

St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish traces its origin to a giant tent under which the original 300 families of parishioners worshiped while awaiting completion of the combined church-school building. It was a humble beginning for a parish

that would ultimately grow to a community of more than 4000 families in four decades. The parish was canonically established on January 16, 1939, and the tent has come to symbolize the pioneering spirit and dedication of those early parishioners who proudly refer to themselves as



"tenters." The formal dedication of a new church, separate from the church, was March 26, 1960. The beautiful edifice, along with other

parish buildings and grounds, continue to be the pride of its parishioners and the admiration of its visitors.

While St. Thomas has a diverse population, parishioners work together to promote unity, create a warm spirit and serve the Gospel. The parish strives to be inclusive of all, offering many ministries and organizations. Community services and outreach programs touch the lives of people beyond the parish. The parish elementary school, its Religious Education Program and senior and junior Youth Programs allow the parish to reach all its young people.

Sunday Eucharist, backed by well prepared liturgies and various choirs and music programs, is the

"source and summit" of parish life. The challenge of the Stewardship Way of Life gives promise of fostering even more spiritual growth among the people.

