

## HISTORY OF CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DECATUR COUNTY

- Sept. 1962            Fr. Celestine Pfannenstiel, S.T. arrives at Savannah and Missions (First Sunday of Sept.)
- 1967 -                Census taken in Parsons. Five Catholic families found.
- July 27, 1968 -      First Mass offered in Decatur County at Ponderosa Resort - Lee and Roach Cabin. Thirty-five people present. Later used the office building.
- Permission, by Bishop Durick, was given to Fr. Celestine, to have Mass in Decatur County on Saturday evenings from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.. (This was to be an experiment until September.)
- End of August -      Report given to Bishop Durick about attendance at Masses - 30-40 people in attendance. An office building and a rebuilt mobile home was used for the Church.
- Sept. 1968 -          Josie Hatley Arrives. Mrs. Hatley says:  
                      "In late September of 1968, we moved to Parsons, Tenn. from Illinois.  
                      I was informed there were no Catholic Churches in this area. The closest one was in Jackson and one in Camden. Both of these parishes were about 40 miles from Parsons.  
                      Mr. & Mrs. Harold Riker lived in our neighborhood and she called and invited me to come to her house on Saturday evening for 5:30 p.m. Mass.  
                      Father Celestine Phannesteil came from Savannah, Tenn. to the resort areas (Sugar Tree, Ponderosa, etc. and to Parsons) on Saturdays to have Mass. He brought his small altar, and vessels and set them up in the Riker's living room. There were four of us attending Mass. We sat on the sofa and knelt on the floor. Father heard Confession in a back bedroom.  
                      It really wasn't like a Church, but it was all we had and it was a start to get the Catholics together. We had to start someplace.  
                      The Rikers were very instrumental in helping Father Phannesteil acquire the property that is on Tennessee Ave. Lawyer Edwin Townsend was also a big help to the Priest in getting this property. It took a lot of hard work and money to make the old house into a house of worship. The upstairs was fixed up so Father could stay up there on Saturday nights so he could have Mass on Sunday mornings at 7:30.  
                      As more industries located in Parsons and Catholic families were transferred to the area our congregation grew. Summer attendance was somewhat larger than in winter."
- Oct. 26, 1968 -      Began to offer Mass at the residence of Mr. & Mrs Harold Riker in Parsons - 4:00 p.m. Five families were present.
- Jan. 19, 1969 -      Mr. Harold Riker died. Buried in the local cemetery.
- Aug. 15, 1969 -      Deal on the property in Parsons closed. One acre of land and two stone buildings were purchased on Tennessee Avenue.

Nov. 30, 1969 - MASS SCHEDULE CHANGED:  
Ponderosa - 4:00 p.m.  
Parsons - 7:00 p.m. - Residence of Mrs. Harold Riker

March, 1970 - First Mass in Mobile home at Ponderosa. (Mobile Home purchased for \$5.00) name of Church - St. Joseph's (Mini) Church. Twenty-five people accommodated inside mobile home - rest stood outside.

April, 1970 - First Mass in old house on land purchased in Parsons. Benches with planks on concrete blocks were used for seating. The floor was only dirt. The stained glass windows were from Natchez, Miss.

Nov. 7, 1970 - Baptism at Parsons - 2 converts and 2 babies:  
CONVERTS: Donald Wayne and Emma Susan Johnson  
BABIES: Charles Lee Averett, son of Charles and Veronica Averett

Dec. 5, 1970 - An article appeared in the Commercial Appeal about the Church

Jan. 6, 1971 - Acquired 3 lots at Ponderosa - Deed dated 6th of Jan. 1971  
First property dated to Diocese of Memphis

March, 1971 - Linda Lewis Mitchell arrived

March 7, 1971 - Ben, Mary, Lisa, Gina, Tracey Smith Arrived

June, 1971 - Wayne and Barbara Hall Arrived

July, 1971 - Wyatt, Helen, Steve, Eric and Keith Fall arrive. Wyatt notes that he had no idea where the Church was. One day he saw a sign, 30" X 30", on Tennessee Avenue giving the time of Mass. No cross was in sight. Wyatt went home to inform Helen that she had a Church in town. There were two Masses - 7:00 a.m. on Sunday and 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays. They had to walk in mud to the Church entrance. They weren't too sure as to where the entrance of the Church actually was. People usually went to the front of the Church to enter, but they quickly found out that the entrance was in the back of the Church.

