

July 27, 1856

At St. Andrew, I joined in marriage Joseph Schmitzer, son of the living Anton Schmitzer and the late Mary Greiner from lower Bavaria, 26, with Theresa Vollmair, daughter of Peter Vollmair and Mary Holzer, both living, from lower Bavaria, 15 years old, with the consent of her father, Peter Vollmair for the marriage of his minor daughter and before witnesses Joseph Brunner and Nepamuc Schraufnagel. Casper Rehr.

Father Nicholas Pickel

Nicholas Pickel was ordained by Bishop John Martin Henni at St. Francis June 29, 1858. Parishioners of St. Andrew's were served by Father Pickel as the fourth missionary priest in the years from 1859-1862. Father Pickel built the new brick church replacing the log church built by Father Schraudenbach. Before Father Pickel came to St. Andrew's he served at the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marytown. Among his other accomplishments, Father Pickel established a parochial school at St. Theresa, Theresa, Wisconsin. In the late 1880's Father Pickel served St. Mary's church, Fond du Lac.

Father Eusebius Henzler

Eusebius Henzler was born at Muehlheim (Rottenburg) Germany, Aug. 14, 1825. Upon completing his required studies for the priesthood, he was ordained in September 1853. Father Henzler traveled to America in 1859. Records disclose Father Henzler's signature in the parish records, but the years he served are not indicated. However it is likely the years were between 1860-1863. Father Henzler was the first priest to assume the duties as a regular pastor of St. Mary's Congregation in Mayville. About the year 1865 the Congregation of St. Mary's at Fond du Lac was established, which he served. Father later assumed charge of St James Church, Cooperstown, where he remained until his death on Feb. 20, 1870.

Father Leander Schaffer

Leander Schaffer was born at Vienna, Austria, Dec. 1, 1831. Father was ordained at Linz, Austria, July 27, 1856. During his pastorate at St. Andrew's, 1862 to 1868, Father Schaffer built the rectory and became St. Andrew's first resident pastor. The Rev. E. Heimplin also shared residency in the new rectory for a short period of time in 1867.



Second church built by Father Pickel 1862

Rectory built by Father Schaffer 1868

Father August Lang

August Lang was born at Reichenau (Leitmeritz) Bohemia Dec. 2, 1823. Upon completing his studies, he was ordained Aug. 2, 1847. After ministering for some time in his homeland, Father left for America arriving in the United States June 15, 1865. Father Lang ministered to the people of St. Andrew's from 1868-1869. He taught the children at school and was assisted by Mr. Bohr and his housekeeper. Father Lang repaired the old log church for a school. Father Lang also installed two bells donated for the second brick church .

Father Michael Deisenrieder

Michael Deisenrieder was born April 14, 1814 at Heinsberg, Bavaria. He was ordained to the priesthood Sept. 1, 1837 by Cardinal Reisach. After ordination he spent several years in his native country. He moved to the United States, becoming associated



with the Diocese of Milwaukee in 1852. In August 1854 he was assigned to Johnsburg and temporary church was built while he taught school in the priest house. Father was then appointed pastor to the congregation at Holy Cross, in Ozaukee County, St. Mary's of the Lake, Belgium,



Father Deisenrieder grave-stone
St Andrew, Le Roy

remaining in charge 1861 to September 1869.

In the meantime, the parishes of St. Kilian, Hartford and St. Lawrence were established in 1863 by Father Deisenrieder.

From 1869 to 1880 Father was rector of St. Andrew's Congregation at Le Roy (Post Office, Farmersville). Soon after his arrival at St. Andrew, the parish purchased Joseph Schmitzer's tavern and bowling alley. This was converted into a two-room school and a home for the Sisters. The deed for one acre of land with tavern and bowling alley was purchased for \$1,345.00 is dated May 31, 1869. (Page 25) The location of this lot was north of the present church building across Hwy. Y, now owned by Roger Zangl.

Father Deisenrieder Racine to obtain sisters for archives we learn that in the Sister Agnes Geraghty, members at St. Andrew. teachers with the domestic towards advancing support

Right: The Joseph Schmitzer tavern remodeled into a convent was moved 1/4 mile north to the Huber farm, known to our generation as the Frank Ertl farm. This abandoned farm house was once the convent of St. Andrew's from 1865 to 1882 .

negotiated with the Dominican Sisters in his parish school. From the Dominican fall of 1869, Sister Dominica Poegl and organist, arrived and were the first faculty Sister Jacobina Netmann assisted the duties of the mission. Father did much for the Dominican Sisters at Racine.

Father Deisenrieder was a very zealous and active priest, finding time in spite of his numerous duties to assist any candidates in their efforts to obtain Holy Orders. After a 12 year pastorate at St. Andrew's, Father Deisenrieder died August 22, 1880 and is buried in the fourth row east of the center drive, the tenth grave marker from the north.

