

St. Theresa School Reopened in Side Room 1947

St. Theresa school reopened in side room off the altar and in the church basement

“In 1947 St. Theresa Parish members decided to reopen the Catholic school in the two side rooms of the church building. Before this could be done it was necessary to build restrooms for the youngsters in the church basement. Fr. Budde, the pastor and men of the parish excavated the space under the schoolrooms. They dug by hand lifting wheelbarrows full of dirt to the surface and dumping that dirt next to the building. These yards of dirt were later leveled to create the present parking lot.

The school reopened in 1948 with 57 children from St. Theresa's and St. Mary's Parish, Palmyra. Again it charged no tuition and was supported by fundraisers and general parish income.” *Mariangela Pledl, St. Theresa Church Directory 2002*