July 10, 1971 - Helene Weiss - Baptized at St. Josephs on Ponderosa. First convert and first Baptized at St. Josephs.

July, 1971 - Sometime during 1971 Fr. Vernon Danemann left and Fr. Nathan replaced him.

1972 - Jayne and Michaelle Wallace arrived.

March 12, 1972 - 287 pine trees planted at Parsons - Wyatt Fall helped Fr. Celestine.

April, 1972 - Wyatt Fall helped with the yard, mowing lawn. He used an old hand and gas powered mower.

April, 1972 - Larry Mitchell Arrived.

Sept. 15, 1974 - Bishop Dozier celebrated Mass at Ponderosa at 11:00 a.m. Ground-breaking for new Church.

Oct., 1974 - Fr. Paul Keenan Arrived.

Dec. 25, 1974 - Wyatt Fall Baptized

March 1, 1975 - Basement was dug on the Ponderosa for the new Church

May, 1975 - Pat Humble and family arrive

Dec. 1, 1975 - Construction of the New Church Building is started at Ponderosa

March 27, 1976 - Last Mass in Mobile home - St. Joseph's (Mini) Church on Ponderosa

April 3, 1976 - First Mass in the new Church on Ponderosa. Mass 1:00 p.m. followed by a spaghetti dinner. The building was a chalet that measured 40 feet x 24 feet with a full basement.

June 4, 1976 - Two Precious Blood Sisters from Wichita, Kansas came to teach Summer Bible School. Sr. Hildegard and Sr. Vivian. Lay person - Ann Hermes here to help. The Sisters came for three summer programs.

Jan. 1978 - Worked on top floor of Church in Parsons. ( Fr. Celestine)

July 19, 1978 - Received Church benches from Poor Clare Monestary for St. Joseph's at Ponderosa. Received organ from Poor Clare Monestary for St. Regina's Church in Parsons.

Sept., 1978 - Sr. Eileen Barling, M.S.B.T., and Sr. Marie Venard Politan, M.S.B.T. arrived.

Oct., 1979 - Lauretta and Johnathan Yarbrow arrived

Nov., 1979 - Tony and Muriel Juarez arrived

June 3, 1980 - Alton and Margaret Veal arrived.

Aug. 25, 1981 - Sr. Eileen Barling, M.S.B.T. left for new assignment

Oct. 22, 1981 - Fr. Pierre Hissey, S.T. arrived in Savannah

May 1, 1982 - Brother Bill Coombs, S.T. arrived in Savannah

May 1, 1982 - Lisa Humble and Tim Mathaney married at St. Regina's. In preparation for this the whole parish worked together on a project for the first time as a community.

May 29, 1982 - Mrs. Harold Riker's funeral at St. Regina's. Mrs. Riker lived in Canada at the time of her death. Her body was cremated and the ashes were sent to Parsons through first class mail in a shoe box. Her sons brought a urn for the ashes and for a Memorial Mass. Her ashes were buried in her husbands grave. (This information is from Fr. Celestine.)

Sept. 15, 1982 - Fr. Celestine Pfannenstiel, S.T. leaves for new assignment.

