and Euclid township, organized in 1879, were named by Springer Harbaugh, manager of the large Lockhart farm in Norman County, for the beautiful Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, where he formerly lived.

Mike Biever, his wife, Mary, and sons, Timothy and Henry, were the first Catholic settlers to plant their roots in the territory of Euclid. Mass was celebrated occasionally in their home (still standing on the Jacob Salentine farm northeast of Euclid) before a church was constructed. The first mention of Euclid in the Catholic Directory is in 1891. Euclid is listed as “Attended from Red Lake Falls, by the Rev. Ignatius Baluf.” Father Baluf used to reside at the Mike Biever home for a week during the summer school period. Frank Stroot still recalls his catechism instruction there.

Another early settler was John Stroot, who came from Hanover, Germany, in 1878, to Wabasha, Minnesota about five years before he made his way to Euclid in a covered wagon, a trip of more than three weeks. Since there were no road maps, he and Mike Biever worked out a novel plan. Biever left Wabasha, the year before Stroot, and at each settlement he asked direction to the next town. These directions he jotted down on a piece of paper and mailed it to Stroot.

Frank Stroot made his First Holy Communion on November 2, 1889 in the Belgium Township Schoolhouse, now called District 179. Mass was offered in the school house as early as 1886, according to Frank Stroot and even earlier in the Keystone Hotel.

Mass was also celebrated occasionally in the year 1884, in the store of Peter Stahr, a two story affair. Mass was offered on the second floor of the building. Entrance to the second floor was made by an outside stairs. The first indication of the size of the mission of Euclid is to be found in the report of 1899 to the chancery at Duluth, which listed 15 families and a population of 75. The property valuation is listed at $1,200 for that year. From this we might assume the church was erected in the year 1899.

In the years 1901 and 1902, Euclid was served from Tabor. After that it seems to have been served by Father Francis Hufnagel of St. Mary’s in Crookston, and from 1906 to 1910 by Father John Smiers, also of Crookston. After the erection of the Diocese of Crookston, Father Joseph Wurm attended Euclid from Crookston. For the next five years the mission was attended from Stephen, Argyle and Warren. In 1916 Euclid was attached to Fisher as a mission, and with a few exceptions, it was served by the priests of Fisher.

In 1947 Father Francis Doherty bought the present property for $2,000 and became the first resident pastor. On this property was a three-story house with 15 rooms which served as a rectory until 1955. In 1948 the church was moved across the tracks to its present site, and a complete basement was provided. At the same time the church was renovated, decorated and celotex tile put on the walls and ceiling. On June 29, 1955, Father Joseph Sheehan was appointed to succeed Father Doherty. His first orders from the bishop were to erect the new rectory which was completed February 15, 1956.

Another milestone was reached June 6, 1959, when the first young man from the parish reached the goal of his life and was ordained a priest. Ordained at St. Mary’s of St. Cloud, Minnesota, by Bishop Peter W. Bartholome, of St. Cloud, he is Father Myron Kasprick. O.S.B. a benedictine monk of St.

EUCLID PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The original church history was first written in 1939 by the late Mrs. Lucy Chapin, widow of Dr. J. S. Chapin who came to Euclid in 1882. Her accounts states first services were held on October 9, 1890 in newly plotted town of Euclid and were held in loft of new Hotel barn. The organization of the church was completed October 29, 1880 in unfinished dining room of new Keystone Hotel. The first officers of the church were as follows: Springer Harbaugh, chairman; Robert Fairwether, secretary; with George N. Ellis and W. A. A. Perkins acting as trustees. The first church services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Schell a former missionary who resided here at that time. The new church organization was helped along by Messrs. Harbaugh and Lockart who owned the Keystone Bonanza Farm west of town. They had only a few months previously had the town plotted and after the church organization was completed they donated the property on which present church stands and started off the building fund with donation of $650. This was increased by donation from the farming company and several local business men of that era. The original church building was a long one story structure large enough for a town several times the size of Euclid. The original furnishings included planks placed on nail kegs for pews, a large wooden box cov-

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