Vernon Hartings and the late Alberta Hartings. He is a graduate of Marion Local High School and is presently employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen. On May 9, 1986 he married Joyce Berger and they have one daughter, Jessica Ann, born October 30, 1986 and a son Jack born October 5, 1988. They presently rent a house at 7395 St. Rt. 119 which was the late John Nietfeld residence.



### Kevin and Sandy Hartings

Kevin Hartings and Sandy Kramer were married on August 11, 1984. Kevin is the son of Vernon and the late Alberta Hartings of St. Rose. Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kramer of Osgood. Kevin works at Crown Controls in New Bremen and Sandy works for Midmark Corporation in Versailles. They built their home at 1489 Voskuhl Rd. in 1987.



### Leona Hartings Family

Leona Hemmelgarn was born May 11, 1915 to Leo and Theresia (Kothman) Hemmelgarn. Leona is one of seven children. She married Lawrence Hartings on May 1, 1935. Lawrence was born July 12, 1911 to Matthias and Mary (Otte) Harting. Lawrence is one of eleven children.

Lawrence and Leona were married fifty-one years when Lawrence died May 27, 1986 at the age of 74. They had eight children: Dolores, January 18, 1936; Wilbert, December 19, 1937; Eileen, September 16, 1942; Norma, June 18, 1944 (died May 1, 1975); Rosemary, July 2, 1947; Richard, March 3, 1951; Ronald, September 22, 1953 and Janice, June 11, 1955. Lawrence was a self-employed farmer and Leona helped at his side.

Leona is a grandmother of 40 living grandchildren, 3 grandchildren are deceased. She is also a proud great-grandmother of 12 children.



### **Paul and Becky Hartings Family**

Paul is the son of Wilbert and Rosemary (Post) Hartings of St. Rose and Becky is the daughter of Clarence and the late Regina (Nieport) Weitzel of Sharpsburg, Ohio. Paul and Becky were married on May 31, 1985.

Paul and Becky are the parents of David and Regina. Paul hauls milk for his father and is also a farmer. Becky is a part time custodian at Marion Local School.



### **Roger and Carla Hartings**

Carla (Gehret) Hartings is the daughter of Louis and Mary Ann Grieshop and the late Vernon Gehret. Roger is the son of Wilbert and Rosemary Hartings of St. Rose.

They were married on March 11, 1988 and at the present time make their home at 2160 Oak Street, Maria Stein, Ohio.



### Ronald and Karen Hartings Family

Ron Hartings and Karen Weitzel were married September 6, 1974. Ron was born to Lawrence and Leona (Hemmelgarn) Hartings on September 22, 1953. Ron is one of eight children. Karen was born to Clarence and Regina (Nieport) Weitzel on February 12, 1954. Karen is one of thirteen children.

Ron and Karen had four children: Joseph, born November 7, 1977, Infant Girl, stillborn on July 30, 1980, Daniel, born June 30, 1981 and Kevin, born March 14, 1984.

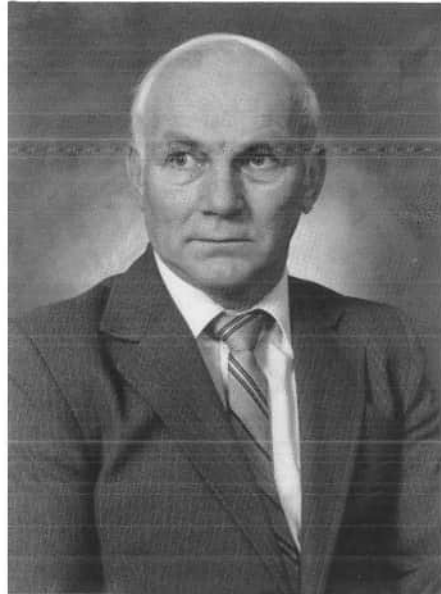
Ron is the owner of West Central Welding and is employed by Bainbridge Inc. as the East Central Regional Sales Manager. Ron owns a 140 acre farm at 1829 Hartings Rd. Karen is a housewife and helps on the farm and in her husband's business.



### Vernon Hartings Family

Vernon is the third generation Hartings to be born and raised in St. Rose. His father, John Hartings, and his grandfather, Frank Hartings (born in 1855) were both born in St. Rose. Vernon and his wife Alberta had five children: Mary, Deborah, Diana, Kevin and Jeffrey. Mary died in 1954. Deborah, Kevin and Jeffrey live in St. Rose. Diana is a member of St. Francis Parish, Cranberry. Alberta passed away in 1982.

His house was built in 1952 and the land was purchased from John Hartings. It is located at 7351 St. Rt. 119.



### Wilbert and Rosemary Hartings Family

Wilbert is the son of Lawrence and Leona (Hemmelgarn) Hartings of St. Rose and Rosemary is the daughter of Aloys and Regina (Muhlenkamp) Post of St. Peter. They were married on February 27, 1960.

Wilbert and Rosemary are the parents of eight children and have six grandchildren. Donald married Denise Puthoff and they have two daughters, Dana and Abigale. Therese married Tom Lochtefeld and they have one daughter, Julie and a son Matthew. Paul married Becky Weitzel and they have one son, David, and a daughter, Regina. Roger married Carla Gehret. Ruth, Chuck, Ken and Steve all live at home.

Wilbert and Rosemary built their home in 1962 at 7511 Minster-Ft. Recovery Rd. Wilbert is a self-employed milk hauler and Rosemary is a housewife.



### Alfred and Hilda Heitkamp Family

Alfred and Hilda Heitkamp were married June 19, 1946 in St. Rose church. They bought John Filey's farm in 1949. Then in 1980 they sold their farm to their youngest son, Elton and his wife Helen. They then built their present home at 2324 Clune-Stucke Rd. where they live with their oldest son Marvin.

Their second son Leroy lives with his wife Pat and their two sons on their hog ranch in Carthagen. Their youngest daughter Marlene lives in Russia on a farm with her husband David Schulze and their four children.



### Elton and Helen Heitkamp

Helen Henman of Sidney, Ohio met Elton Heitkamp at a dance in 1978. On September 26, 1980 they were married in St. Rose. In December of that year they purchased the farm from Elton's dad, Alfred. On July 27, 1981 their barn was destroyed by fire and at the present time they are trying to recover from that setback.

Elton enjoys working with his dairy herd and belongs to Mercer County Young Farmer's Group. Helen helps with the milking. She also makes silk flowers and enjoys the farm's cats.



### Lester and Joyce Heitkamp Family

Lester W. Heitkamp, son of Edwin and Henrietta (Brackman) Heitkamp, married Joyce K. Stammen, daughter of Virgil and Marcella (Heuker) Stammen on February 15, 1974.

They joined the St. Rose Community and Parish in 1977 when they purchased their home from Tom and Irene Goettmoeller. Their home was built in 1960.

On March 30, 1980 they had their daughter, Kimberly Ann. They both work full time, Lester at Thieman's Stamping Co., New Bremen and Joyce at Farm Credit Services, Celina. Lester coaches Cassella girls softball team and Joyce and Kim help. Lester and Joyce are both active in bowling leagues. Lester also served a term on the Parish Council.





### Mark Hemmelgarn and Kathleen Boeckman

Mark Hemmelgarn and Kathleen Boeckman were married on August 24, 1985 and have lived at their 1988 Hartings Road address since. Mark is the son of Andrew and Velma Hemmelgarn of St. Henry and currently works at Crown Controls and volunteers for the St. Henry squad as a first responder EMT. Kathy is the daughter of William and Jane Boeckman of Coldwater and works as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Community Hospital in Coldwater and teaches part time for Piqua's Edison State Community College. She received her Masters Degree during the summer of 1988.



The house in which Mark and Kathy reside was built in 1962 by Bernard and Martina Schaefer. Following Ben's death in 1984 Martina moved into Coldwater. In 1985 Mark and Kathy moved into the vacant home of Kathy's grandparents. The Paul and Beck Bruns home, also on Hartings Road, previously occupied this lot but was moved to its current location to make space for the new home. The barn and shed were built near the turn of the century

### Elmer and Regina Hemmelgarn Family

Elmer moved to St. Rose in 1927. He had his father for a teacher all through grammar school. After graduation from St. John High School he bought a Pet Milk route which he sold in 1944 because he was drafted into the Navy where he received many citations. After the war he bought a Westerville milk route. He started bulk pick-up in 1963.

He married Regina Rose in St. Henry on August 11, 1948. They built their house in 1951 at 7493 St. Rt. 119. They have nine children, Nancy, now living in Renton, Washington; Kathy, in Dublin, Ohio; Don, in Westerville, Ohio; Wanda, in Hampton, Virginia; Elaine, in Anchorage, Alaska; Alton, in Grapevine, Texas; Beth, in Cincinnati; Marie, in Versailles and Louis, a student at Ohio State University. They have twelve grandchildren.



### Theodore Hemmelgarn Family

When, as a twelve year old, Ted came from Burkettsville with horse and buggy to attend the dedication of this St. Rose Church, little did he realize that he would be spending most of his life at this parish. He and his wife, Marie, came to St. Rose in 1927. They raised their family here while he taught school. The memories of his students are always a joy to him. His life was closely knitted to the church because of forty-six years of playing the organ and directing the choir. He also rang the bells and fired the furnace. He warmly recalls the many priests he worked with in preparing the parish liturgies. He is now enjoying retirement in St. Rose surrounded by families who have become real friends over the years.



### Dan and Mary Jo Hess Family

On May 10, 1975 Daniel K. Hess of Cassella and Mary Jo Huber of Osgood were married in St. Nicholas Church in Osgood. In May of 1979 they, along with their sons Jeremy and Brent, moved into a home owned by Lawrence and Armella Ungruhn at 7125 on St. Rt. 119.

The house, formerly owned by Ralph Bomholt, was situated next to the Bomholt and Son's business. It was then moved to its present location by the Ungruhn family where it underwent some remodeling. A new basement was dug and a two car garage and utility area were added.

Dan is a machinist at Minster Machine and Mary Jo is a cashier at Brodbeck's in Coldwater. She is active in the church choir and is a past CCD teacher and Eucharistic Minister. Dan is a Eucharistic Minister and enjoys playing softball and helping coach the St. Rose Little League team.