Feb., 1983 - First Annual Masquerade/Mask Mardi Gras Party



- Feb. 12, 1983 - First Election of a Parish Council: Don Middleton, Wyatt and Helen Fall, Millie Martin, Pat Humble.
- Feb. 16, 1983 - Adult Religious Education Classes Begin
- 1982-84 - Fr. Pierre did much updating in different areas - Liturgy, Sacraments, Leadership, etc.
- Dec. 21, 1983 - Bishop Francis Stafford visits the Parish
- Dec. 31, 1983 - Sara Yarbrow Baptized. Sara was the last person baptized in the Church structure on Tennessee Ave.
- April, 1984 - Don Middleton confirmed. He was the last person confirmed in the Church structure on Tennessee Avenue.
- May 2, 1984 - Roselyn Kemper arrived
- June, 1984 - Sr. Marie Venard leaves for a new assignment. Shirley, Matt, Anne Marie and Kirk Patrick Dhority arrived
- Aug. 24, 1984 - Srs. Bernice Rieland, OSF and Judi Welle, OSF, Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Minnesota, arrived at St. Regina's as Pastoral Associates.
- Sept. 26, 1984 - Fr. Pierre leaves for his Sabatical in Canada
- Sept. 29, 1984 - Fr. Paul Keenan, S.T. arrived to replace Fr. Pierre Hissey as a temporary Sacramental pastor at St. Regina's.
- Sept. 30, 1984 - Bishop Stafford's visitation. Tea held in his honor.
- Oct. 17, 1984 - Meeting with Building Commission in Memphis. Parishioners were informed that St. Regina's Church Building was unsafe to use. A new place to worship needed to be found.
- Oct. 18 & 19 - Pat Humble, Linda Mitchell, Margaret Veal, Roselyn Kemper, Ben Smith and the Sisters went out "Church hunting." What a sight this must have been. Whenever an empty building was seen, everyone would jump out of the car and look through the windows to see if it was a possibility.
- Oct. 31, 1984 - Last Mass as a Community celebrated at the Church site on Tennessee Ave. until new Church can be built on the site.
- Nov. 1, 1984 - Fr. Celestine celebrated the last Mass at this site. Sr. Bernice and Shirley Dhority just happened to stop by the site as he was celebrating Mass and so they joined him.
- Nov. 3, 1984 - First Mass celebrated in former "Pizza Place". (Site of our new worshipping place until a new Church is constructed.) Rent - \$275 per month. Located on Old Decatur Road and Holly Street. A prayer of closure took place at old site followed by a caravan to the new site.
- Nov. 20, 1984 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at First Methodist Church in Parsons. First time the Catholic Church is invited to attend. Sr. Judi did the Scripture Reading.
- Dec. 17, 1984 - Srs. Bernice, Judi & Clara Stang, Director of Diocesan Rural Ministry, met with Fr. Joe Umphries to search out possibilities for a Church building.
- Dec. 18, 1984 - Demolition of Church on Tennessee Ave. begins. This was an extremely painful process for the parishioners. In a sense, it was a death for many of them.