Father Joseph Fessler



Joseph Fessler was born at Oberhausen (Freiburg) Germany, March 18, 1839. In 1854 he came to America and commenced his studies at the Benedictine Convent in St. Vincent, Pennsylvania. He completed the theological course of studies at the seminary at St. Francis, Wisconsin and was ordained



School built by Father Fessler 1882

to the priesthood in 1865 by Bishop John Martin Henni. After ordination he labored in different missions, and later became rector of St. Boniface congregation at Manitowoc. When Father took charge of this

congregation, he found a small church without a school. Through his great zeal, and with the assistance of the parishioners, he bought a church as well as a school in good condition. Besides this, he had to attend to the mission at St. Joseph, Alveno. He could not long enjoy the fruits of his labors with on going health problems. He therefore was sent to St. Andrew, Le Roy. During his pastorate at St. Andrew's from 1880-1882, Father Fessler oversaw the building of a new school-convent complex. The school provided two classrooms and living quarters for the Sisters. The school was dedicated in 1882 by the Rev. Nicholas Batz, Vicar General. This school building was later converted into a four-room school in 1904 as school enrollment increased. Later Father moved to Fond du Lac as pastor of St. Mary. As his sickness grew worse, he went to Oregon with permission of the Archbishop. He labored at Beaverton as chaplain of St. Mary's Orphanage. Father Fessler died in Beaverton, Oregon on June 20, 1896.

Below: Warranty Deed recorded the purchase of the Joseph Schmitzer Saloon and Bowling Alley, by the Archdiocese May 31, 1869. The bowling alley was converted into a school and the saloon into a convent under the pastorate of Father Deisenrieder. This lot is presently owned by Roger Zangl. As you study the document, note several points of interest, the hand scribed U.S. stamp, the last name signature of Joseph and Theresa Schmitzer (Smitzer) differ plus the X signifying approval of her husband singing for her. To examine a little closer the words "her mark" above and below the X is not the mystery but why was the family name spelled differently by the same signer? At the extreme bottom, note the early time of recording, 7.00 A.M. Recorded by Tuax Bachhuber.

U. S. PATENT & OFFICE FORM NO. 1, 1860

This Indenture, Made this Thirty First (31st) day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and Sixty Nine between Joseph Schmitzer and his wife of the town of St. Ray County of Dodge and State of Wisconsin parties of the first part and Rev. John Martin Rector of St. Vincent State of Wisconsin party of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirteen hundred and thirty five Dollars, to three in hand paid, by the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, has given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever.

That a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being situate in the town of St. Ray County of Dodge State of Wisconsin described as follows to wit:

Commencing at a point One and One half (1 1/2) rods East of the South West corner of the South East quarter (S.E. 1/4) of Section No. Twenty three (23) Township No. Sixteen Range No. Sixteen, Thence running East Sixty rods Thence North Eighty (80) rods Thence West (80) rods Thence South (80) rods to the place of beginning containing One acre of land more or less according to Government Survey Said heretofore the first part reserve the right and privilege of residing in the house on said premises until the first day of October A. D. 1869.

{ U.S. stamp }
\$1.250

Together, With all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in Law or Equity, either in possession or expectancy of, in and to the above bargained premises, and their hereditaments and appurtenances. **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said premises as above described, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns **FOREVER**.

And the said parties of the first part for themselves heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns that at the time of the executing and delivery of these presents they are well seized of the premises above described, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate in the law, in fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances whatever.

and that the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons, lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof they will forever **WARRANT AND DEFEND**.

In Witness Whereof, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand, & seal, on the day and year first above written.

Tuax Bachhuber
John Martin

Joseph Schmitzer [Seal]
Theresa Schmitzer [Seal]

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
County of Dodge } **Be it Remembered**, That on the Thirty first day of May
A. D. 1869 personally came before me the above named Joseph Schmitzer and Theresa
his wife to me known to be the person who executed the said Deed, and acknowledge the same to be their free and good deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Received for record at 7 o'clock A. M. Tuax Bachhuber

The following recorded entry concerning the Joseph Schmitzer transaction was obtained from The Register of Deeds Office, Juneau, Wisconsin.

11. Joseph Schmitzer
& wife Theresa
-to-
Rev. John M. Hennl

Warranty Deed, dated May 31, '69.
Recorded June 4, '69 in Vol. 50 p. 286.
(41-647) Same premises as in caption
of abstract.

12. Joseph Schmitzer
& wife Theresa
-to-
Rev. John Martin Hennl

Warranty Deed, dated May 31, '69.
Recorded Oct. 11, '77 at 7 A.M. in
Vol. 72 page 108. Same premises as
in caption of abstract.
Re-recorded from Vol. 50 page 286 and
No. 11 in this abstract.