They presently have four sons. Jeremy born June 25, 1974; Brent born September 13, 1976; Matthew born July 1, 1979 and Jared born November 17, 1982. One son, Ryan Daniel, is deceased. On December 31, 1988 they moved into their new home at 1732 Goettemoeller Road.



### Alvin Holdheide

Alvin Holdheide was born on July 17, 1933 in St. Rose, and is the son of Raymond and Josephine (Evers) Holdheide, and great-grandson of Bernard and Marie (Hagedorn) Holdheide. He resides at 1974 Hartings Rd. Alvin attended St. Rose School and St. John High School, Maria Stein.

Alvin joined the Army in December 1955 and served in Korea until October of 1957. Alvin has been employed at the Pax Steel Company, Coldwater, Ohio the past 34 years in the assembly department of the plant.



### Leonard and Marilyn Holdheide Family

Leonard Holdheide and Marilyn Schmiesing were married on August 10, 1968 in St. Joseph's Church, Egypt, Ohio. Leonard was born on May 6, 1945 and is the son of Raymond and Josephine (Evers) Holdheide, grandson of Anton and Elizabeth (Goetmoeller) Holdheide and great-grandson of Bernard and Marie (Hagedorn) Holdheide, all of whom resided in St. Rose on the original homestead at 1729 Hartings Rd. where Leonard and Marilyn now live. Leonard graduated from Marion Local High School in 1963 and entered the Army in September of that same year. Since his return from the Army, he has been engaged in farming. Marilyn was born in Egypt on May 4, 1946 and is the daughter of Urban and Rita (Liening) Schmiesing. She graduated from Minster High School in 1964 and then worked as a secretary at the Minster Machine Company until 1969. Marilyn has served as St. Rose Church organist since January 1974. They are the parents of seven children: Marlene, born July 26, 1969, is a freshman at Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, Ohio, majoring in Business/Fashion Merchandising; Terry, born March 10, 1971, is a senior at Marion Local High School; Doug, born August 2, 1974, is in 8th grade at Marion; Cindy, born February 17, 1977, is in 6th grade; Jeffrey, born December 22, 1978 and died June 21, 1979; and Chris and Craig, born December 29, 1980 are in the 2nd grade at Marion.



Besides farming, Leonard is also the owner-operator of MS Welding, which is located on the family farm. The business specializes in custom made automatic catch stanchions of various sizes for cows and heifers, hay bunks and various size gates, nursery pens, and farrowing equipment for hogs.

### Raymond and Josephine Holdheide Family

Raymond Holdheide and Josephine Evers were married on October 31, 1930 in St. Rose Catholic Church. Raymond was born on October 31, 1903 and is the son of Anton and Elizabeth (Goettemoeller) Holdheide and grandson of Bernard and Marie (Hagedorn) Holdheide. He has farmed all his life on the original Holdheide farm at 1729 Hartings Rd. He took over the farm from his father in 1928 until 1968 when his son Leonard took over the farm. Josephine is the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Homan) Evers. Ray and Josephine both attended the St. Rose School. In 1968 Ray and Josephine moved to 1964 Hartings Rd. with their son Alvin. Josephine is now a resident at Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, Coldwater.



They are the parents of seven children: Ralph, married Joan Winner and lives in Ft. Loramie; Alvin, lives in St. Rose; Wilma, married Wilfred Albers and lives in Celina; Jerome, married Velma Unrast and lives in Ft. Loramie; Werner, married Joan Unrast and lives in St. Henry; Paul, married Rosalee Hoelscher and lives in Maria Stein; and Leonard, married Marilyn Schmiesing and lives on the family farm in St. Rose. They have 25 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

### Andrew Homan Family

Andrew Homan was born in St. Rose, son of Joseph and Mary Homan. He resides at 7571 St. Rt. 119. Andrew was married in St. Rose to Hilda Bruns, daughter of Charles and Anna Bruns. Their marriage was blessed with six children, Lillian, Charles, Mark, Mary Ann, Teresa and Vernon.



### **Anthony and Mary Homan Family**

Anthony Homan, son of Joseph and Mary (Niemeyer) Homan of St. Rose, married Mary Ann Knapke, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Bruns) Knapke of Maria Stein in August of 1940.

They lived with the Homan family and operated the family farm for seven years. In May of 1942 they purchased the Henry and Catherine Moeller estate, located at the intersection of St. Rt. 119 and Clune-Stucke Rd. They either moved or remodeled the existing buildings and built a complete new dairy setup. In 1947 they moved to their new location.

They are the parents of seven children: Mrs. Walter (Irene) May of St. Henry, Harold Homan of Maria Stein, Mrs. Larry (Doris) Schwieterman of Dayton, Walter Homan of Findlay, Mrs. Ron (Irma) Schmitmeyer of New Bremen, Mrs. Rick (Janice) Niekamp of Coldwater and Robert Homan of St. Rose.

In 1979 they sold their farm to their sons but continue to live there in a semi-retired status. Their son Robert operates the farm and dairy setup.



### **Bill and Viola Homan Family**

Bill Homan, son of Victor and Regina Homan and Viola Eyink, daughter of Aloys and Cecilia Eyink of Chickasaw, were married on October 6, 1956. They reside at 2351 Clune-Stucke Rd. where they built a new home in 1956 and have raised a family of seven children.

Dale married Lynn Thobe of Maria Stein where they live with their two children. Nick married Missy Pevenka and lives in New Bremen with their three children. Gerald married Linda Glynn and lives in West Haven, Connecticut. Randy married Deb Fullenkamp and also lives in Maria Stein with one child. Rosann married Ron Lochtefeld and lives in Chickasaw. Mary and Bonnie are both single and living at home.

Bill works at The Minster Farmers Co-Op and Viola is a homemaker and part time school employee.



### Bob and Deb Homan Family

Bob Homan was born on November 7, 1955 and Deb on October 23, 1957. They were married on September 17, 1977. Bob is the son of Anthony and Mary Homan of St. Rose. He is the youngest of four sisters and two brothers. He has six brothers and sisters-in-law and twenty-four nieces and nephews. Deb is the daughter of Harold and Marcella Koesters of Chickasaw. She has two brothers and two sisters and is the second youngest of the family. She has nine nieces and nephews. They have three children:



Jason was born on July 3, 1980 and attends Marion Elementary, Jared was born on February 3, 1983 and Jodi on March 18, 1986.

The Homans reside at 7447 St. Rt. 119, Maria Stein and have lived there since their marriage. They purchased it in 1977 from Clarence Stachler. Bob and Deb are in a farming partnership with his brother Harold and wife Phyllis. They purchased Elmer Schmiesing's house and farm in 1980. They also farm Bob's home place.

### Dennis and Louise Homan Family

The farm where Dennis and Louise Homan and family currently reside is located at 6915 Olding Road and has been in the Homan name shortly before 1888. Theodore Homan, born on January 30, 1866, married Mary Evers on May 15, 1888 and moved to this farm.

They had 10 children: Anna, Henry, Josephine, John, Ben, Frank, Philomena, Theodore, Regina and Norbert. When John married Eleonora Schmitmeyer on April 27, 1924 they stayed on this farm.

They had three children; Pauline, Dennis and Alice. Dennis married Louise Hilgefert on August 8, 1956 and they made their residence on this farm with John and Eleonora. John died on January 23, 1971.

Dennis and Louise have 5 sons; Roger (Mar. 9, 1958), Ralph (May 27, 1960), George (Feb. 24, 1963), Thomas (June 11, 1967), and Kevin (Nov. 5, 1973). All are married except Kevin who attends Marion Local School.

On August 9, 1980 Roger married Deborah Siefring of St. Bernards parish, Burkettsville. They have 3 children: Brian, Julia and Eric. They moved into a new home just to the east of the farm house.

On February 24, 1979 Ralph married Theresa Klosterman of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, Montezuma. They have 4 sons; Kurt, Kraig, Kyle and Kent. They live on a dairy and grain farm near Portland, IN.

On August 3, 1985 Goerge married Patricia May of St. Bernards parish, Burkettsville, OH. They have a daughter Stephanie and live on a dairy and grain farm near Portland, IN.

On August 22, 1987 Tom married Kimberly Albers of St. Nicholas parish, Osgood. They live on a livestock and grain farm just west of the home farm.



### Lowell and Marian Homan Family

Lowell Homan and Marian Schmitmeyer were married August 22, 1962 at Ft. Loramie, Ohio. The family operates a dairy and hog farm north of St. Rose at 2377 Clune-Stucke Rd. They have six children and two grandchildren.

Susan married David Lennartz from St. Peter in 1986. She is employed at Cheeseman Trucking Inc. and they have a daughter, Elizabeth. Kenneth married Brenda Wolters from Coldwater in 1988. He is employed at Maria Stein Grain. Virginia married Joseph Rutschilling from St. Henry in 1987. She is employed at Coldwater Medical Inc. and they have a daughter, Kendra. Shirley is employed at Phelan Ins. Agency in Versailles. Michael is employed at Maria Stein Grain. Debra is a student at Marion Local High.



### Mark and Linda Homan Family

Mark is originally from St. Rose. He is the son of Andrew and the late Hilda Homan. His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Oscar and Ruth Rose. She was born and raised in St. Sebastian parish. They were married July 22, 1977 at St. Sebastian Church. For five years they lived outside the town of New Bremen and in the town of Chickasaw. From there they moved to St. Rose at 1537 Clune-Stucke Rd. They are the parents of two children: Amy, born September 1, 1983 and Abby, born May 27, 1986. The land they now own was part of a woods owned by Mark's father. They constructed their house and moved in August of 1982.



### Regina Homan Family

Regina Homan was born on December 28, 1906 in Cranberry to John and Bernadine Hemmelgarn. On October 22, 1930 she married Victor Homan, son of Joseph and Mary Homan and she has been a member of St. Rose Parish ever since. In 1930 they bought the farm at 2377 Clunestucke Rd. and she has lived there ever since. Victor died in January 1962 so at present the farm belongs to her son Lowell Homan and his wife Marian.