- Dec. 22, 1984 - Elections of Parish Council members at St. Regina's
- Jan. 9, 1985 - Fr. Paul Keenan, S.T. leaves
- Jan. 12, 1985 - Fr. Ralph Frisch, S.T. arrives (until Fr. Pierre returns)
- Jan. 16, 1985 - Parish Council Orientation Workshop - Facilitator is Sr. Clara Stang, OSF
- Jan. 26, 1985 - Installation Ceremony at Mass for new Parish Council Members:  
 ELECTED OFFICERS:  
 Ben Smith, President and Spiritual Life Committee  
 Patricia Humble, Secretary and Social Concerns Committee  
 Wyatt Fall, Education Committee  
 Larry Mitchell, Administrative Services Committee  
 Linda Mitchell, Parish Activities and Communications Committee
- Jan. 28, 1985 - First Reconciliation for Tiffany and Jennifer Mitchell
- Feb., 1985 - Mary Essary Arrives
- Feb. 13, 1985 - First Parish Council Meeting with new members
- March, 1985 - First Certification of Parish Religious Education Teachers -  
 Pat Humble, Linda Mitchell, Shirley Dhority
- Birthday party for Margaretta Martin, oldest member of St. Regina's  
 She is 91 years old.
- March 15-16 - Lector and Eucharistic Ministry Training - Presentor is Sr. Jeanne Ackermann who was the Liturgy Coordinator in the Diocese.
- April, 1985 - Don, Colleen, Brian and Rachael Derrington arrived
- April 7, 1985 - Easter Sunrise Service at the First Baptist Church - Sr. Bernice gave the Benediction.
- April 13, 1985 - Commissioning of New Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Ushers
- April 28, 1985 - Larry Mitchell (Adult) confirmed in Jackson
- May 3-4, 1985 - Yard Sale - This was the first fund raising project for St. Regina's new Church. Profit - \$651
- May 11, 1985 - First Communion - Tiffany and Jennifer Mitchell (First in former "Pizza Place")
- May 19, 1985 - First Prayer Service at Decatur County Nursing Home conducted by St. Regina's Parish.
- May 22, 1985 - Graduation Party for Steve Fall
- May 25, 1985 - Fr. Ralph Frisch's last Mass at St. Regina's
- June 1, 1985 - Fr. Pierre Hissey, S.T. returns
- July, 1985 - St. Regina's received organ from St. Mary's in Savannah

- Aug. 24, 1985 - Fr. Pierre's last Mass at St. Regina's
- Aug. 26, 1985 - Farewell Party for Fr. Pierre
- Aug. 31, 1985 - Fr. Julian Legre, S.T. - First Mass at St. Regina's  
P.R.E. Teacher Orientation
- Sept. 5, 1985 - R.C.I.A. begins at St. Regina's (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- Sept. 18, 1985 - P.R.E. Begins - 14 children; New program - Pre-School P.R.E. -  
Instructor is Colleen Derrington (Parish Religious Education)
- Sept. 14, 1985 - Commissioning of P.R.E. Instructor's: Colleen Derrington, Linda Mitchell  
Pat Humble, Shirley Dhority, Sr. Judi
- Sept. 21, 1985 - Baptism of Rachael Derrington, daughter of Don and Collen Derrington.  
This is the first Baptism in the former "Pizza Place."
- Sept. 28, 1985 - Building Fund Project - Yard Sale - \$402
- Oct. 17, 1985 - Women of the parish served refreshments at the closing auction/sale  
of the Thompson facory--proceeds went to the Building Fund.
- Oct. 26-27 - Parish Council Retreat was held at Ben Smith's House. Sr. Clara Stang  
facilitated the Retreat.
- Nov. 26, 1985 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was held at the Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church
- Dec. 14, 1985 - Election of Parish Council:  
Chairperson - Ben Smith  
Co-chairperson - Colleen Derrington (3 year term)  
Secretary - Roselyn Kemper  
Lisa Mathaney (2 year term)  
Larry Mitchell and Pat Humble to complete their term
- Dec. 15, 1985 - Mark, Lisa, Jim and Ryan Davis Arrive
- Jan. 3, 1986 - Sr. Nancy DeMottos, OSF, a Novice arrives for her Parish Ministry  
experience.
- Jan. 4, 1986 - Pat Humble was asked to be the Coordinator for the Diocesan Program -  
"Thy Kingdom Come". Linda Mitchell was the Director of Communications.
- Jan. 18, 1986 - Commissioning of the new Parish Council Members
- Jan. 25, 1986 - Adam Middleton, son of Don & Judy Middleton was baptized.
- Jan. 20, 1986 - Farewell party for Brother Bill Coombs, S.T..
- Jan. 30, 1986 - Farewell Party for out-going Parish Council members - Wyatt Fall and  
Linda Mitchell.
- Feb. 1, 1986 - Liturgy Committee formed - Helen Fall, Linda Mitchell, Pat Humble,  
Ben Smith, and Sr. Bernice  
  
Baptism of Ryan Davis, son of Mark and Lisa Davis
- Feb. 28, 1986 - John and Janet Szuba Arrived



