St. Michael's Long Ago

1872—Funding of St. Michael's Parish by German Immigrants

1874—Consecration of the first St. Michael's Church. (Presently or Parish Hall & St. Mike's Clothing Closet.)

1888—Petition to build our present Church.
- Hiring of Alphonse Druiding as Architect.
- Laying of foundation by volunteer parishioners.
- Laying of the cornerstone.
- Remortgaging of homes and farms to finance the Church.

1890—On St. Michael's Feast Day, Bishop McQuaid dedicated the new Church.

1903—Pipe Organ built by J.W. Steere & Son, Springfield, MA. It was paid for by the children as a gift to Fr. Hargather, Pastor. It has 36 stops comprised of 42 ranks of over 2000 pipes. It was rebuilt in the 1950’s and refurbished in 2000—2003.

St. Michael's Treasures

Stained Glass Windows—Were created in Innsbruck, Austria. The depiction are of Bible stories of angelic intervention.
South Wall—Old Testament stories, ending with The Nativity.

Bells and Tower—At 225 feet, the tower is the tallest church steeple in Rochester. It has a clock with four faces that was restored in 2003. There are 13 bells, the largest weighing 4800 lbs. And the smallest is 127 lbs. They were christened and named by Bishop McQuaid. Each one was assigned a job—tolling for funerals, fire emergencies, etc. They were cast by The McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore, Maryland.

Treasures from Germany

Pulpit—Beautifully hand carved.

Baptismal Font—Illustrations of the Seven Sacraments, the four Evangelists and topped by St. John the Baptist as he baptized Jesus. It was restored in 2003.

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Established in 1872
**Main Altar and Sanctuary**

**Meet our Saints**

- St. Joseph and the Child Jesus
  Carving—’Let the children come unto Me’
- St. Michael Archangel
  Carving—The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- St. Anne and the Virgin Mary

**Admire our Windows**

- The Guardian Angel and a young child
- The Annunciation
- St. Michael the Archangel
- The Angel with Joseph Raphael and Tobias

**Some Interesting notes:**

1. Our stained glass windows were estimated at $13,500,00 in 1981.
2. The wings of the St. Michael statue had to be cut off to fit the statue at the top of the main altar.
3. All the wood carving in our church was done by one man—Anton Holstrich.

**The Blessed Mother Altar and the North Wall**

**Meet our Saints**

- St. Dominic (Note the Rosary)
- Mother Mary
- St. Cecilia

**Our Lady of Providence (Patroness of Puerto Rico)**

**Admire our Windows**

- St. Gerard on his Death Bed
- The Second Coming of Jesus
- The Agony in the Garden
- The Fountain of Siloam
- The Resurrection

**The Escape of St. Peter from Prison**

**The East Wall**

- St. Barbara
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Anthony of Padua
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary

*Donated by the congregation of St. Stanislaus Church. They used our Church while theirs was being built.*