Regina is the mother of five children with Lowell and Bill living in St. Rose and Ivo living in Cassella. Her two daughters are Mrs. Viola Mescher of Maria Stein and Mrs. Alice Wynk of Montezuma. She also has 29 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.



### Roger and Deb Homan Family

Roger Homan and his wife, Deb, have lived at this address, 6919 Olding Road, Maria Stein, since 1980, at which time their house was built. Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Homan of St. Rose. He is the oldest of five boys. Roger is co-owner with his father of Homan Equipment and he also owns and operates Interstate Agri-Products. Most of his time is spent selling equipment on the road or attending business matters at his shop which is located next to his house at 6915 Olding Road. Roger enjoys golfing, reading and traveling.

Roger married Deborah Siefring in August of 1980. They were married at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Burkettsville. Deb is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Cyril Siefring of New Weston. She is the youngest of seven children. Deb enjoys traveling with her husband, cooking, sewing and watching movies.

Roger and Deb have three children. The oldest, Brian, was born June 13, 1981. He likes to help with his dad's business and also likes to help his grandpa farm. The second child, a daughter, Julia, was born April 24, 1983. She likes to help her mom cook. The third child, another son Eric, was born June 16, 1986. He likes to do whatever Brian and Julia are doing!

This completes the family of Roger Homan as of 1988. Together they intend to keep operating the family business, attend local functions and continue as parishioners of St. Rose parish.





### Tom and Kim Homan

Tom and Kim Homan were married August 22, 1988. Tom is the son of Dennis and Louise Homan. Kim is the daughter of Donald and Diana Albers. Tom is a farmer who raises hogs and steers. Kim is a secretary at Sidney Tool and Die, Inc. They live on the Arnold and Cecilia Cron farm at 2598 Cassella-Montezuma Road.



### Gary and Ginny Kremer Family

Gary and Ginny live at 1800 Goetemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, Ohio. Gary was born December 8, 1950, the second of twelve children of Mark and Bernice Kremer from Carthagena. Ginny was born May 20, 1950, the third of four children of Irwin and Marie Lochtefeld from St. Rose.

Gary and Ginny were married February 16, 1973 at St. Rose Church. They have three children: Benjamin, born November 11, 1973, Jody Marie, born August 28, 1976 and David, born August 23, 1978.

Gary has worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation in Sidney as a heavy Equipment Operator for 16 years. Gary is a member of Knights of St. John, C.Y.O. advisor, member of the Youth Ministry Advisory Board and grounds keeper for the St. Rose Church and Cemetery. He also DJ's with his wife for weddings and parties on weekends.

Ginny is a housewife and works as a self employed part time beautician. She is a member of the St. Rose Choir, plays organ for the church part time, teaches first grade religion, is a member of the Parish Worship Commission, is also on the Youth Ministry advisory Board and helps with the Church grounds.

Benji, Jody and David are all attending the Marion Local Schools and also help with the Church grounds.



### Arthur and Bonnie Leugers Family

Arthur Leugers and Bonnie Growthrop were married in September of 1984 and reside at 7980 St. Rt. 119, Maria Stein, Ohio which is the home place.

Arthur's great-great-grandfather George Leugers and wife Catherine Herkenhoff settled in St. Rose Parish in 1837 buying land from the Government at \$1.25 an acre. Before he died in 1879 at the age of 72 he owned three farms, all at the intersection of Homan and Huwer road. Catherine died at the age of 72. They both are buried in St. Rose.



They had five children, the oldest being Henry Leugers who married Theresa Post. Great grandfather Henry Leugers died in 1865 at age 27. Theresa died at age 78. They both are buried in St. Rose.

Henry and Theresa had two children, the oldest being grandfather Heinrich Leugers who married Agnes Overman. Heinrich died in 1901 at age 37 and is buried in St. Rose. Grandma Agnes died at age 71.

Heinrich and Agnes had five children, the oldest being my father Herman Leugers who married Leona Huber. Herman died in 1959 at age 69. Leona died in 1978 at age 87. They both are buried in St. Rose.

Herman and Leona had five children. The youngest, Arthur, married Bonnie Growthrop and are living in St. Rose Parish and will eventually be the fifth generation of Leugers buried in St. Rose Cemetery.

### Dennis and Barb Link Family

Dennis and Barb Link moved to 2020 Homan Road in 1959, one month before their first of seven children was born. Their children are Mrs. Ron (Denise) Selzer of Osgood, Mrs. Jon (Shelly) Drieling of Utica, New York, Christine K. Link of Maria Stein, Ray at home, Mary of Dayton and home, and Jane of Columbus.

Denise has two children, Devon and Brittany, and Rodney has three children, Candace, Nichole and Bryce.

### Clarence and Alvina Lochtefeld Family

Clarence and Alvina Lochtefeld were married August 3, 1949 at St. Johns Church, Maria Stein, Ohio. Clarence is the son of the late Joseph and Rosa (Luttmer) Lochtefeld. Alvina is the daughter of the late Joseph and Ida (Kuess) Heitkamp. They are the parents of two children, Kenneth and Mary Jane. Kenneth married Christine Schoenlein from New Bremen. Mary Jane married Ted Tumbusch from North Star, they have two children and live in Minster, Ohio.

Clarence and Alvina own and operate a farm north of St. Rose at 2608 Homan Road. Clarence lived there all his life. The farm was formerly owned and operated by his parents, the late Joseph and Rosa Lochtefeld.



### Richard and Luella Lochtefeld Family

Richard Lochtefeld, born February 24, 1924 to Vincent and Mathilda (Reinhard) Lochtefeld, is one of seven children whose brother and sisters are Aloys, Rosemary, Rita, Agnes, Fr. Tobias who died in 1965 and Ruth.

Richard married Mrs. Luella (Marchall) Brunswick from Burkettsville on February 4, 1972. Luella is the mother of two children, Dale and Sharon Brunswick. Dale is presently in Tulsa, Oklahoma as comptroller for Meadow Gold Dairy. Sharon is married to Mark Long of Ft. Recovery where they reside with their daughter, Kelly Marie.

Richard graduated from St. John High School in 1942. He was employed by Delco Products Div., General Motors in Dayton and Kettering, Ohio for 40 years, retiring on June 1, 1983, having spent 33 years in the Tool Room and Machine Repair Department. He spent 36 years commuting to Dayton from his home in St. Rose. He, along with his wife, enjoy traveling. He also enjoys working around the house and church.



### Rosemary and Agnes Lochtefeld

Rosemary Lochtefeld was born June 25, 1914, daughter of Vincent and Mathilda (Reinhard) Lochtefeld in St. Rose, Ohio. She spent many years helping her family. After that she went to Dayton, Ohio for employment where she was employed as a house-keeper and companion.

In 1963 she purchased the Tony Meiring property from Cliff and Hilda Lutz. He was a blacksmith and so was his father, Joseph. There were many changes made to the property. The blacksmith shop along with the barn and summer kitchen were removed. A new two car garage was attached to the house. The house was rented out until 1976 when she retired from her job and moved into her house at 7474 St. Rt. 119 in St. Rose.

Her sister, Agnes Lochtefeld, who was born July 6, 1919, came to live with her after she retired from Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton in 1982 as a supervisor in the food department.



### Philip and Jane Luebke Family

On December 6, 1975, Phil Luebke, son of Robert and Lois Luebke of Os-good, married Martha Jane Bruns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bruns of St. Rose.

They rented the Rentz house on Clune-Stucke Road until 1978 at which time they built a house at 1540 St. Rt. 716. They broke ground in May and moved into the new 1,500 square foot brick home in September.

The land purchased was in a wooded area of the Knapke Subdivision. In earlier years, between 1889 and 1923, this land had been the site of a part of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad (CH and D), which accommodated the New Spreader Company at Maria Stein Station (jet 119 & 716). This railroad was no longer used after the spreader company (now White-New Idea) moved to Coldwater in 1923.

December 3, 1980 the Luebkes had their first child, Wendy Sue; and on May 18, 1983 their second child, Joshua Robert, was born.

Jane is a medical assistant and Phil is an employee of General Telephone Company.



### **Bernard and Marie Luttmer Family**

Bernard F. Luttmer and Marie Zumwald were married in Maria Stein on August 19, 1950. Bernard was born to Bernard H. and Clara (Holdheide) Luttmer on July 8, 1924 in St. Rose. Marie was born to Bernard and Anna (Wendel) Zumwald on June 17, 1925 in Maria Stein.

Bernard and Marie are the parents of two children, John and Lorena. John lives at home, helps farm and also works at Midmark Corp. in Versailles. Lorena married Virgil Wilker on May 30, 1980 in St. Rose. Lorena is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen.

Bernard, Marie and John reside on the family farm one mile south of St. Rose at 7450 Minster-Ft. Recovery Rd.



### **Mark and Elaine Marchal Family**

Elaine R. Marchal, the fourth child of Roger F. Siefing & Rose Ann Moeder, was born on March 6, 1965. In 1983 she graduated from Coldwater High School and 1986 from Miami Valley Hospital. She is employed at Coldwater Hospital.

Mark F. Marchal, the fifth child of Paul E. Marchal & Alvira Kramer, was born January 17, 1959. He graduated from Versailles High School. He is employed at Crown Control, New Bremen.

On October 31, 1987, they were married at St. Marys Church, Philothea, Ohio. On January 31, 1989, they had their first child, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn.

At the present time they reside at 7125 S.R. 119.



### Larry and Mary Jane Meier Family

On September 23, 1967, Larry Meier, son of Aloys and Rose (Bruns) Meier, and Mary Jane Beckman, daughter of Orlando and Leona (Buschur) Beckman, were united in marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Coldwater, Ohio.

They reside at 1212 Homan Rd., a farm they purchased from Aloys Meier in 1972. Aloys had purchased the farm from Henry Dirksen in 1954. It was originally the Herman Schwegaman homestead.

Larry and Mary are the parents of five children. Lynn, born June 23, 1968, is a junior majoring in physical therapy at Ohio State University; Ron, born March 18, 1970, is in partnership with his father on the family farm; Kelly born June 9, 1973 is a sophomore at Marion Local High School; Sandy, born August 4, 1979, and Beth, born September 1, 1981 are students at Marion Local Elementary.



