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*Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

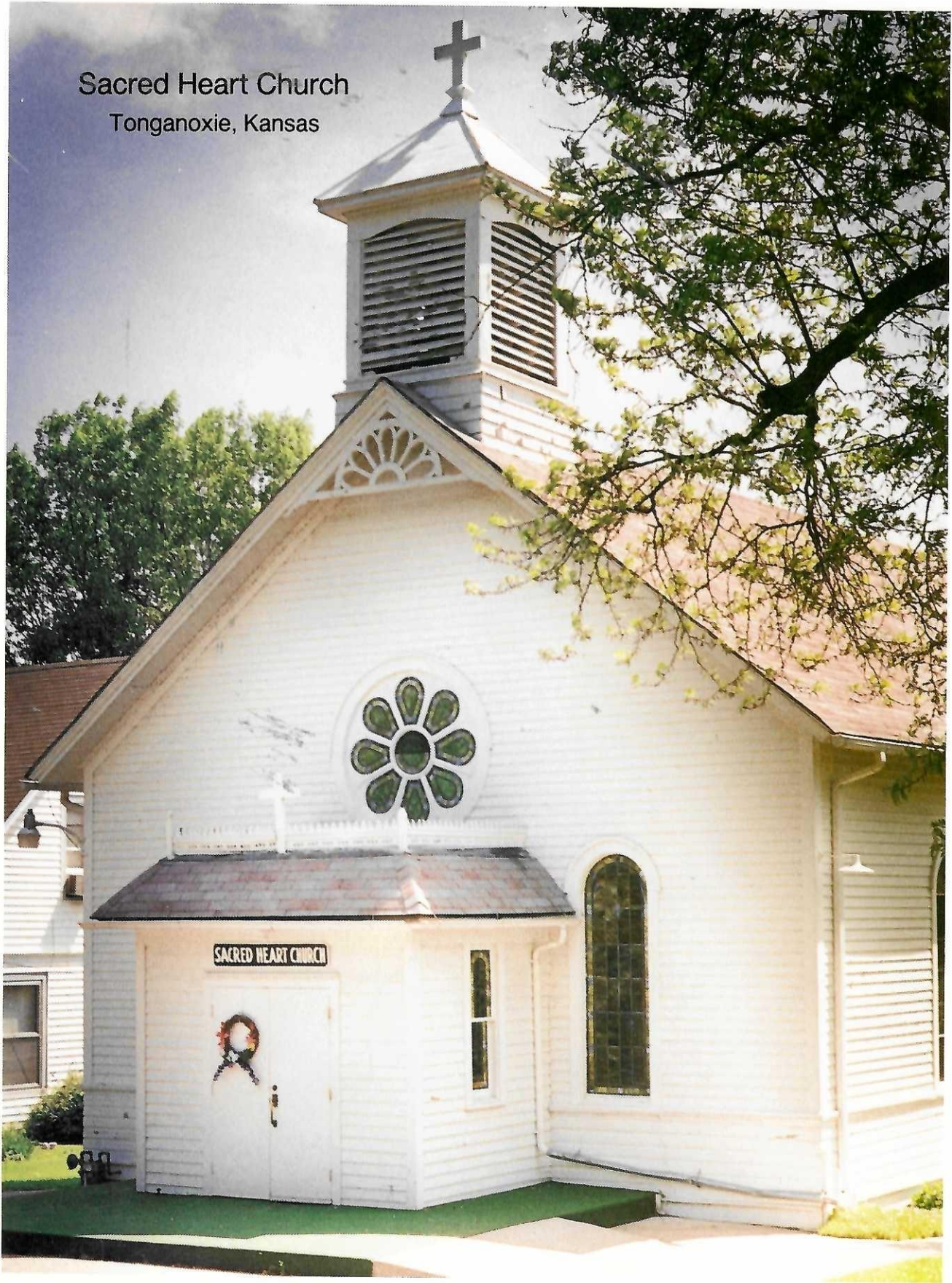
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Sacred Heart Church  
Tonganoxie, Kansas



## **SACRED HEART CHURCH HISTORY**

What began as a mission parish to serve railroad laborers on the Kansas Pacific Railroad is today a thriving parish serving the towns of Tonganoxie, McLouth and surrounding areas. Sacred Heart Church in Tonganoxie is located only 12 miles west of Kansas City, Kan. but reflects the spirit of the agricultural communities it serves.