- Mar. 1, 1986 - A letter was received from Bishop Stafford in regards to the Grant from Catholic Extension Society approving our request for money to build a new worship and social structure.
- Mar. 22, 1986 - Began the first of three parts of educational process of parishioners for writing the Mission Statement and building new Worship structure. Presentors for the three sessions:  
Srs. Bernice and Judi, Clara Stang, OSF and Fr. Pete Sartain
- March 26, 1986 - P.R.E. classes presented the Stations of the Cross in Drama
- Mar. 27, 1986 - Tommy Baker (Adult) was Baptized, received First Communion and was Confirmed on Holy Thursday.
- April 14, 1986 - Began looking for land for the new Church Structure. Ken Henderson, from the Diocesan Office was here to work with us.
- May, 3, 1986 - Final Mission Statement presented to the total Parish
- May 5, 1986 - Graduation party for Leonard Humble
- May 17, 1986 - Leader Training session for Diocesan Program "Thy Kingdom Come"  
Leaders: Pat Humble, Don Middleton, Roselyn Kemper
- May 17, 1986 - Confirmation of Keith Fall. Bishop Stafford presider.
- May 18, 1986 - "Hands Across America" - Pat & Patrick Humble, Jonathan Barnett, John Mitchell, Matt Dhority, Steve Fall and Sisters Bernice and Judi participated in the event at Dyersburg.
- May 20, 1986 - Women gathered to work for the Craft Day Fund Raiser
- May 27, 1986 - Brother William Woeger, F.S.C., Liturgical Consultant, meets with the Parish Pastoral Council.
- May 31, 1986 - First Communion of Joshua Barnett and Johnathan Yarbrow
- June - Fund Raiser - "Teen Dance"  
Sr. Frances Winter, OSF here for the Summer
- July 8-10 - Summer Bible School
- July 19, 1986 - St. Regina's First Bulletin. Also Parishes own Bookkeeping system began.
- July 20, 1986 - Bishop Stafford's Farewell in Memphis. He was appointed the Archbishop of the Denver ArchDiocese.
- July 22, 1986 - Parish Picnic at Beech Bend
- July 26, 1986 - Yard Sale fund raiser
- Aug. 26, 1986 - Architect meets with the Parish Pastoral Council
- Aug. 30, 1986 - P.R.E. picnic at Natchez Trace State Park
- Sept. 10, 1986 - Christina Box, Infant daughter of Michaelle and Danny Box died  
  
P.R.E Teacher Inservice. Instructor's: Pat Humble, Shirley Dhority, Nettie Higdon, Linda Mitchell, Colleen Derrington, Roselyn Kemper and Sr. Judi.