### Nick and Margie Meier Family

Nick Meier, son of Aloys and Rose (Bruns) Meier was born November 24, 1949. On June 27, 1975 he married Margie Wendel, daughter of Rochus and Mildred (Beyke) Wendel of Ft. Recovery.

Nick and Margie reside on the farm which they purchased from Rose Meier in August 1975. This farm was originally purchased by the Ben Meier family from John Leugers in 1925. Ben Meier's son Aloys and his wife Rose and their family of thirteen children lived there from 1926 until 1975.

Nick and Margie are the parents of four children; Brad born July 22, 1976, Mindi born March 8, 1980, Lori born October 19, 1981 and Holly born December 4, 1984.

Nick is engaged in farming and Margie is a homemaker.



### Richard and Ann Mueller Family

Dick and Ann (Kessen) Mueller were married June 27, 1964. Their house at 2030 Homan was built by them in 1967-68 and they moved in March of 1968.

Dick Mueller's family moved to St. Rose in 1955. They lived in the house now owned by Don Rutschilling until the death of Dick's parents. Ann (Kessen) Mueller was from Carthagena, Ohio.

Dick and Ann have two daughters: Lisa, born September 23, 1970 and Jenny, born December 28, 1972. Two daughters are deceased.

Dick works at Midmark in Versailles, Ohio. Ann is employed at Mercer Co. Elks part time.



### LeRoy and Janice Piekenbrock Family

The Piekenbrock farm at 1729 Homan Rd. added a new house in 1961, when LeRoy and Janice Clune were married on November 18th. There were still six children living with Ed and Stella in the original house. At that time he was employed by Cope-lands and later by Minster Machine until 1969 when he started farming.

They are the parents of four children. Karen (Sept. 1962) graduated from Wright State with a degree in elementary education in 1983. She married Mark Cordonnier and they live in Versailles. She is presently employed in the Tri-Village School System.

Mark (November 1964) graduated from the University of Dayton in 1986 with a degree in Computer Science. He is presently employed by Chemical Abstracts Services in Columbus. He married Janel Evers on May 14, 1988.

Dennis (November 1963) also graduated from the University of Dayton in 1987. He has a degree in Computer Science and is employed by Electronic Data Systems in Detroit, Michigan.

Brenda (July 1968) is presently attending Kettering College of Medical Arts. She will be graduating in April with a degree in nursing. She hopes to seek employment at Community Hospital in Coldwater, since she lives there with her husband, Kevin Kuess and their son, Jamie.



### Stella Piekenbrock Family

Bernard Piekenbrock purchased this farm at 1717 Homan Rd. in 1855, when he married Elizabeth Woeste. They had 20 children. His youngest son, Frank, took over in 1906, when he married Catherine Luttmer. They had six children.



His son, Edward (Oct. 1911-76) married Stella Prenger (Dec. 1913) in 1936. She is still living in the house that was built in 1871. He farmed and built up a successful seed business, was township clerk for 16 years and served on the hospital board. He died in Houston, Texas on July 7, 1976 from Leukemia. They have nine children.

LeRoy (May 1937) the oldest and only son is the present owner of the home place. He married Janice Clune and they have four children. Ruth (Feb. 1939) married Ken Bruns and lives on a farm near Sebastian with five children. Esther (Jan. 1941) lives on a farm near Frenchtown with her husband, Richard Heckman and their two children. Edna (April 1942) married Alvin Tebbe and moved to a farm in St. Anthony. They are the parents of nine children. Eva (November 1943) married Joe Gehret and lives on a farm near Willowdell with their four children. Linda (April 1945) married Larry Pleiman and resides on a farm near Osgood with their six children. Eileen (December 1950) married Art Siefring and moved to a farm near Burkettsville and they have six children. Emily (September 1953) lives near Fort Recovery with her husband, Charles Timmerman. They raise turkeys. Erma (April 1955) married Paul Timmerman and lives on a farm near Fort Recovery. They have three children. Paul was killed in an accident in 1982 and she remarried Bob Stump.

### Ivo and Linda Post

Ivo and Linda Post reside west of St. Rose at 7176 St. Rt. 119. Ivo is the son of Alvin and Alice (Homan) Post of St. Wendelin. Linda is the daughter of Rita (Grieshop) Schoenlein of St. Rose and the late Roman Schoenlein.

Ivo and Linda were married February 14, 1981. Ivo is a self employed farmer and Linda is employed at Reynolds and Reynolds Co., Celina.





### **Gregor and Luella Prenger Family**

Gregor was born in Maria Stein, Ohio, the son of Frank and Regina Prenger. Luella was raised in Egypt, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Bohman. They were married May 13, 1950 and built their present home at 7465 St. Rt. 119 in 1956.

They are the parents of four children, Kathleen, Patricia Ann, Kenneth and Thomas.

Kathleen lives in Beavercreek, Ohio. She married Paul Wilcox and they have two daughters, Julie and Jennifer.

Patricia Ann married Harold Pohlman and they have a daughter, Katrina and a son, Nathan. They live in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Kenneth lives in North Star, Ohio. He married Karen Bruns and they have three children, Nikki, Jay and Kurt.

Thomas married Vicky Schlater and they have three children, Rachael, Kevin and Karla. They live in Celina, Ohio.



### **Elizabeth Puthoff**

Elizabeth (Ungruhn) Puthoff resides at 6842 State Route 119 since 1970. Prior to that she lived at her birthplace, 6926 State Route 119. She married Ernest on October 29, 1929 and he died on January 31, 1983. They had no children.

In 1984 she had the cemetery entrance and wall constructed in memory of her husband.

### Ginni Ruskin Family

Ginni Ruskin was born September 13, 1925, the sixth child of Elmer Smith and Leona Link. Ginni attended St. Marys school and graduated in 1943. She married Thomas Ruskin and lived in Bowling Green and Columbus, Ohio while Tom attended pre-med and medical school. On April 28, 1956 Tom died in Wapakoneta at the age of 29. Ginni has three daughters: Christine Duff, Jacalyn Holliday and Stephenie Wehner and eight grandchildren. Ginni worked at the Wapakoneta Daily News for 3 years; G.A. Wintzer and Son for 14 years and Wards Optical Dept. in Lima for 5 years. She moved to St. Henry in 1977 to become Fr. Ray Bauer's secretary/housekeeper. After ten years in St. Henry, Fr. Bauer was assigned as pastor in St. Rose and Ginni went with him.



### Donald and Donna Rutschilling Family

Donald H. Rutschilling, son of Ben and Mary (Quinter) Rutschilling, married Donna J. Hemmelgarn, daughter of Albert and Ruth (Stammen) Hemmelgarn on June 1, 1974 at St. Louis Church in North Star, Ohio. After their marriage they resided in North Star for two years. In the summer of 1976 they purchased their home from the Bernadine Mueller Estate and moved into the community and parish in September of 1976. The home was built by Norb Overman in 1940 who lived there until it was sold to the Muellers in 1955.

They have four children. Gregory Allen, born February 25, 1975. Aaron Michael, born April 13, 1976. Michelle Renee, born June 18, 1977 and Kevin Donald, born June 29, 1981.

Don is employed by White-New Idea in Coldwater as an Industrial Engineer. Donna is employed by Bendco Machine and Tool in Minster as a secretary.



### Dave and Cheryl Schaefer Family

Dave and Cheryl Schaefer live at 1589 Homan Road. Their home was built in 1984. Dave was born July 21, 1962 to Roman and Shirley Schaefer, St. Rose. Cheryl was born August 17, 1963 to Gerhard and Rosemary Bruns, Chickasaw. They both attended Marion Local School System and were married February 2, 1985. They have one daughter, Nicole Marie, born August 23, 1988. Dave works at Crown Control in New Bremen and drives truck for Moeller Trucking. Cheryl works at Wapakoneta Products in Botkins.



### Roman and Shirley Schaefer Family

On October 11, 1958 Shirley Sief-ring and Roman Schaefer were married. Shirley is the daughter of the late Florence Sief-ring and Anna (Homan) Sief-ring of New Weston. Her mother is originally from Cassella. Roman is the son of the late Bernard and Martina Schaefer of Coldwater. His grandmother was Elizabeth Schaefer Hartings from St. Rose.

Roman farms the farm of his late uncle, Alphonse Schaefer. He also is a District Salesman for Leader Seeds of Celina, Ohio and is a stockholder of Maria Stein Grain Co. Roman is also a lector of St. Rose church. Shirley is retired from Coldwater Community Hospital after 32 years of being a registered nurse. She also was on the Marion School board for 8 years. Shirley is now working with the sick committee in St. Rose parish.

Roman and Shirley have four children; Nancy Schaefer Wermert, an R.N. of Coldwater, Pamela Schaefer Garman, who is a manager of Ponderosa, of Lima, Ohio, David Schaefer of Maria Stein is employed at Crown Controls of New Bremen and Mark Schaefer of Minster is employed by Precision Strip of Minster.

Their have been four generations of Schaefer's living in St. Rose Parish. Roman and Shirley built a new home in 1983 at 7092 Ft. Recovery-Minster Rd.

On November 2, 1988, they moved to their present location at 8566 Erie Drive, Maria Stein, Ohio.



### Andrew and Delores Schlarman Family

The Schlarman homestead at 1818 Clune-Stucke Rd. was purchased in 1836 from President Martin Van Buren. Andrew and Delores are the fourth generation of Schlarmans living here. They were married April 15, 1961. Andrew is the son of Lawrence and Philomina (Hartings) Schlarman. Delores is the daughter of Rochus and Mildred (Beyke) Wendel of Ft. Recovery. Andrew farms and is bus driver for Marion Local. Delores works in dietary at Briarwood Manor. They have five children. Larry married Deb Schuh, daughter of the late Wilfred Schuh and Barb (Brunswick) Schuh. They have a son, Matthew. Janice works as a computer data processor, and lives in Elmont, New York. Nick married Jill Balster. She is the daughter of Werner and Elsie (Mesher) Balster. They have a son, Jason. Ken works at Spring Creek Cement Company at New Bremen. Lynn attends Sinclair College.