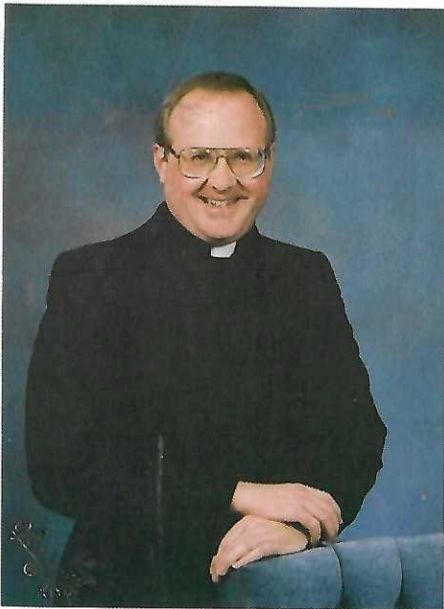
Sacred Heart celebrated its centennial anniversary in 1990. The church itself is basically the same structure that was built over 100 years ago, although it has seen extensive improvements over the past several years. A new CCD center was constructed in 1986 to accommodate the increase in the number of children attending religious education classes. The site was later dedicated to the late Father Michael Moriarty, pastor from 1981 to 1989.

The parish has experienced considerable growth over the past two years with an increase of 55 new families. This translates into a 20% growth rate, bringing the total number of parishioners to around 275. The potential for continued growth is good when US highway 24-40 is widened beginning in 1994. With an eye toward the future, the parish is in the process of deciding how best to respond to changing needs.

Under the tutelage of the past two pastors, Father Michael Moriarty and Father Ron Cornish, and presently under the guidance of Father Mark Goldasich, new initiatives have been implemented which have served to foster a greater sense of community and participation among parishioners in parish activities.

The spirit of Sacred Heart Parish not only impacts its own parishioners but also reaches out to benefit others. For instance, the spiritual needs of residents the Tonganoxie Nursing Center are facilitated through the Mass which is celebrated there twice a month. Also, the parish has been steadfast in its commitment to St. Mary's food kitchen in Kansas City, and was the first group to serve a meal there on a Sunday. In reaching out to support the needs of the archdiocese, the Call to Share program has long benefited from the financial generosity of members of Sacred Heart Parish.

For over 100 years Sacred Heart Parish has stood as a force to guide its parishioners in the ministry of Christ and should stand as a beacon for Christianity into the 21st century.



## A JOURNEY FROM FEAR TO FAMILIARITY

When I was growing up on Strawberry Hill, the Croatian community in Kansas City, Kan., there was a little old lady who lived next door to my grandparents. She was a wonderful lady but her command of the English language left a lot to be desired. One of her most famous mangled words was the name of our town. She always pronounced it, "Noxatongie."

That name was pretty much the extent of my knowledge of Tonganoxie. I pictured it as some lonely and barren outpost far from the comforts of civilization.

Little did I imagine that years later as a priest I would be assigned to "Noxatongie." In fact, when the possibility of coming to Sacred Heart here was brought to my attention, my first response was fear. I was afraid of being a first-time pastor, afraid of being "the lone priest" in a parish and afraid of being far removed from civilization.

When it looked certain that I would be assigned here, I drove out on a Sunday afternoon to check things out. It didn't go well. Not only could I not find the church, but it seemed that no one in town had even heard of the place. Eventually, I turned down Pleasant Street and stumbled on Sacred Heart. I liked how the church and the rectory looked. Some of my fears started to fade away.

