

Rectory Built 1870



A rectory was built in 1870, and Fr. F. Carl Schilling was appointed full-time pastor. A unique upgrade was added at the turn of the century. A cistern was dug east of the parsonage to hold water which was pumped from the ground by a windmill that was enclosed in a tower built onto the east side of the rectory. The windmill extended above the roof of the house so it could catch every breeze. Water was piped from the cistern into the house. The rectory was probably one of the first buildings in Eagle to have running water indoors! Plumbing was added the following year. The Eagle Quill on July 26, 1925, reported that “when finished it will be the finest garage in town.” The cistern collapsed in 1998 and had to be filled with gravel. *Mariangela Pledl, St. Theresa Church Directory 2002*