Below: Records obtained from the Town of Le Roy files on 'The Proceedings of Town Meeting' as recorded June 28, 1869 by the Clerk of town Le Roy concerning the above acquired parish property and the tax question under the pastorate of Father Deisenrieder.

The Town Board of review of the Town of Le Roy met at the Town Clerks Office in said Town for the purpose of reviewing the Assessment Roll of said Town and on the representation of Michael Deisenrieder that certain piece of land described as follows. One acre S.W. cor S.W. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 Sec 23 was used for School purposes The same was made exempt from tax action by said board of review for one year
Dated at Le Roy June 28th 1869.

H. Barnes }
E. G. Stoddard } Town Board
Elias Ryel } of
Review

I certify the foregoing to be correct
E. G. Stoddard Town Clerk

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H. Barnes, E.G. Stoddard, Elias Ryel, Town Board of Review.

I certify the foregoing to be correct. E.G. Stoddard, Town Clerk.

Below: Parish expenditures referring to the years of 1884-85. Records entered in German cover several months of 1884 during the pastorate of Father Simon Woelfl.

Ausgaben vom 24. Jan. 1884. bis zum 24. Jan. 1885.

April 11.	No. 20.	Rev. Woelfel Gefult bezufl.	8.	00
Maer 2.	No. 22.	J. L. Meier für die Lautschäden bezufl.	90.	00
Maer 8.	No. 21.	Antonius Wier für Arbeit bezufl.	5.	00
Maer 10.	No. 23.	Krang Lauer Jr. für Tiegel bezufl.	2.	45
Maer 21.	No. 24.	Krang Waz für Pfauwand nach nachher bezufl.	2.	50
Maer 23.	No. 25.	Charles Konedebusch für Lautschäden bezufl.	0.	95
Maer 26.	No. 26.	Robert Kloecken für Lautschäden bezufl.	0.	75
Maer 31.	No. 27.	Frank Bauer Jr. für Frucht bezufl.	1.	35
Juni 24.	No. 28.	Rev. Woelfel Gefult bezufl.	50.	00
Juni 24.	No. 29.	Luis Löffel für bezufl.	40.	00
Juni 24.	No. 30.	Luis am Dalf bezufl.	30.	00
Juni 26.	No. 31.	Johann Gries für bezufl.	19.	00
Juli 12.	No. 31.	Rev. Woelfel Gefult bezufl.	25.	00
Juli 13.	No. 32.	Generalsitzer Lutz bezufl.	20.	00
Augt. 17.	No. 34.	Rev. Woelfel Gefult bezufl.	50.	00
Augt. 27.	No. 35.	John Strasser für Lautschäden bezufl.	40.	75
Augt. 28.	No. 36.	Rev. Woelfel Gefult bezufl.	50.	00
Sept. 28.	No. 38.	Rev. Woelfel Gefult bezufl.	50.	00

Father Simon Woelfl

Simon

Woelfl was born at Elm Grove, Waukesha County, March 20, 1846. He entered the seminary at St. Francis in 1859 and was ordained by Bishop John Martin Henni at St. Francis December 19, 1868. Father Woelfl became assistant to the Rev. L. Conrad of Holy Trinity Church, Milwaukee. Later, Father ministered in the Caledonia, Grafton, Theresa, and then built a church at Mayville while he was pastor there. Father Woelfl also had charge of the congregation at St. Andrew at Le Roy from 1883-1886. Upon the completion of a new school, Sister Alexia Reuter and Sister Martha Bourgmeyer were in charge of teaching. Upon completion of his tenure at St. Andrew, Father Woelfl moved to East Bristol, where he died September 5, 1895.

Father Michael Heiss



Father Michael Heiss, nephew of Archbishop Heiss, first took up residence at St. Peter and Paul Church at Nenno about 1860. Father Heiss also served the mission of St. Anthony, Washington County. In October 1861 Father Heiss took charge of St. Thomas Aquinas congregation in Waterford, Wisconsin until May of 1864. Father Heiss then took charge of St. Lawrence congregation from January, 1883 to April, 1885, Father was assigned to St. Andrew Le Roy in 1886 and served the parish till 1890.



