



St. Patrick's Class of 1919 *Since there are Loretta Kids why cant you find them?*

Since this is Catholic Schools Week, it seems appropriate to pay tribute to the first graduating class of Joliet's then new St. Patrick's Grade School in 1919. The school then was in the basement of the then St. Patrick's Church at Jefferson and Broadway where Joliet Catholic High School now stands. A limestone building was erected next to the church in 1885 and served the school until the move was made. The Loretto nuns were the first teachers, followed by the Adrian Dominicans who still serve the parish with Sister Loretta Glanz

as principal. Members of the graduating class are (from left, top row) Murray Ruddy, Rose Kelly, Hubert Kelly, Genevieve Riordan, Ray Nolan, Alice Dollinger, Art McDonnell and Bessie Morgan; second row Angela Donovan, Alma Menard, Ellen Singletary, Rev. P. L. Kennedy (former pastor of St. Patrick), Rev. Morrison, Anna McAndrew, Mercedes Mock, Dorothy Burke; third row Ray Reardon, Al Berard, Art Reardon, Rickard Green, Patrick Donovan and James Rawleigh. Eighteen families have a third generation in the school.

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