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## Look Around the Church

The Parish Church was built in 1925 and has undergone renovation at various times. Directly behind the altar is a traditional Crucifix which was brought to the Church from Mother of God Parish in Waukegan when that Parish was closed about a year ago.

To the left and above the Crucifix is a small circular window depicting the head of the suffering Christ, the "Ecce Homo." To the right and above the Crucifix is a similar window depicting the head of the suffering Mary, the "Mater Dolorosa."

To each side of the altar are niches. The one to the left contains statues of Mary & Joseph and a small statue of the Infant of Prague (no longer in these locations). The one to the right contains the Tabernacle. There is also greenery in both niches.

On each side of the body of the Church there are three stained glass windows. On the left or North side the windows depict St. Anne and her young daughter, Mary, the future mother of Christ; next the Nativity scene; and last St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church whose Feast is observed on April 29th. She cared for the sick; she interceded with the Pope for the peace of Italy; and she wrote to many Cardinals. She was named a Doctor of the Church because of her brilliant Theological mind. She died in the year 1380 C.E.

On the right or South side of the Church the windows depict Christ's Agony in the Garden; next the Angel announcing to Mary that God wanted her to bear His Son; and last St. Jane de Chantal, a wife and mother, a widow and foundress of the Visitation Sister, a model of being true to one's vocation in life, even if it changes. Her feast is celebrated on December 12th. She died in 1641 C.E.

Across the front of the Choir loft from the South side to the North there are four small statues depicting St. Joseph, the Sacred Heart, St. Christopher and St. Hugh.

On the rear wall of the Choir loft there are two windows. The one to the South depicts St. Wenceslaus who was of Bohemian ancestry and followed the Christian heritage of his father, trying to instill Christian ideals in all. He died in the year 929 C.E. at the hands of his pagan brother. His feast is observed on September 28th.

The window in the Choir loft to the North depicts The "Little Flower," St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, whose feast is observed on October 1st. Her motto was simple: "Love is repaid by love alone." She is best remembered, perhaps, for her vivid realization and appreciation of the spiritual motherhood of Mary, the Mother of God, heaven's Queen, and our own loving Mother. She passed from this life to eternity in 1897 C.E.