- Sept. 16, 1986 - Inquiry Session about Catholic Faith
- Sept. 24, 1986 - P.R.E. Classes Began - 15 students
- Oct., 1986 - Youth Choir formed - Tiffany and Jennifer Mitchell, Mandy Young
- Oct. 4, 1986 - Yard and Bake Sale Fund Raiser
- Oct. 12, 1986 - Ground Breaking with Monsignor Morris presiding. Dreary day, but everyone's spirits were very high.
- Dec. 6, 1986 - Bake Sale Fund Raiser
- Dec. 10, 1986 - Advent Penance Service
- Dec. 16, 1986 - Christmas Party and Play
- Dec. 20, 1986 - Announcement of the New Parish Pastoral Council: Colleen Derrington, Larry Mitchell, Lisa Matheny, Pat Humble, Ben Smith and Roselyn Kemper as Secretary.
- Jan. 18, 1987 - R.C.I.A. Retreat for Dave, Judy, Mandy, Willie and Johnathan Young. Matt Dhority was Willie's Spiritual Companion.
- Feb. 11, 1987 - Colleen Derrington's P.R.E. 5th & 6th Grade (Anne Dhority, Tiffany Mitchell, Deena Barnett) has Vocation Paraliturg service.
- Feb. 14, 1987 - Margaretta Martin dies.
- Feb. 20, 1987 - P.R.E. Teachers Inservice - Presentor is Sr. Rochelle from the Religious Education Office.
- Feb. 28, 1987 - Dave and Judy Young's Marriage Blessed
- Feb. or March - Work on the new church building begins
- March 6-7 - Diocesan Youth Convention in Memphis. Matt Dhority, John Mitchell, Willie Young attend. Dave Young and Sr. Bernice are Adult Chaperones.
- March 8, 1987 - Rite of Election held in Memphis. Dave, Judy, Willie, Mandy and Johnathan Young attend.
- April 3, 1987 - Shiloh Re-enactment fund Raiser. Women helped sell tickets at the food booth.
- April 18, 1987 - Judy, Willie, Mandy and Johnathan Young were formally recived into the Catholic Church.
- April 22, 1987 - Good Samaritan Puppet Drama put on by Pat Humble's 3rd & 4th Grade Class - Joshua Barnett, Johnathan Yarbrow, Jennifer Mitchell, and Mandy Young.
- May, 1987 - Cheri Kelley Arrived
- May, 2, 1987 - Yard and Bake Sale Fundraiser
- May 12, 1987 - Parish Pastoral Council chooses furnishings for new Church



- May 18, 1987 - Graduation Party for Eric Fall and Patrick Humble
- June-August - Sr. Bert Brixius , OSF came to minister at St. Regina's for the summer.
- June 20, 1987 - Yard Sale fund raiser
- June 22-24, - Market Place 29. (Experiencing the time of Jesus) Three day Vacation Bible School for Grades Kindergarten-6th Grade. Three Churches are involved: St. Regina's, Cumberland Presbyterian, First United Methodist of Parsons.
- June 26-27 - Ministry Workshop presented by Sr. Jeanne Ackermann. Participants were from both St. Andrews in Lexington and St. Regina's.
- TIDBIT: At the point of putting the wood on the building, Sr. Judi and Bernice noticed all the knot holes in the cedar wood, Construction was halted and the Architect called in. (3/4 of the back wall was completed and the top portion of the East Wall.) The decision was made by the Architect, Parish Council and Srs. Bernice and Judi to discontinue using the inferior wood, thus, the use of vinyl siding was made.
- During a discussion of the design of the building, Sr. Judi noted the large bare wall and suggested a round window be placed on it. The Parish Council agreed to this suggestion.
- July 13-16 - Bible School with Seminarrians: Fred Walters, Ron Redwing, Jim McCarver
- July 20, 1987 - Kirk Patrick Dhority, age 5, died. Kirk Patrick was the son of Shirley and Kirt Dhority.
- July 25, 1987 - First persons to walk through doors of new Church and Social Hall were: Willie Young, Matt and Anne Dhority, Tiffany and Jennifer Mitchell.
- Judy, Devon and Sammi Troxler Arrived.
- July 27, 1987 - Moved from "Pizza Place" Church to new Church
- TIDBIT: "Community of St. Regina's". This rather than "Church of St. Regina's" was decided on by the Pastoral Parish Council. The reason being that the word "church" was often used to mean only the building and not the people.
- Aug. 1, 1987 - First Mass in the New Worship area. The Mass was con-celebrated by Fr. Julian Legere, S.T. and Fr. Celestine Pfannensteil, S.T.
- Aug. 15, 1987 - Debra, Bobby, Jennifer and Johnathan Rikard arrived
- Aug. 20-22 - Dora, Jason, Lacey Fontenot arrived; Mona, Elison Spain and Ricky and Yard Sale fund-raiser, in Minnesota put on by Sr. Bernices family.(Traci)
- Aug. 31, 1987 - St. Regina's won 1st Place on the Fair Booth at the county Fair.
- Sept., 1987 - Throughout September, different parishioners worked on the grounds.
- Sept. 14, 1987 - Parish Picnic at Beech River
- Sept. 19, 1987 - Baptism of Sara Pratt, daughter of Laura and Mark Pratt; and Bradley Matheny, son of Lisa and Tim Matheny.