### Larry and Deb Schlarman Family

Lawrence (Larry) J. Schlarman was born on February 15, 1962, and is the son of Andrew and Delores (Wendel) Schlarman.

On March 1, 1986, Larry married Deborah A. Schuh, daughter of the late Wilfred Schuh and Barb (Brunswick) Schuh. They were married at St. Rose church. Deb was born September 29, 1961. Larry and Deb have one son, Matthew, born June 28, 1987.

Larry is employed at Crown Control, New Bremen and is also engaged in farming.

Deb is employed at Whiteford's Inc., Versailles, Ohio. They presently live in Cassella, but intend to live on the Schlarman home place in the near future. Deb was from Greenville before they were married and Larry was from St. Rose.



### Nick and Jill Schlarman Family

Nick and Jill Schlarman are renting a house on Bergman Rd. at Yorkshire. They are members of St. Rose Parish. Nick is the son of Andrew and Delores (Wendel) Schlarman. Jill is the daughter of Werner and Elsie (Mescher) Balster. They have a son Jason. Nick works at Clopay at Russia and helps his dad on the farm. Jill works at Coppess grocery store in Minster.



### Elmer and Dorothy Schmiesing Family

Elmer Schmiesing was born November 13, 1922 to the late Anthony Schmiesing and Mathilda (Hoying) Schmiesing of Egypt, Ohio. Dorothy Schmiesing was born December 17, 1923 to Clarence Stachler and Helen (Reiss) Stachler of Cranberry Prairie, Ohio, both of whom are deceased. Dorothy's parents also lived in St. Rose from 1950 to 1975.

Elmer and Dorothy were married May 18, 1946 at St. Francis Church, Cranberry Prairie and resided in Minster for the first four years. While living in Minster Elmer worked at Kroger's and Dorothy worked at Wagner's IGA store.

On April 22, 1950, they moved to the Kleinhenz farm across from the church. Their farming operation included dairy, hogs and grain.

Elmer and Dorothy are the parents of two children, Sam and Shirley. Sam was born July 9, 1949 at Minster, Ohio. Sam and Sue Kaiser were married June 16, 1973 and live in Coldwater, Ohio. They have three children: Jeff, Sheri and Whitney.

Shirley was born October 10, 1951 in St. Rose. Shirley married Ron Fisher August 17, 1974 and they live in St. Marys, Ohio. They have two children: Kelli and Brad.

On November 12, 1983 Elmer and Dorothy retired and moved to 641 Linden Avenue, Celina, Ohio. Elmer and Dorothy are enjoying their retirement with their family and friends. They spend their leisure time playing cards, dancing, traveling and doing volunteer work at the Senior Citizens Center in Celina.



### Albert and Victoria Schoenlein Family

Albert was born and raised in St. Rose; he has two brothers and three sisters. He is the oldest child of Anthony and Clara Schoenlein. Victoria was born and raised in Yorkshire, and her parents were Clem and Agnes Broerman. She is the third oldest child and she has two brothers and two sisters.

Albert and Victoria were married in May of 1941 at the Osgood Catholic church and they immediately moved to their present address at 2253 Homan Road. They have raised ten children, six boys and four girls. All of their children are married and have children of their own. Albert and Victoria are grandparents to 43 grandchildren, and one of their grandsons was married in 1987.

They purchased their homeplace from Albert's father in 1946. Before Albert retired in 1983 he farmed, milked, raised dairy cows, hogs and chickens. He was also a trustee in Marion Township for 20 years. Before Victoria's retirement in 1983 she helped in the running of the farm and she is still an active homemaker.



### Joe and Sherry Schoenlein Family

Joe was born and raised in St. Rose. He has five brothers and four sisters and is the youngest child of Albert and Victoria Schoenlein.

Sherry was born in Mendon, Ohio but raised in Celina. She has three brothers, one sister, one step-brother and one step-sister. She is the second oldest child of Peggy Wheeler who resides in Celina and Larry Seibert who still resides in Mendon.

Joe and Sherry met and became engaged in 1981. In March of 1982 Sherry converted to the Catholic faith with the help and guidance of Father Milton Ballor at St. Rose church. They were married in August of 1982 in St. Rose.

In June of 1983 their first daughter, Ashely, was born. Their second daughter, Holly, was born in January of 1985 and their third daughter, Kellie, was born in June of 1987.

Joe and Sherry have lived at 6393 St. Rt. 119 in Cassella since they were married. They rent the house and farm from Joe's parents. In 1986 they purchased the farm land and some of the out buildings where Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kremer live on Goettmoeller Rd.

Joe and Sherry also rent his parents farm in St. Rose where they farm, milk, raise dairy cows and hogs. Joe also works at Frank Bomholt and Sons, Inc. Sherry is a homemaker and is a member of the St. Rose choir.



### **Mrs. Roman Schoenlein Family**

Roman Schoenlein and Rita Grieshop were married on June 14, 1952. They lived at 7176 St. Rt. 119 with Roman's father Anthony, who died in 1973. Roman and Rita continued farming until Roman's death in 1978. They had two daughters. Catherine, born in 1956, married Pat Schmitmeyer and Linda, born in 1961, married Ivo Post. There are five grandchildren.

The farm was formerly owned by Roman's great grandparents Frantz and Mary Ann (Frilling) Evers. Then it was deeded to their son Bernard and Marie (Hagendorn) Evers. After Bernard's death it was deeded to his daughter and son-in-law Anthony and Clara (Evers) Schoenlein. In 1972 the farm was deeded to Anthony's son and daughter-in-law, Roman and Rita (Grieshop) Schoenlein.

Rita is still the present owner of the farm. The farm is operated by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ivo Post, who also are making their home there since their marriage in 1981.

Rita's new home is at 7166 St. Rt. 119, Maria Stein. Since the death of Roman, Rita is a part time employee of Marten's Greenhouse in Celina.



### **Jeff and Marcia Schwieterman Family**

Jeff was born in 1956 to Roger and Dorothy (Clune) Schwieterman. Marcia was born in 1957 to Henry and Evelyn (Grieshop) Puthoff. They were married in Cassella on May 10, 1975 and moved to St. Rose that same year. In 1976 they bought their lot and a mobile home from Fred Van Skiver. Their present home was built in 1986. Jeff is co-owner of the Korner Kafe in Maria Stein, where he and Marcia are both employed. They have two sons, Kevin, born September 22, 1975 and Brian, born July 26, 1988.



### Richard and Karen Scott Family

Rick, born June 22, 1954, is the son of Ivo and Leona (Baumer) Scott, Montezuma, Ohio. Karen, born February 19, 1956, is the daughter of Clarence and Dorothy (Kuess) Tuente.

Rick and Karen were married July 7, 1979 in St. Rose Church. In September of 1978 after their engagement they purchased land from Karen's parents and built their home at 7772 Huwer Rd., Maria Stein where they now reside.

Rick and Karen are the parents of four children; Joseph, born March 6, 1981; Steven, born June 17, 1983; Jessica, born May 9, 1986 and Gwen, born March 22, 1988.

Rick graduated in 1972 from Celina High School. He is employed at Minster Machine where he has worked since April, 1979.

Karen is a 1974 graduate of Marion Local and a graduate of Ohio State Beauty Academy, Lima, Ohio. She was employed at Margaret's Beauty Salon in October of 1975 where she then worked for twelve years. In September 1987 she quit and now is a full time housewife.



### Michael and Kathleen Siegrist Family

Michael Louis Siegrist, born October 5, 1950, son of Vitus and Dorothy (Hausfeld) Siegrist, married Kathleen Ann Mestemaker, born November 14, 1951, daughter of Alvin and Rita (Heckler) Mestemaker. They were married on October 21, 1972. They have five daughters; Angela Lois born June 28, 1974, Brenda Jean born October 23, 1976, Christa Lynn born June 28, 1978, Dana Mary born November 18, 1980 and Elaina Ann born January 21, 1982.





### Sister Theona and Sister Rita

This residence is at 2060 Homan Rd. It was built in 1963 and is owned by Alvin and Donna Bills. In 1979 Sister Theona and Sister Rita moved into the house. They were teaching at Marion Local at that time. In 1982 Sister Theona retired after teaching fifty-five years. For the last twenty years she taught English and was librarian at Marion Local. Sister Rita taught Home Economics for twenty-five years at Marion Local and retired in 1985 after teaching for 42 years. They are now helping in the Pilgrim Gift Shop at the Maria Stein Center.



### James and Pamela Stucke Family

James and Pamela Stucke reside at 501 Clune-Stucke Rd. Jim was born in St. Rose, son of Werner and Alvera Stucke. On June 2, 1984 he married Pamela Thobe of Maria Stein, daughter of Werner and Mary Thobe. They have a son, Ryan, and he is the sixth generation to live on the farm in St. Rose.

In 1837 George and Agnes Stucke came to America, where George was killed in an accident. George's widow married Fred Lehmkoehl in Putman County, Ohio. In 1856 Agnes and Fred moved to Mercer County with their children and bought land in Mercer County. This land now belongs to Jim and Pam Stucke.

The Lehmkohls built a log cabin in 1885. A brick house was built by John Stucke and later sold to Fred Stucke, then to Werner Stucke and now Jim and Pam Stucke, who live there.



### Werner and Alvera Stucke Family

Werner Stucke was born and raised in St. Rose and has lived on the same farm all his life. In 1941 he married Alvera Vehorn, daughter of Bernard and Cecelia Vehorn.

They have ten children; Patricia Watercutter of Cranberry, Richard married Francie Rindler and lives in St. Henry, Ronald married Carolyn Sudoff and lives at Cassella, Delbert married Ann Steineman and lives in Minster, Susan Wendel lives in Celina, Nicholas married Bonnie Luebke and lives at Mason, Ohio, John married Cindy Richter and lives in Chickasaw, Lavern married Sue Adams and lives in Minster, Dale married Phyllis Stamman and lives in Michigan and Jim married Pamela Thobe and lives in St. Rose. Jim and Pam now own the home place. Werner and Alvera also have forty grandchildren.



