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## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CELEBRATES 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Joseph Church was celebrated on March 9, 2008 with Archbishop Daniel Pilaczyk presiding over the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Dennis Caylor, Pastor of St Joseph, served as Concelebrant, with Deacon Norm Horstman and Jason Beedle assisting. The Fourth Degree Knights of K of C Council #624 were in procession, and the St. Joseph Choir led the congregation in songs of praise. Despite a record snowfall, more than 200 parishioners and guest braved the elements to attend this special Anniversary Mass.

The reception that followed in the St. Joseph Parish Center featured a vast array of memorabilia and artifacts dating back to the church's origins, as well as a smorgasbord of delicious finger foods, desserts, and refreshments. A proclamation was read by City Commissioner Dan Martin, declaring March 9<sup>th</sup> as "**St. Joseph's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day**". John Lippolis and Jim Engles provided an atmosphere of light music for the affair. The warm spirit of fellowship and reminiscence took the chill out of an otherwise wintry day.

Special thanks go out to Sheehan Brothers Vending, to the small army of cooks and confectioners led by the Bereavement Committee., and to Catherin Weeks., for providing food and refreshments; to Dick Martin, for donating his beautiful rendering of St. Joseph Church, from which our commemorative prints were made; to the Turner Foundation, for their generous support of our Roof Replacement Campaign; to Conroy Funeral Home, for the St. Joseph Prayer Cards; to Nett's Florist for the lovely table decorations; to the great many contributors of historical artifacts on display; and finally, to the St. Joseph Parishioners, for their continuing demonstration of faith and stewardship of our Lord's many gifts.