Father Bernard

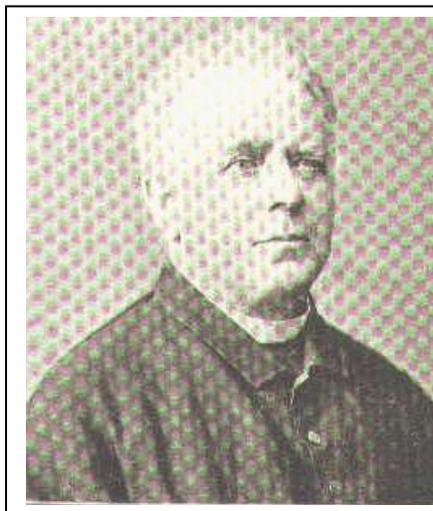
Weyer

Bernard Weyer was born on May 24, 1861 at Slinger. He studied for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary, and was ordained June 29, 1885 by Archbishop Michael Heiss. Father Weyer was appointed rector of the congregation at Paris, Kenosha County in 1885. In 1887 Father Weyer was transferred to St. Hubertus parish at Richfield where he built St. Hubertus parochial school. In 1890 he was assigned as pastor of St. Andrew Parish at Le Roy where he served until 1896.

During Father Weyer's pastorate, the second two story rectory was built at a cost of \$3,000. Contractors were Michael Kamermeyer, Joseph Urban, Julius Strepp and Leonhard Baumgaertner.

In 1896 Father moved to Pine Bluff to take up assignment as pastor of St. Mary Congregation. On January 10, 1904 Father Weyer resigned and was appointed pastor of St. Joseph, Sinsinawa on August 1, 1904. In June 1905 he joined the Diocese of La Crosse and spent the rest of his life in the La Crosse Diocese. Father Weyer died at Mineral Point January 5, 1918.

Father Ferdinand Raess



Ferdinand Raess was born at Glarus Disentis Chur Seminary for the priesthood, Father Raess was ordained by Bishop Caspar Von Carl at Chur, Switzerland, August 31, 1856. Father arrived in the United States August 8, 1867. Father's first appointment was Ellenvill in the Archdiocese of New York where he remained until 1873. When he came to Wisconsin he associated himself with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in August 1873. Father was appointed assistant pastor at St. Nazianz, where he served for one year. In 1874 he was appointed to the congregation of St. Hubert, Hubertus with the attached mission of St. Anthony.

While maintaining his pastorate, he built the second church at Holy Hill about 1880, replacing the old chapel dedicated May 24, 1863. Father Raess applied himself with unabated ardor to successfully accomplish this undertaking. All of this demanded a vast amount of physical and mental exertion.

In his continuous journeying in search of the necessary funds for the completion of his cherished plans, Father Raess found it necessary to relinquish his custodianship of Holy Hill in September of 1883. The history of Father Raess as a keen promoter of the Shrine at Holy Hill deserves its own biography. In 1883 Father Raess was appointed pastor of the Mater Dolorosa Church at Fredonia. (Little Kohler) In 1887 he assumed the pastorate at New Berlin where he built the church of the Holy Apostles. In 1891 Father transferred to Kieler, Grant County to dedicate a new parish to the Holy Ghost. From 1896-1899, Father took charge of St. Andrew congregation at Le Roy with thirteen hundred members. The parochial school connected with St. Andrew had a regular attendance of one hundred and twenty four students. During Father Raess's tenure, St. Mary Society of the Annunciation was organized, with Catherine Wittmann and Mary Weinberger officers in charge of 92 member society. Below: the membership roster as recorded in 1897. Father Raess later retired at St. Nazianz where he died June 8, 1900.

Maria-Verkündigung, Frauen
Verzeichniss
in der St. Andreas Kirche zu Le Roy
 1897.

1. Maria Weinberger	33 Johana Gittel	67 Theresia Wolmer
2. Maria Wittman	34 Cunigunda Heiglein	68 Maria Sonntag
3. Catharina Bauer	35 Sophia Schaufäggl	69 Magdalena Reiser
4. Frau Bauer	36 Theresia Schaufäggl	70 Maria Kleisner
5. Maria Schmid	37 Anna Steiler	71 Francisca Kubland
6. Catharina Bauer jun	38 Anna Seher	72 Maria Friedrich
7. Catharina Wittman	39 Maria Steinmeier	73 Maria Troll
8. Desula Huber	40 Theresia Röscher	74 Maria Fongbeck
9. Elise Huber	41 Francisca Bernard	75 Catharina Reiser
10. Margaretha Huber	42 Francisca Log	76 Francisca Langl
11. Margaretha Spitz	43 Maria Kieninger	77 Apollonia Wittman
12. Frau Huber	44 Angela Schinner	78 Theresia Walter
13. Margaretha Haut	45 Katharina Strasser	79 Crescentia Bauer
14. Maria Heis	46 Regina Kappeler	80 Johana Schmidbauer
15. Francisca Stabkovic	47 Maria Bauer	81 Frau Wild
16. Theresia Reiser	48 Maria Scheerl	82 Theresia Huber
17. Maria Heimerl	49 Maria Fritman	83 Frau Schiedermeyer
18. Maria Haas	50 Angela Reiser	84 Magdalena Schweitzer
19. Maria Burellach jun.	51 Maria Bauer	85 Carolina Cebner
20. Maria Burellach sen.	52 Maria Frensdorf	86 Carolina Ertl
21. Francisca Kuchmeier	53 Frau Bauer Junge	87 Christina
22. Martha Kuchmeier	54 Victoria Widmischer	88 Catharina Woffschmid
23. Barbara Wolf	55 Frau Dietrich	89 Veronica Ertl
24. Barbara Lehner	56 Crescentia Reiser	90 Elisabeth Wrigler
25. Barbara Meier	57 Margaretha Koch	91 Frau Brechtel
26. Francisca Meier	58 Theresia Heilig	92 Justina Keller
27. Tertius Reiser	59 Barbara Huber	
28. Crescentia Hausinger	60 Theresia Wittman	
29. Anna Breit	61 Maria Reiser	
30. Elisabeth Quick	62 Maria Wuchmeier	
31. Elisabeth Kinkes	63 Clara Kinkes	
32. Margaretha Brattli	64 Elisabeth Kubland	