Having been here at Sacred Heart for over two years now, I smile at all of the fears that I had. I needn't have worried.

Tonganoxie is a far cry from the barren outpost that I thought it would be. In fact, its location can't be beat: we are in the country yet close to the metropolitan areas of Kansas City, Lawrence, and Leavenworth.

What makes the parish special, though, are you, the parishioners. Simply put, you're wonderful. From my first weekend here you have welcomed me and made me a part of this parish family. I feel loved, supported and encouraged by you.

The small numbers mean that we really do consider Sacred Heart "our" church. We care about it and about one another. That seems to be what Jesus intended when he founded the Church. We are to be a close family, his brothers and sisters, and to treat each other with love and respect.

As our parish continues to grow, I'm confident that the same spirit of family will remain. A goal of mine is to make everyone who comes through our church doors feel welcome. I know you'll join me in that task. Let's continue the long and deep tradition of faith that has been handed on to us here at Sacred Heart.

I'm honored to be your pastor. I follow a long line of good and dedicated priests who have served here. I don't know what I did to deserve being placed among such good people but I'm so glad I'm here. My faith has been blessed by your good example.

Keep up the good work that God has begun in you!

*Father Mark*



*Our  
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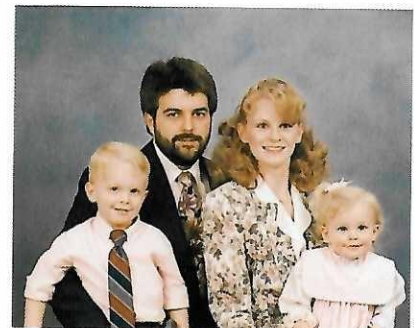
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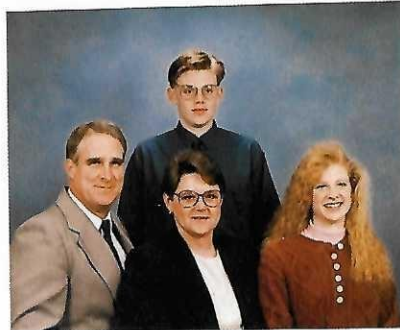
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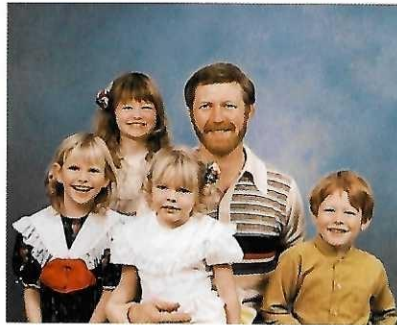
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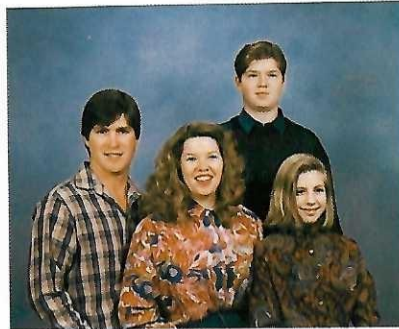
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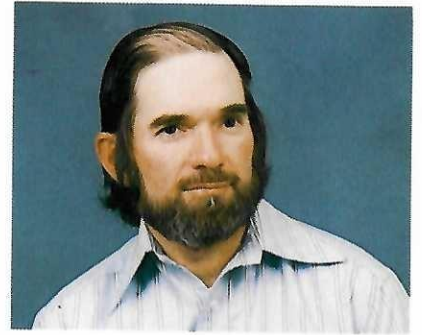
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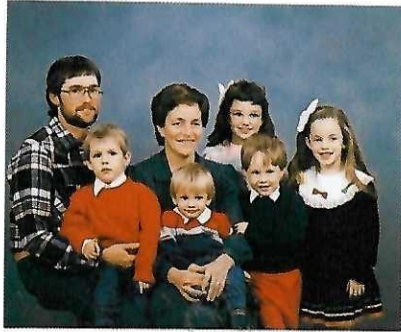
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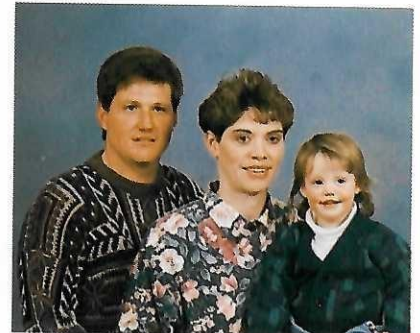
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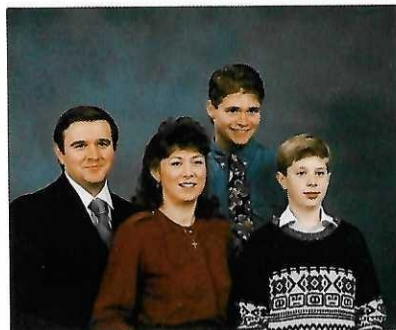
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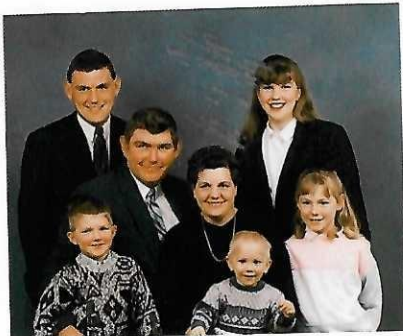
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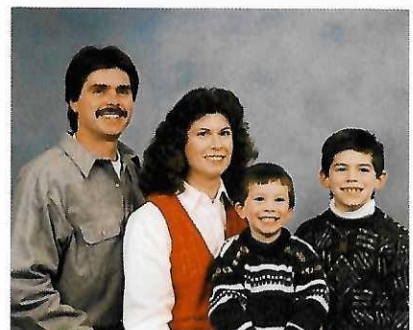
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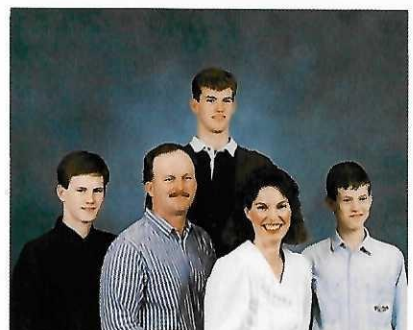
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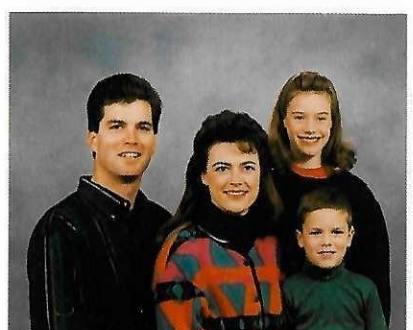
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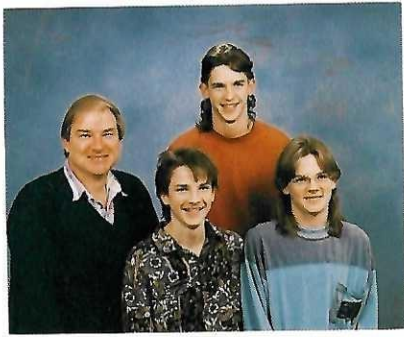
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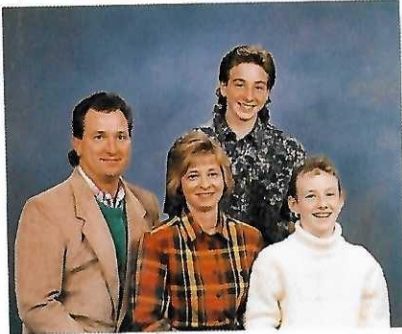
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