- Sept. 20, 1987 - P.R.E. Teacher Inservice - Roselyn Kemper, Judy Young, Lauretta Yarbrow, Nettie Higdon, Colleen Derrington, Lisa Davis and Sr. Judi.
- Sept. 22, 1987 - Farewell party for Lisa Matheny and Ben Smith as their term on the Parish Pastoral Council ends.
- October 17, 1987 - DEDICATION DAY. Point of interest: The ceremony was to begin at 4:30 p.m. The furnishings arrived at 1:30 p.m. As the Altar was being taken off the truck, it was realized that the Altar was the one for St. Andrew's in Lexington. It was reloaded on the truck and the right one was brought to St. Regina's. Some anxious moments took place.
- The Church was filled to capacity for the Dedication.  
Bishop Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B. presided.
- Nov., 1987 - Mary, Lisa, Eddie and James Cieslikowski Arrived
- Nov. 15, 1987 - Tiffany Mitchell, age 12, died. Tiffany was the daughter of Larry and Linda Mitchell.
- Nov. 24, 1987 - Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Regina's
- Dec. 5, 1987 - Sausage and Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.
- Dec. 13, 1987 - Colleen Derrington's 7th & 8th Grade Class has a dinner for their parents. Johnathan Barnett, Sammi Troxler, Matt Dhority, Willie Young.
- Dec. 14, 1987 - Parish Christmas Party and Play
- Dec. 21, 1987 - Christmas Caroling at Decatur County Nursing Home
- Jan. 10, 1988 - Commissioning of Parish Pastoral Council: Linda Mitchell, Steve Fall, Helen Fall, Dave Young, Roselyn Kemper.
- Jan. 23, 1988 - Blessing at Mass of Hurley and Josie Hatley as they celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary.
- Feb. 20, 1988 - Public Statement at Mass by the Candidates for confirmation: John Mitchell, Matt Dhority, Johnathan Barnett, Willie Young
- Feb. 23, 1988 - Inservice for the new Parish Pastoral Council
- March, 1988 - Kirt Dhority built tractor "port" behind Church
- March 11-12 - Youth Convention in Memphis - David and Dave Young, Matt Dhority, Johnathan Barnett, Willie Young and Sr. Bernice attended.
- March 13, 1988 - Farewell party for Sr. Judi, OSF.
- March 19, 1988 - Sausage and Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.
- April 21, 1988 - Meeting at St. Regina's for Market Place 29
- May 14, 1988 - Spring Fling Carnival fund raiser
- May, 31 - June 2 - Market Place 29 at Cumberland Presbyterian Church

- June 11, 1988 - Fr. Julian's last Mass as Pastor at St. Regina's. Farewell dinner for Fr. Julian and in appreciation for the Trinitarians 20 years dedication in Decatur County. A plaque, which hangs in the Social Hall, was presented to Fr. Celestine for his many years of service to the people of Decatur County. With this last Mass, a break from the service by the Trinitarians was made. St. Regina's is now under the ministry of Diocesan Priests. This is the first time since its founding in 1968.
- June 15, 1988 - Fr. Dan DuPree becomes Pastor of St. Regina's
- June 25, 1988 - Fr. Dan DuPree celebrates his First Mass as Pastor of St. Regina's
- July - Randy, Eva and Kiersten Hultberg arrived.
- July 9, 1988 - Baptism of Joseph, son of Ed and Mary Cieslikowski
- July 23, 1988 - Dennis and Diane (Jan) O'Brien Arrived
- July 26, 1988 - John and Eleanor (Peg) True Arrived
- Aug. 14, 1988 - Youth to Opryland
- Sept., 1988 - Millie Martin Returns to Parish
- Sept. 7, 1988 - Certification Session for P.R.E. Teachers
- Sept. 10, 1988 - Yard Sale Fund Raiser
- Sept. 17, 1988 - Commissioning of P.R.E. Teachers: Deb Rikard, Don Middleton, Judy Troxler, Lauretta Yarbrow, Dennis O'Brien.
- Oct. 6, 1988 - Claude and Elizabeth Barry Arrived  
  