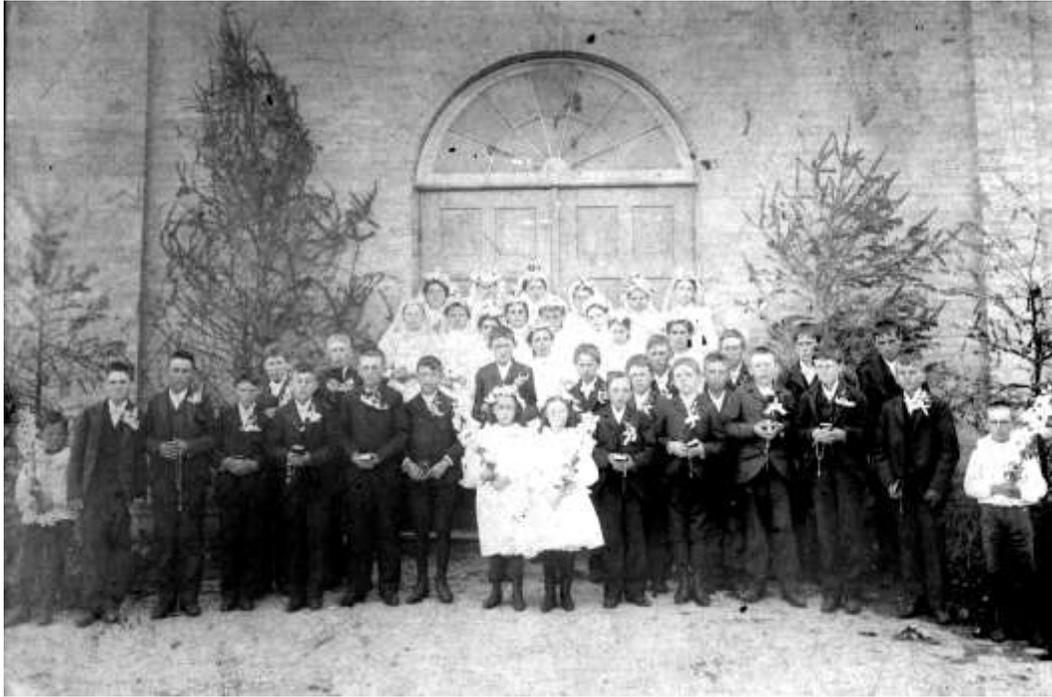


Photo courtesy Aurelia Kuehl

Above: A rare close-up of the entrance to the brick church built in 1862. The First Holy Communion Class, June 4, 1899 under the pastorate of Father Raess. Posing second from right, communicant John Ertl.

Father John Blum



John W. Blum was born February 19, 1848 at Suerth, Rhenish Prussia. He studied at the University of Bonn and Innsbruck. He was ordained on March 24, 1878 by Archbishop John Martin Henni in St. John's Cathedral, Milwaukee. During his pastorate at New Munster, Father Blum built a church of Gothic structure occupying an area of 110 by 46 feet and the completed cost was about \$12,000. The church was consecrated by Archbishop Heiss September 8, 1885. Father Blum then moved on to Dotyville and also ministered in Oshkosh. In June 1899 Father Blum came to St. Andrew in Le Roy. During his pastorate, Father organized the celebration for the Golden Jubilee of the parish, and formulated plans for a new church. One hundred and eighty seven members contributed to build a church with prophetic vision. Attendance at the meeting voted 45-22 in favor of building. The Original plans had put the parish in depth to the amount of \$ 3,500. It was projected at this time that this depth would soon be leveled. The church structure stands in strong testimony to the Christian values of our ancestors. It is with regret that one cannot write about the many stories associated with building the church. These were lost in time as events via word of

mouth were passed down through generations have faded or been lost to the level of imagination. Stories entered herein were told by 97 year old Louis Mueller regarding the first steeple cross. Louis recalls his father was hired to gild this cross for the tall steeple and the instructions were not to varnish the cross. The church workman failed to follow these instructions and in a few short years the gilding began to chip and peel. In a related story tells about the cross being hoisted to the top of the steeple with rope and pulley supported by a reaching guide post mounted at the top of the steeple. As the cross was inserted into the sphere socket, the acrobatic workman stood on the crossbar of the cross and with left and right motion slowly worked the cross into its base. It was also reported that Father Blum worked daily among the workmen unloading bricks and assisted in ground level work.