### Clarence and Dorothy Tuente Family

Clarence and Dorothy Tuente live on the home farm. Clarence is the son of Henry and Agatha Tuente. Dorothy is the daughter of Roman and Justina Kuess. Clarence and Dorothy have three daughters; Kathy married Wayne Gruebmeier and lives in New Bremen, Elaine married Werner Heckman and lives in Osgood and Karen married Rick Scott and lives in St. Rose.



### Lawrence and Armella Ungruhn Family

The farm at 7039 St. Rt. 119 has been in the Ungruhn family since 1866. Lawrence and Armella Ungruhn live here at the present time and do general farming and dairy. Their family includes five sons and one daughter. Anthony works at Big K feed mill in Sharpsburg, Ohio, Eileen married Ed Marchal, May 10, 1986, Frank works at Bomholt and Sons, Inc., St. Rose, Roger works at Precision Strip in Minster, James works full time on the farm and Mark works at Bomholt and Sons, Inc., St. Rose.



### Virgil and Lorena Wilker

Virgil and Lorena were married May 30, 1980 in St. Rose Catholic Church. Lorena is the daughter of Ben and Marie Luttmmer of St. Rose. She is a graduate of Marion Local High School and is currently employed at Crown Controls, New Bremen. Virgil is the son of Jerome and Imelda Wilker of New Bremen. He is a graduate of St. Marys High School and is employed at Minster Farmer's Co-Op Exchange. They currently reside at 7430 Ft. Recovery-Minster Rd.



### Clete and Evelyn Woeste Family

The Woeste residence at 7252 St. Rt. 119 has been in the family name for more than seventy years, Frank and Bernadine being the original owners and now Clete Woeste.

On the evening of March 28, 1920, Palm Sunday, a tornado picked up the house and turned it eight feet off its foundation. Real estate tax in 1915 was \$1.62.

Clete married Evelyn Dues of Philothea, daughter of Ben and Katherine Dues. They are the parents of four children. Janice, who married Don Broering, resides in Philothea. Frank married Donna Rindler and resides in St. Henry. Karen married James Scheer and resides in Celina. Joan married Brad Hegemier and lives in Atlanta.

Clete, now retired, has been a mechanic all his life and is known as the mayor of the west end of St. Rose. Evelyn is a home maker and gardener. They have ten grandchildren.



**PAST AND PRESENT**



**George Leugers  
Died 1879**



**Albert & Anna Evers**



**Estella Hartings Birthplace  
Huwer Rd.**

**Left to Right: Joe Hartings, Anna (Gerwing) Bruening, Herman Bruening, Anna (Hartings) Evers (same person in the wedding dress, above), Mrs. Rosa (Bruening) Hartings holding Mary Hartings, standing, Henry Hartings**



**The Pielenbrock Homestead  
1717 Homan Road**



**Present day Pielenbrock place  
with LeRoy's house in the foreground**



**Livery stable used by St. Rose  
parishioners in horse and buggy days**



**Clete Woeste Place  
7252 S.R. 119**



**Ivo Post Place  
7176 S.R. 119**



**Dennis Homan with Roger Homan's  
house in foreground  
6915 Olding Rd.**



**Clarence Lochtefeld  
2608 Homan Rd.**



**Elton Heitkamp  
7612 Lochtefeld Rd.**



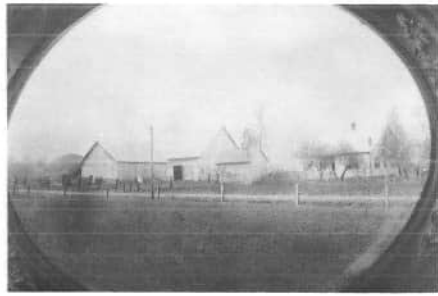
**Nick Meier  
1125 Homan Rd.**



**Don Evers  
7318 S.R. 119**



**Henry & Catherine Moeller**



**Schlarman Homestead**



**Henry Moeller's place  
Mid 1920's**



**Andrew Schlarman place  
1818 Clune-Stucke Road**



**The same place today  
Anthony Homan  
7516 S.R. 119**



**Organist and teacher's house  
Prior to 1956  
7395 S.R. 119**





**Anthony Broering**  
768 Voskuhl Rd.



**Phil Leubke**  
1540 S.R. 716



**Dave Schaefer**  
1589 Homan Rd.



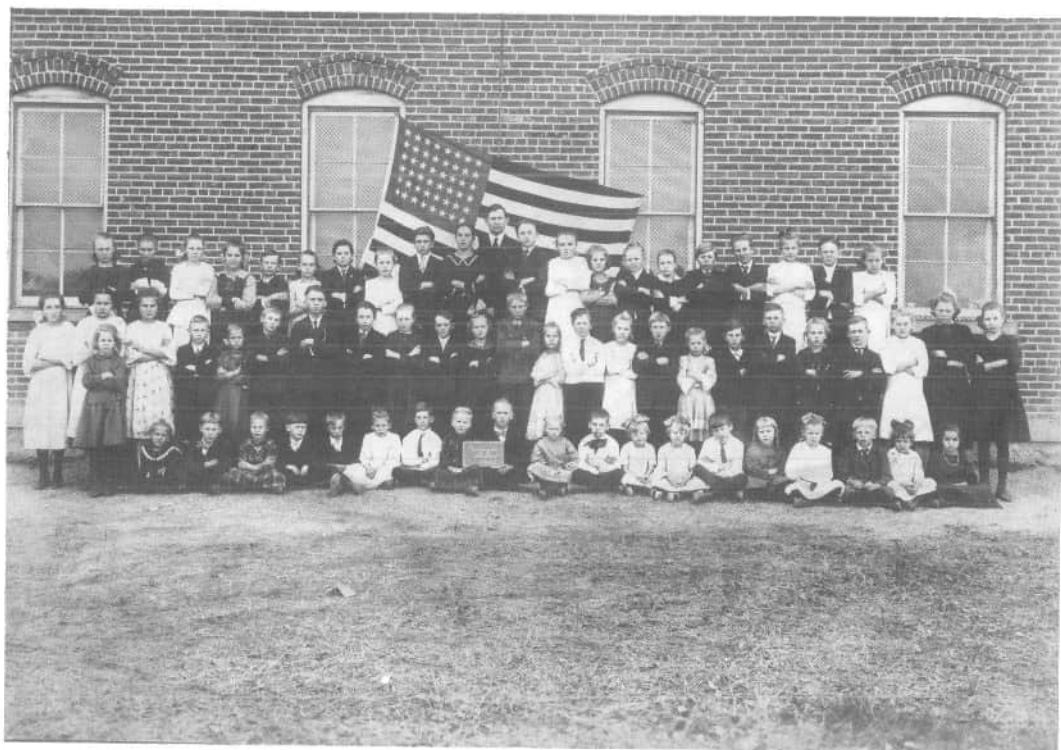
**Brian Dahlinghaus**  
7107 Indian Trail Rd.



**Ken & Karen Broering**  
7181 Minster-Ft. Recovery Rd.



**Werner Stucke**  
521 Indian Trail Rd.



**DWENGER SCHOOL — 1920**

**Front Row, L to R: Standing, Dorine Bohman, Seated, Loretta Dwenger, Clarence Bergman, Regina Bergman, Harry Bruns, Leo Voskuhl, Leona Harting, Raymond Kunk, Hilda Leugers, Clemance Bruns, Lavina Leugers, Vince Bohman, Luella Hasselman, Rosalina Hasselman, Alfred Hasselman, Hilda Bohman, Esther Dahlinghaus, Raymond Hoenie, Luella Meier, Teresa Griesdorn.**

**Center Row: Rosc Tuente, Margaret Tuente, Clara Bruns, Aloys Selhorst, Regina Stucke, Herman Bergman, August Bruns, Henry Stucke, Veronica Selhorst, Cletus Voskuhl, Regina Bruns, Robert Bergman, Henrietta Stucke, Raymond Hasselman, Rita Dahlinghaus, Aloys Bergman, Mathilda Hoenie, Victor Harting, Fred Dwenger, Eleanor Dwenger, Robert Kelch, Leona Harting, Bernadine Hasselman, Florence Hasselman.**

**Back Row: Clementine Selhorst, Catherine Bergman, Millie Ahrns, Marie Bohman, Roman Meier, Mary Stucke, Bernard Griesdorn, Leona Bertke, Othmar Stucke, Josephine Griesdorn, Teacher Herman Leugers, Fred Stucke, Anna Voskuhl, Erma Bohman, Othmar Bohman, Margaret Stucke, Ben Bruening, Cyril Dahlinghaus, Elizabeth Bergman, Alfred Bohman, Hilda Harting.**



**ST. ROSE — 1933**

**Row 1, L to R: Carl Seitz, Paul Goettemoeller, Luke Borgert, Cletus Griesdorn, Walter Borgert, Arthur Lochtefeld, Roman Schoenlein, Norma Hartings, Alvina Bruns, Rose Mary Leugers, Ruth Lochtefeld, Mary Bomholt, Wilma Hemmelgarn, Mary Ann Lechleiter, Hilda Meiring.**

**Row 2: Luke Griesdorn, Orville Borgert, Bernard Luttmer, Wilfred Hartings, Daniel Goettemoeller, Louis Bruns, Leonard Luttmer, Edwin Elking, Ralph Bomholt, Edna Marie Bomholt, Luetta Hartings, Pauline Homan, Norma Luttmer, Erma Luttmer, Alfreda Schoenlein, Zita Evers.**

**Row 3: Frank Fortkmap, Joseph Fiely, Werner Piekenbrock, Robert Hartings, Clarence Lochtefeld, Richard Lochtefeld, Othmer Evers, Elmer Hemmelgarn, Julia Marie Albers, Barbara Hartings, Alfreda Hartings, Mary Schoenlein, Dorothy Bomholt, Marie Fiely.**

**Row 4: Albert Schoenlein, Linus Lechleiter, Wilbert Luttmer, Bernard Schoenlein, Tobias Lochtefeld, Thomas Borgert, Roman Lechleiter, Eugene Goettemoeller, Andrew Homan, Marceda Luttmer, Anna Rita Dwenger, Hilda Bruns, Erma Fortkamp, Alvina Leugers, Olive Evers.**