Sr. Michaelle L'Allier, OSF, a Novice from Little Falls, MN. arrives for a three month ministry experience at St. Regina's.
- Oct. 8, 1988 - Bar-B-Que Chicken Sale fund raiser
- Oct. 9, 1988 - Confirmation Retreat for St. Andrew's, Lexington and St. Regina's Youth. Sr. Mairaid O'Reardon facilitated.
- Oct. 20, 1988 - DCCW meeting at St. Regina's
- Oct. 24, 1988 - Weight Watcher's First Meeting at St. Regina's
- Oct. 29, 1988 - Confirmation of Matt Dhority, John Mitchell, Johnathan Barnett, and Willie Young.  
Installation of Fr. Dan DuPree as Pastor, Presider Bishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB.  
Celebration of 20th Anniversary of St. Regina's as a Parish.



Nov. 1, 1988 - Jim and Jan Sandlin Arrived  
Alton Veal died. (Husband of Margaret Veal)

Nov. 12, 1988 - Beth Conn Arrived

Nov. 27, 1988 - Ben and Doris Smith's marriage Blessed.

Dec. 2, 1988 - John Szuba died. (Husband of Janet Szuba)

Dec. 20, 1988 - Christmas Party and Play

Dec. 21, 1988 - Christmas caroling at Decatur County Nursing Home

Jan. 14, 1989 - Baptism - Patricia Elizabeth Box, daughter of Michaelle and Danny Box

Jan. 28, 1989 - Baptism - Kiersten Hultberg, daughter of Randy and Eva Hultberg

Feb. 16, 1989 - Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council candidates meet:  
Helen Fall, Roselyn Kemper, Millie Martin

Feb. 23, 1989 - Seminarian Jim McCarver arrives for 6 months of Parish Experience at  
both St. Andrews and St. Regina's.

March 4, 1989 - Antonio, Crizelda, Natali, Antonio, Jr. and Donna Cortes Arrived.

March 18, 1989 - Confirmation of Hazel Lewis

March 25, 1989 - Baptism of John Adam Pratt, Son of Laura Pratt  
Lacey Fontenot, Daughter of Dora Fontenot  
Jessica Ruth Ann Young, daughter of Dave and Judy Young

April 20, 1989 - Little Rock Scripture Study Begins: Pat Humble and Roselyn Kemper  
discussion leaders.

April 29, 1989 - Youth, 7-12th Grades, Midnight Bowling in Lexington

May 10, 1989 - First Reconciliation for Stephen Yarbrow, Traci Fontenot, Jason Fontenot

May 15, 1989 - Graduation Party for Keith Fall

May 20, 1989 - "Celestial Choir", from Union Baptist Church of Scott's Hill, performed  
at St. Regina's.  
  
Judy, Sammi, and Devon Troxler moved to Memphis

May 24, 1989 - P.R.E. Year end party

May 26, 1989 - The Young family moved from area  
  
Commissioning of Parish Pastoral Council: Lisa Davis, Roselyn Kemper,  
Helen Fall, Peg and John True.



June 5-7

"Marketplace 29" (Vacation Bible School) happened at St. Regina's. The Churches involved were: St. Regina's, Cumberland Presbyterian, Yellow Springs Methodist, Parsons First United Methodist. Market place was held at St. Regina's.

June, 1989 -

John True completed (enclosed) shed for tractor and lawn mower

June 17, 1989 -

Farewell party for Sr. Bernice

June 20, 1989 -

Sr. Bernice Rieland, OSF leaves the parish of St. Regina's for ministry to a parish in Minnesota.