A point of interest as stated in the Dodge County Pionier Dec. 1899. 'The first shipment of 30.000 bricks for the new church has arrived in Le Roy. Some 370.000 bricks will be needed for the new structure'. In another entry, August 9, 1901 it states, "The Pews, pulpit and other items for the new St. Andrew's Church in Le Roy have arrived".

There are no records in regards to the contents that were placed into the church cornerstone. However, it was reported by word of mouth by third generation parishioners that baptismal records of Rose Adelia Oechsner and Felix Wild, born and baptized November 1899, were placed in the cornerstone.

The following articles were translated from German as published in the Dodge County Pionier. Through the courtesy of The Mayville News Editorial Staff the well preserved 1901 Volume of the Dodge County Pionier was released to Father Anthony Gundrum for the purpose of translating the articles and acquainting the parishioners of St. Andrew's Parish with their rich heritage

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH IN LE ROY

Saint Andrew Congregation in the town of Le Roy stands at the eve of a celebration that has long been anticipated. The new modern church is finished and is a monument to the united effort of the parishioners for the glory of God. Slowly but surely the construction proceeded. In the fall of 1899 the congregation in the presence of numerous dignitaries and parishioners celebrated its golden jubilee. At this time the parish priest, Father John Blum was commissioned by his Excellency the Most Reverend Frederick X. Katzer of Milwaukee to lay the cornerstone. In the spring of 1900 construction started on the upper structure of the edifice and the massive walls were built of brick. During the preceding fall plastering of the walls and the stucco work had been finished. The interior furnishings were incomplete. In 1901 members of the congregation completed the church. The furnishings for the interior were now finished except for the steam heating painting, stained-glass windows and the new organ. The old organ was too small for the large church.

THE MAGNIFICENT CHURCH

(Translator's Note: The September 27, 1901 edition of the Dodge County Pioneer published the first picture of the present church. The following translation refers to this picture.) Today we are in a position to show our readers a picture of the new Saint Andrew's Church. The copper engraving of the church is a true image of this wonderful edifice. A more beautiful or better picture of the church is impossible. The picture shows the gothic style in which the church is built. The front of the church faces north and has a width of 40 feet. The main entrance is reached by a 24 foot wide stairway, the top level is 12 feet wide. In the northwest corner is the 150 foot bell tower. This is built with four decorated pillars which rise as a four corner structure to the ceiling.



Original appearance of St. Andrew's church at the time of consecration September 25, 1901. The ornate parapet walls were partially removed by 1908



Golden Jubilee medallion of St. Andrew's church celebrated in 1899

The smaller of the two towers are octagonal in shape and are 90 feet high. It has no sound-holes and is decorated with windows. The church has two entrances. The main entrance is in the center and the side entrance is through the bell tower. The transept of the church (the shorter part of the cross-shaped church) has a breadth of 56 feet. On each side of the transept is a large window over which a wide gable rises. On each side of the wide gable is a smaller gable which extends only as far as the roof of the church. The length of the church is 124 feet. On the south side is the sanctuary; here is the high altar which will be consecrated tomorrow and used for the first time for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. What gives the interior of the church special charm are the ribbed arches, especially the ones in the transept. These rest on four pillars and are remarkable for their sweeping thrust towards the vaulted apex where they harmoniously intercept. These arches are original creations of artistic hands. Mr. Anton Dohmen, the well-known architect from Milwaukee, completed the plans for the new church according to the suggestions given him by the parish priest, the Rev. John W. Blum, who worked indefatigably for the erection of the new church.