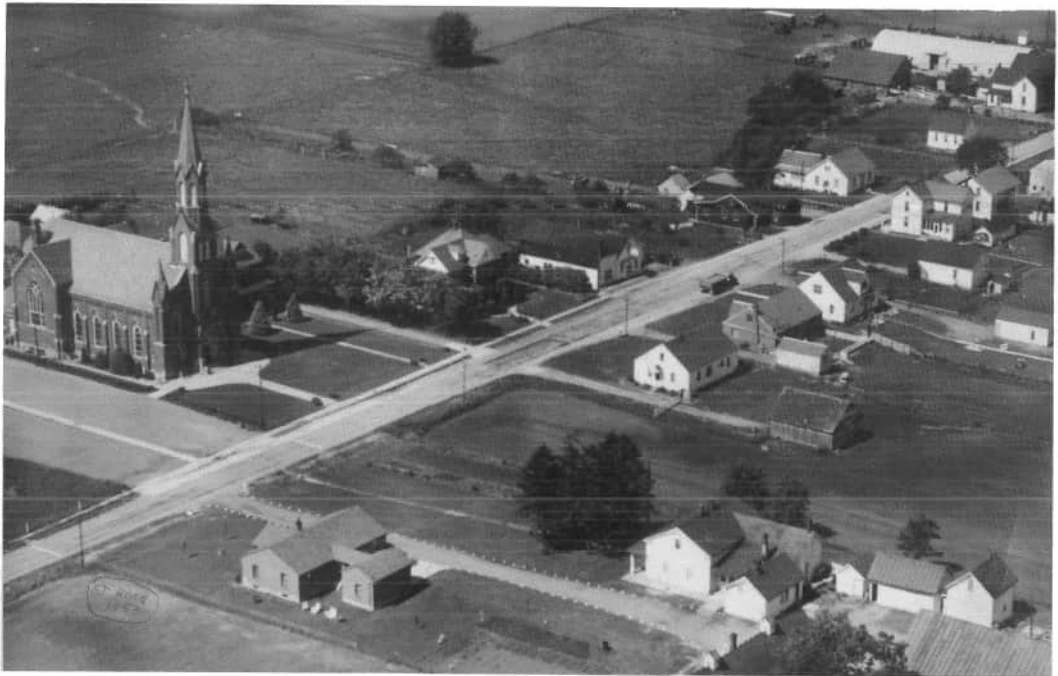
**Teacher — T. R. Hemmelgarn.**



**KUNK HOMESTEAD — 1915**

860 Clune-Stucke Rd.

**L to R — standing, Clemance & Cecelia, sitting, Pauline, Raymond (standing), Bernard, Mary and Richard (on lap).**



**ST. ROSE — 1953**

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*Special thanks  
to the  
following businesses.  
Those within the parish  
and the surrounding area.*

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## **Maria Stein Grain Company**

**8010 State Route 119  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860**

**419-925-4414**

*— Your multi-feeds & service dealer —*

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**Maria Stein Service Center, Inc.**  
501 Clune-Stucke Rd.  
925-4198



Maria Stein Service Center has been in the fertilizer sales and application since 1958. It was first operated by Werner Stucke and his sons. In 1970 they also began trucking and buying grain.

At first all fertilizer was moved in bags and in 1960 a building was built to handle bulk fertilizer.

Later the business expanded to also supply liquids as well. In 1987 a bulk blender was installed and today they produce many different analysis.

Werner is now retired and his youngest son, James, is the manager.

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# Hartings Trucking

925-4237

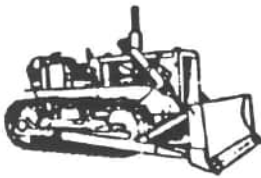
Hartings Trucking began in 1982 after Wilbert purchased two milk trucks and two routes from Mr. Lee Eifert. Wilbert had hauled milk for Lee for twenty-six years before Lee retired.

Now with the help of Wilbert and Rosemary's sons, Don, Paul and Roger, they are hauling Grade A milk to Meadow Gold Dairies Inc. in New Bremen, Ohio.

In 1982 Wilbert built a four-bay building for the trucks and he also does repairs and maintenance on them.

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## Bruns Bulldozing & Backhoe

1954 Hartings Road  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860

**Paul Bruns**

**419-925-4545**

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# Homan Equipment

6915 Olding Rd., Maria Stein, OH  
419-925-4349



*The original chicken coop getting a new lighted sign in 1980.*



*The new building and two of the service vehicles in 1983.*

In 1958 Dennis and Louise Homan started a silage equipment business, along with their farming operation. They sold Badger silo unloaders, feeders, and forage equipment. As the business grew, they remodeled an old chicken coop to use for parts storage and a service area, but invited the customers into the house and used the kitchen table to do the paperwork. And sometimes a free meal if it was close to mealtime.

The business continued to expand through the 70's as Dennis's reputation for good service and fair prices spread around the Ohio and Indiana area. In both 1973 and 1974 he sold more than 100 forage wagons in each year. These sales efforts have earned him the "Top Dealer" award for many years.

In 1979 they added an office addition to the house to handle the growing amount of paperwork. In 1981, their oldest son Roger and wife Deborah joined the business, and the name was changed to Homan Equipment. The chicken coop was torn down to make room for a new 5,000 sq. ft. shop and office building.

Although Roger has taken over most of the day to day activities, Dennis and Louise are still actively involved in the business along with the full time management of their farming operation.

Homan Equipment currently handles equipment manufactured by more than a dozen companies located in eight different states and employs six full time employees and two part time employees. The full time employees are: Marvin Tuente, Dave Pleiman, Dale Schulze, Larry Hemmelgarn, Bob Wendel and Rosie McClurg.

The Homans have always enjoyed doing business with the people of St. Rose and the surrounding communities and look forward to that continued relationship.

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*Best Wishes St. Rose*

*on your*

*150th Anniversary*

Select Seed Corn  
Agripro Alfalfa  
Custom Silo Filling

**Meier Bros.**

925-4541

925-4641

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## **MS Welding Products**

Self-locking cow stanchions  
Self-locking heifer stanchions  
Farrowing stalls and floors  
Nursery pens  
Finishing gates

**1729 Hartings Rd.  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860**

*Owned and operated  
by  
Leonard Holdheide  
925-4141*

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## Frank Bomholt and Sons, Inc.



Frank Bomholt and Sons was founded in 1888 by Frank Bomholt of St. Rose, Ohio.

In 1988 the hundredth anniversary was celebrated, not only of the business, but also being in the same location.

They sell Case IH Equipment and Whirlpool Home appliances.

They not only sell but they service what they sell!

925-4526

925-4510

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# Korner Kafe

&

Drive Up

Maria Stein, Ohio

*“Sandwiches are our Specialty”*

**Phone: 419-925-4031**

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## **ROMAN SCHAEFER**

*District Representative*

**8566 Erie Dr.**

**Maria Stein, Ohio 45860**

**419-925-4472**

*15 Years of Seed Experience*

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## West Central Welding & Sales Co.

1829 Hartings Road

Maria Stein, Ohio 45860

*"Quality Products at Reasonable Prices"*

**Ron Hartings**                      **419-925-4737**

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## Bainbridge Inc.

**Ron Hartings**

*Regional Manager*

Regional Office  
1829 Hartings Road  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860  
(419) 925-5900

P.O. Box 52  
Marcellus, MI 49067  
(616) 646-5215  
1-800-331-8558

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## Heitkamp Farm Drainage, Inc.

2324 Clune-Stucke Rd.      925-4055



Heitkamp Farm Drainage, Inc., owned by Marvin Heitkamp, started in operation in 1980 with a used wheel ditcher and auger backfiller. Today the fleet consists of two wheel diggers, one trenchless drainage plow, auger backfiller backhoe, three pickups, two lowboy semi's for transporting equipment and other assorted equipment for today's drainage needs. We install plastic tubing from 4 inch to 12 inch diameter and also concrete mains up to 20 inches. Workforce includes four full time employees also several seasonal employees as needed.

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## Lou Goettemoeller & Sons

2287 Goettemoeller Road

Maria Stein, OH 45860

Phone: 419-925-4614

The business was purchased from Melvin Fast in 1959. Since then we've hauled high quality Piqua Pulverized Limestone to farmers throughout the area. Armco Steel supplies us with the lime which is fine so it is more available, high in calcium needed for good plant growth, and completely dry. Lime is used by farmers to sweeten acid soils to make them more productive for all agricultural crops. Soils become acid through chemical fertilizers and from past glacial deposits. With lime we neutralize the soil to a PH of 7 which makes the existing elements in the soil more available to the crops.



We spread most of the year whenever soils are dry or froze. We serve western Ohio and part of Indiana. We do our best to offer quick service as the crops come off. We start with hay and small grain in the summer, and corn and soybeans in fall and winter.

We've appreciated everyone's business in the past and hope to serve them in the future.

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## Heitkamp Silk Flowers & Gifts

7612 Lochtefeld Rd.

Maria Stein, OH 45860

925-4916

119 or 274 to Clune-Stucke Rd to Lochtefeld Rd.

She has been doing flowers for about six years. She enjoys meeting people and having a chance to create something that gives them pleasure and beauty to a room.

Wedding bouquets and corsages, table and wall arrangements, candelabras and archways, many rental pieces and holiday or special occasions. If you need something, give Helen Heitkamp a call at 925-4916.

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## **Bruns Brothers Grocery**

**925-4132**



The building was bought March, 1946. It needed some remodeling and painting, after that equipment and merchandise was purchased. The store was opened on June 15, 1946 under the name of Bruns Brothers Grocery.

At that time there was a lunch counter and booths serving sandwiches, soups and sundaes, etc. This lasted several years and was discontinued in December, 1967. Irma and Ermin purchased the other half interest of the store and went by Ermin and Irma Bruns (DBA) Bruns Brothers Grocery. The most interesting part of the business was at Christmas time when they got into selling bulk candy for the holidays. Six tons are sold annually and it has been a TV news item several times. January, 1983 their son, Randy, took over the business and has continued under the name of Randal Bruns DBA Bruns Brothers Grocery. They have completed 42 years of business.

