

## Playgrounds Open For Summer

Thousands of Westland youngsters, looking forward

to the closing of school last week, are being offered a full range of activities in the Parks and Recreation program which got underway yesterday, Tuesday, at 17 playgrounds.

Parks and Recreation Director John H. Voss announced the summer program which will include junior baseball, playground activities, special events, arts and crafts, and a day camp.

The playground schedule will cover games, contests, tournaments, storytelling, physical fitness, softball, carroms, sell ball, box hockey, checkers, 90-2 and other activities for boys and girls.

The special events this summer will have playgrounds open one night a week, usually Wednesday or Thursday, with parents invited to attend. These projects will include pet shows, doll shows, physical fitness

championships, carnivals, bike parades, weenie roasts, talents show, and other events.

A planned and varied program of numerous handicraft projects for all age groups will be offered at each playground, Voss said. There will be creative and raffia, plaster of paris, tile, gravel, wood, clay, crayons, paper machee, and other media during various weeks this summer.

The day camp will have bus pickups at each playground for participating youngsters between eight and 13 on a one-day outdoor living experience which will feature nature hikes, cooking, games, nature crafts, and water safety. Children may apply for the day camp at their neighborhood playground.

The junior baseball program will be offered for boys up to 11 years old who are not playing in other teams this summer.

The school playgrounds to be the center of summer activities are Wayne School District: Slatemeyer, Edison, Elliott, Hamilton, Jefferson, Kettering, Lincoln, Madison, Patchen, and Wilson; and Titus; Nankin Mills; Henry and Livonia; Cooper, Hayes, and Monroe elementary.

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## 528 Girl Scouts Take Swim Class

Girl Scouts of Redford, given the opportunity to take Township recently completed an intensive nine-week first classes in swimming and water safety.

Directed by Mrs. Earl Davis and Mrs. Ed Woods, Red Cross water-safety instructors, classes were held every Monday night at the Thurston High School pool throughout the winter.

Placed in classes according to swimming ability were 528 girls.

Of this number, 433 received Red Cross swimming certificates, and 95 received instruction on the art of self rescue in a canoe.

As a result of the enthusiastic response, it was necessary to set up three classes for beginning swimmers, two for advanced beginners, in addition to classes for junior and senior life saving.

Older girls who completed the life-saving courses were

## Church Gets New Pastor

St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland will be getting a new pastor today, Wednesday, in a change of assignments announced by Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit.

Assuming his new responsibilities at the four-year-old parish at 8200 Wayne Road near Ann Arbor Trail is Father Leonard Zak, who is replacing Father Jasper Sirianni.

Father Sirianni, first pastor of St. Theodore Church, is being transferred to St. Philip Neri Parish on the east side of Detroit.

The new pastor in Westland is a native of Detroit and attended Assumption and St. Andrew schools there. He graduated Holy Redeemer High School and attended Sacred Heart Minor Seminary.

He then completed his theological studies at St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake. Ordination to the priesthood was made by Edward Cardinal Mooney on June 7, 1941.

In the past 26 years, Father Zak has served as chaplain at Camp Ozanam and Juvenile Court, St. Andrew Parish, Detroit, Dearborn Veterans Hospital; St. Francis Calvary Parish in Allen Park; and until his new assignment, the Wayne County General Hospital at Eloise, where he has served for the last 14 years.

Privately, Father Zak is an active pilot, having earned his wings 19 years ago. Father Sirianni, who will be 47 next Aug. 14, was raised in Detroit where he attended public schools and Holy Rosary school. He entered Sacred Heart Seminary in 1935 and studied at Mount St. Mary of the West Sem-

inary in Norwood, Ohio in 1943. He was ordained into the priesthood Oct. 28, 1948 and then served parishes in Detroit and Dearborn before being named the founding pastor at St. Theodore in 1963.

At that time, the parish had 750 families. During the past four years, the parish grew to 800 families. Before the new church was completed, masses were held in the Nankin Mills Junior High School.

Father Sirianni was the center of a farwell mass Monday night.

Father Zak will be formally installed in ceremonies to start at 4 p.m. Sunday in the church.

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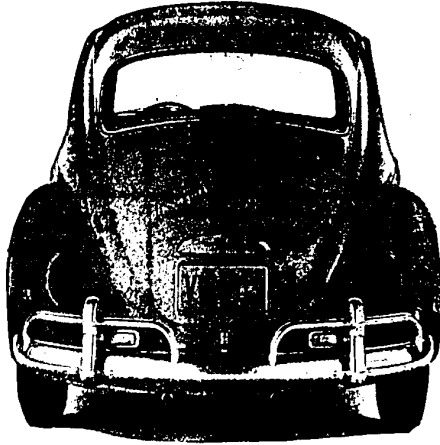
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