The following is a translation of an article taken from the September 27, 1901 edition of the Dodge County Pioneer

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW CHURCH IN LE ROY

Last Wednesday, September 25, the new Saint Andrew's Church in Le Roy was consecrated. This was a big feast-day for the parish and for the many guests and friends who attended the impressive ceremony. Tuesday afternoon the old church was used for the last time. His Excellency Archbishop Katzer from Milwaukee administered the Sacrament of Confirmation in the little old church. This reverent ceremony was a memorable tribute to the House of God which had become too small for the many parishioners who now belong to St. Andrew's Congregation. The consecration ceremony began Wednesday Sept. 25, 1901 shortly after 9:00 A.M. Many priests attended and assisted during the ceremony. After the consecration, the church was formally opened and soon every seat was occupied. Only standing room was available. The consecration of the high altar followed. This ceremony lasted one hour. The celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass followed in the new church. The Rev. D.N. Thill of Sheboygan functioned as celebrant. The Reverends E. Meyer of Plymouth and F. Flush of Mazomanie were deacon and sub-deacon. The Rev. P. Holzfels from Saint George was Master of Ceremonies. Father M. Zimmer of Beaver Dam, and Father M. Mc Nolly from Mount Hope and Father L. Birkhaeuser from Racine assisted the Most Reverend Archbishop at the throne. The Rev. Maximilian J. Schmid from Ashford preached the sermon. Father Schmid was a son of the parish and a student of the Catholic school in Le Roy. The Rev. Schmid commended the parishioners of St. Andrew's for their unbounded zeal, self-sacrifice, perseverance and cooperative efforts in erecting the beautiful church. After the Archbishop's address, in which he referred to the deep Catholicity among the parishioners and prayed for their continuance in the practice of it, the "TeDeum" was intoned and Benediction followed. The dedication ceremonies were enhanced by the solemn renditions of the choir. This day will always be remembered with great joy by all who witnessed the impressive ceremonies. It is conceded that Saint Andrew's Congregation has a church so beautiful that within the entire state there is no country church larger or more impressive. This church cost the parishioners many sacrifices and much work. Consequently the joy in the hearts of these zealous people is great when they see this magnificent edifice produced by their labors.

The late Milton Hurlbert's dedication to St. Andrew's History opened the doors for this writer to carry on his dream of the parish history Milton felt very strongly about. The following text is part of Milton's manuscript:

"The official directory of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee lists the founding date of the parish of St. Andrew as 1849. The first Catholic Church was a simple log cabin style building. The log church was located south and east of the present church of today or north of the eastern borderline of St. Andrew's cemetery. The oldest graves in the cemetery are located just south of the area where the log church once stood. The second brick church built by Father Leander Schaffer in 1862 was located in the approximate area of the eastern part of the parish hall. St. Andrew needed a larger church and a tower to hold the bells to call the people to worship their God and the calling of another soul to the Throne of God. Under the leadership of Archbishop Frederick Xavier Katzer and Father John W. Blum and with the support of the parishioners the decision was made to build a church suitable for generations yet to be born. When the last nail was in place, and the ornate sculptured plaster pillars were topped with equally ornate capitals, the smell of fresh plaster, finest varnish and new wood smells permeated the structure. The ladies of the parish cleaned and polished the new church for days. Several of the finest cooks in the parish prepared a menu for the feast of the dedication.

The day had come. A dream was realized in the brick and stone that stood firm in the agrarian landscape. The farmers bathed and curried their finest horses to prepare to go to Knowles and meet the Milwaukee Road Railroad Train which had a special car in its makeup. This special car housed the Archbishop of Milwaukee, and his clerical and religious secretary who had come to Le Roy. They rode the unpaved road praying as they went to the new church. Over the hills and drumlins of ancient ice age the pilgrims moved. The church was vacant. The doors were locked. The bells were silent and the organ bellows were empty. Every one gathered outside to witness the start of the official consecration. Archbishop Katzer prostrated himself at the main entrance and recited the Litany of the Saints. Rising, he encircled the church three times, sprinkling the wall with holy water. Each time he passed the main doorway, he knocked upon it with his crosier. After he entered the church, knelt and with the visiting clergy, parishioners and visitors invoked the 'Veni Creator.' The interior walls were sprinkled with holy water three times. There are twelve crosses located in the mortar of the inner walls. Each cross had a sconce above it holding a blessed candle. These are the areas that are anointed. They are symbolic of the twelve Apostles upon whom the Church is built and who spread the word of God to all lands. Then the Archbishop consecrated the altar stone. The altar stone (mensa) contains five relics and commemorates the altars of the early Christians that were the tops of the tombs of the martyrs. The altar is the top of a superstructure that has its base in the earth. Father Gundrum coined the term "Cathedral of the Marsh"

Below: St. Andrew's membership roster of contributors to the building of the new church.

Liste der Geldbeiträge zum Bau der neuen St. Andreas-Kirche, in Le Roy, Wisconsin.

Bis zum 1. December 1901.