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**Congratulations  
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on their Sesquicentennial**

**THOBE TV**  
*same location since 1954*  
**Birdview Satellite Systems**



**925-4022**

**Delbert Thobe**  
Owner & Manager

**Jon Thobe**  
Service

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FUNERAL SERVICE**

*Since 1874*

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Maria Stein Branch  
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*Congratulations  
to St. Rose*



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275 West Main – Osgood, Ohio 45351 – 419-582-2681

*Member FDIC*

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*Congratulations  
to St. Rose*

**LEUGERS INSURANCE**

*established 1914*

**Maria Stein, Ohio**



*Herman Leugers  
Founder*



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*Best Wishes  
to  
St. Rose Parish*

# **Messenger Press**

*since 1922*

**Carthagen, Ohio**

Serving the area with business forms,  
computer forms, office supplies and wedding invitations.

**925-4121**

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## **Marion Mutual Insurance Association**



The Marion Mutual Insurance Association was started in St. Rosa on February 18, 1881. Signatures of the original articles of incorporation include the following: Bernard Wilke, Joseph Wietz, John Kramer, Joseph Hagedorn, Jon Ronnebaun, Fr. Bomholt, Henry Brackman, Peter Hartings, Henry Lochtefeld, Jr., John Cron, Haver Rentz, Mathew Hartings, Berd Piekenbrack, John Hagedorn, Max Clune, Herman Bruening, Henry Lochtefeld, Sr., and Louis Feltz. The first office building was located on State Route 119, in St. Rosa, and is currently owned by Ermin Bruns. In June, 1973, Marion Mutual Insurance moved to their present site located at State Route 119 in Cassella, Ohio. Marion Mutual Insurance is affiliated with the Ohio Mutual Insurance Association, and the United Ohio Insurance Company, Bucyrus, and offers a full line of insurance protection for your farm, home, and auto.

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**Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes**



**MINSTER FARMERS CO-OP EXCHANGE CO.**  
Osgood, Ohio    New Bremen, Ohio    Russia, Ohio    Minster, Ohio

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*Congratulations  
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Best Wishes*



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*Thanks*

*to*

*all*

*who helped*

*in anyway*

*to make this*

*book possible.*

## St. Rose Parish Roster

Name	Address City State & Zip	Phone
M/M Donald Ahrens	7457 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4640
Mr. Leo Bergman	Heritage Manor, Minster, OH 45865	
Miss Alma Bomholt	7396 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4686
M/M Byron Bomholt	7658 Lochtefeld Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4129
Mrs. Dorothy Bomholt	7415 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4165
M/M Walter Braun	7537 Ft. Recovery-Minster, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4058
M/M Anthony Broering	768 Voskuhl Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4843
M/M Kenneth Broering	7181 Ft. Recovery-Minster, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4958
M/M Robert Brown	7385 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4926
M/M Art Bruns	7407 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4851
M/M Ermin Bruns	7392 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4583
M/M James Bruns	7443 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4844
M/M John E. Bruns	7808 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4712
M/M Louis Bruns	2641 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4258
M/M Paul Bruns	1954 Hartings Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4545
Mr. Randal Bruns	7392 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4583
M/M David Buening	8059 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4710
Mrs. Ida Clune	1406 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4334
M/M Jerome Clune	1414 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4012
M/M Brian Dahlinghaus	7107 Indian Trail Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4911
Mr. Robert Dwenger	7337 Ft. Recovery-Minster, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4733
Mrs. Velma Dwenger	7337 Ft. Recovery-Minster, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4733
M/M Cyril Evers	1160 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4095
M/M Donald Evers	7318 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4241
Ms. Elaine Evers	7079 Ft. Recovery-Minster, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4923
M/M Gene Evers	1105 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4204
M/M Gregor Evers	1377 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4102
Mr. Roger Evers	1377 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4102
M/M Willard Evers	591 Homan Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4789
M/M Edward Fortkamp	7421 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4361
Miss Regina Fortkamp	7364 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4752
Mrs. Rita Fortkamp	7364 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4752
M/M Dale Goettemoeller	2287 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4614
M/M Daniel Goettemoeller	2458 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4279
Mrs. Lucinda Goettemoeller	2482 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4063
M/M Randal Goettemoeller	2860 Homan Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4528
Mr. Richard Goettemoeller	2458 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4279
M/M Tim Goettemoeller	6493 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4560
M/M Tom Goettemoeller	2040 Homan Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4052
M/M Cletus Griesdorn	7475 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4629
M/M Jeffrey Griesdorn	7110 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4656
M/M Luke Griesdorn	7313 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4144
Mrs. Edna Hartings	7345 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4324
Miss Estella Hartings	7208 Huwer Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4103
M/M Jeffrey Hartings	7395 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4542
M/M Kevin Hartings	1489 Voskuhl Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-5171
Mrs. Leona Hartings	1833 Hartings Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4015
M/M Paul Hartings	7549 Ft. Recovery-Minster, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4051
M/M Roger Hartings	2160 Oak St., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4904
M/M Ronald Hartings	1829 Hartings Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4737
Mr. Vernon Hartings	7351 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4555
M/M Wilbert Hartings	7511 Ft. Recovery-Minster, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4237
M/M Alfred Heitkamp	2324 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4055
M/M Elton Heitkamp	7612 Lochtefeld Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4916

M/M Lester Heitkamp	2050 Homan Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4785
Mr. Marvin Heitkamp	2324 Clune-Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4055
M/M Elmer Hemmelgarn	7493 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4446
M/M Mark Hemmelgarn	1988 Hartings Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4792
Mr. Ted Hemmelgarn	7483 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4735
M/M Daniel Hess	1732 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4328
Mr. Alvin Holdheide	1974 Hartings Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4018
M/M Leonard Holdheide	1729 Hartings Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4141
M/M Ray Holdheide	1974 Hartings Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4018
Mr. Andrew Homan	7571 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4647
M/M Anthony Homan	7516 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4551
M/M Dennis Homan	6915 Olding Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4349
M/M Lowell Homan	2377 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4154
M/M Mark Homan	1537 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4434
Mr. Randy Homan	2351 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4881
Mrs. Regina Homan	2377 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4151
M/M Robert Homan	7447 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4376
M/M Roger Homan	6919 Olding, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4349
M/M Thomas Homan	2598 Cassella-Montezuma, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-5135
M/M Wilbert Homan	2351 Clune Stucke Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4881
M/M Gary Kremer	1800 Goettemoeller Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4247
M/M Art Leugers	7980 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4774
M/M Dennis Link	2020 Homan Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4347
Miss Agnes Lochtefeld	7474 SR 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860	925-4268
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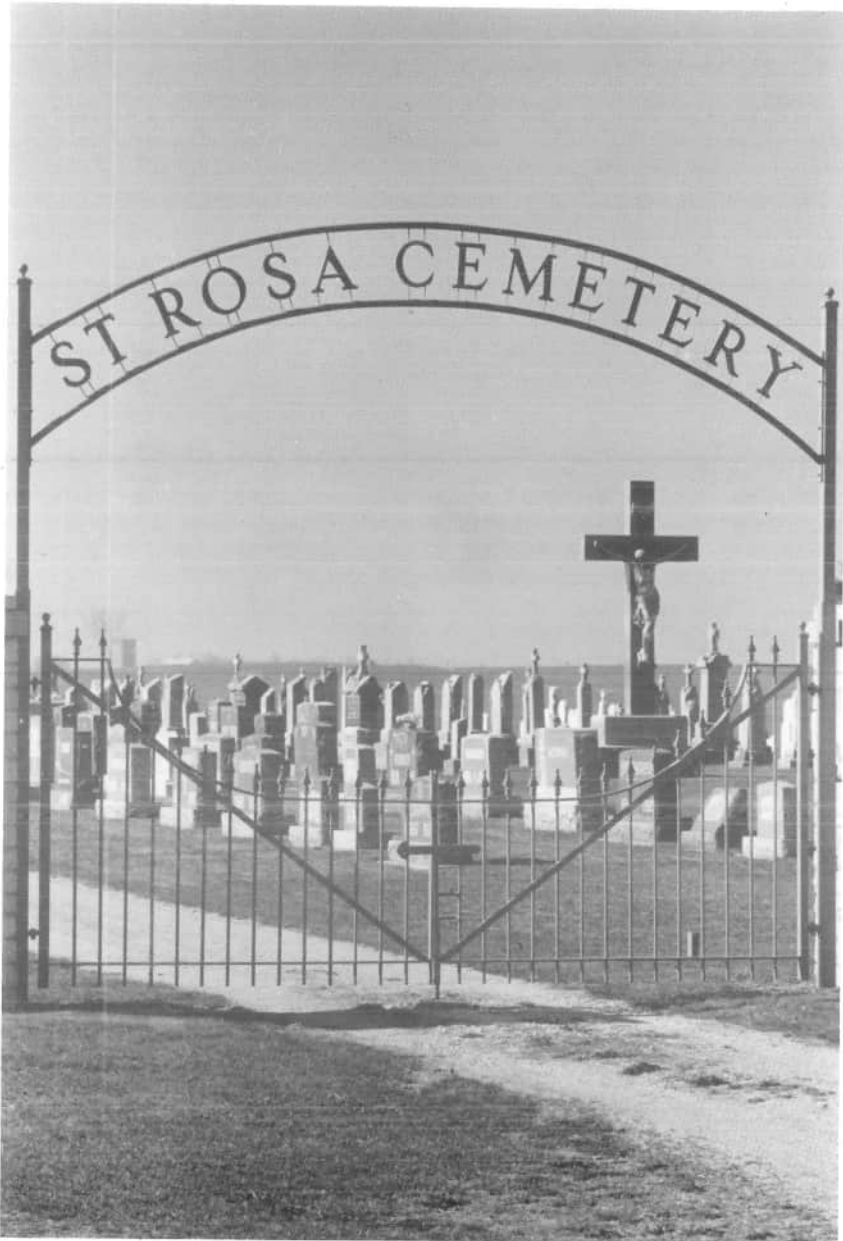
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