Gittl, Gr.....	\$ 500 00
Weiglein, And.....	350 00
Bauer, Fr. S.....	300 00
Bauer, Jos., jun.....	300 00
Linfes, W., sen.....	300 00
Kraus, S.....	300 00
Kendall, Aug.....	250 00
Mühle, Hen.....	210 00
Bauer, Lor.....	200 00
Bauer, Xavier.....	200 00
Huber, W. und D.....	200 00
Mühlmeyer, L.....	200 00
Schraufnagel, Joh. N.....	200 00
Schraufnagel, Jos.....	200 00
Weinberger, Jac.....	200 00
Weir, Martin.....	200 00
Wittmann, Wolfg.....	150 00
Breit, P.....	175 00
Dausinger, Jac.....	150 00
Seimerl, Jos.....	150 00
Sinkes, P., jun.....	150 00
Rehner, Louis, sen.....	150 00
Schmidbauer, And.....	150 00
Stuckmeyer, Jos.....	150 00
Jungb. & Xavier.....	120 00
Weiglein, Joh.....	115 00
Altmann, Joh.....	100 00
Burbach, Joh.....	100 00
Burbach, N.....	100 00
Jendcht, Wian.....	100 00
Gruber, Carl.....	100 00
Haller, S.....	100 00
Gruber, Jos.....	100 00
Koch, Jos.....	100 00
Wiegner, Jos.....	100 00
Meyer, Jos, sen.....	100 00
Neumeyer, For.....	100 00
Dechener, And.....	100 00
Dechsner, S. P.....	100 00
Sterr, Aug.....	100 00
Schabel, W.....	100 00
Vollmer, Fr.....	100 00
Weiß, Wlch. u. Fav.....	100 00
Weig, Lor, sen.....	100 00
Wild, Joh. S.....	100 00
Wittmann, P. in.....	100 00
Bangl, Jos.....	100 00
Kimmer, W.....	100 00
Eslinger, Wolfg. sen.....	75 00
Dausinger, Joh.....	75 00
Kaiser, Frau F.....	75 00
Reiser, Xavier.....	75 00
Zehren, P. sen.....	75 00
Sindt, Jac.....	65 00
Wieserhausen, Jac.....	51 50
Mum, J.....	50 00
Bauer, Frau L.....	50 00
Erll, Fr. sen.....	50 00

Gittl, Jac.....	50 00
Rauth, P.....	50 00
Keller, Georg.....	50 00
Kettl, Frau A.....	50 00
Mühlmeyer, S.....	50 00
Ruhland, Jos. sen.....	50 00
Scheberl, W.....	50 00
Schmidt, Fr.....	50 00
Schmidbauer, Mich.....	50 00
Sterr, Frau Anna.....	50 00
Sterr, Peter.....	50 00
Urban, Heinrich sen.....	50 00
Urban, Jos.....	50 00
Waas, Frau.....	50 00
Wild, Louis.....	50 00
Wild, Wlch.....	50 00
Wittmann, Jos.....	50 00
Gartner, L.....	40 00
Krapfl, Jos.....	40 00
Seiser, Jos.....	40 00
Bauer, Frau Fr.....	35 00
Sonnenberg, Fr.....	35 00
Stroh, Fr. Joh.....	35 00
Bauer, Jos. sen.....	30 00
Rob, N.....	30 00
Wittmann, And.....	30 00
Stumpf, Joh.....	26 00
Bredl, Joh.....	25 00
Dobler, Frau.....	25 00
Erll, Xavier.....	25 00
Hart, Jos.....	25 00
Holzner, Joh.....	25 00
Indermühle, Carl.....	25 00
Jungbeck, Fr. sen.....	25 00
Kahlhammer, Joh.....	25 00
Kummer, N.....	25 00
Kiegl, And. sen.....	25 00
Kiegl, Jos. sen.....	25 00
Wiener, Francisca.....	25 00
Vannersperger, A. jr.....	25 00
Vannersperger, A. jr.....	25 00
Reiser, W.....	25 00
Schmidbauer, Joh.....	25 00
Stadler, Seb.....	25 00
Urban, Heinrich jun.....	25 00
Weserhausen, Maria.....	25 00
Wild, Seb.....	25 00
Wild, Wlch.....	25 00
Wittmann, Frau Wolfg.....	25 00
Zehren, And.....	25 00
Vader, Thom.....	20 00
Sinkes, Jos.....	20 00
Stahlhammer, Carl.....	20 00
Walterer, Frau.....	20 00
Meyer, John jun.....	20 00
Neumeyer, Joh.....	20 00
Ruhland, Jos jun.....	20 00
Wild, Louis S.....	20 00

Delfeld, Joh.....	15 00
Hoffmann, Math.....	15 00
Kahlhammer, Fr. S.....	15 00
Kiegl, And. jun.....	15 00
Neumeyer, Fav.....	15 00
Dechsner, Frau S.....	15 00
Stahl, Joh.....	15 00
Zehren, P. J.....	15 00
Bernard, Joh.....	13 00
Dietrich, Frau L.....	10 00
Erll, Joh.....	10 00
Droß, Jac.....	10 00
Glünger, Jos.....	10 00
Erll, Georg.....	10 00
Falzbol, Jac.....	10 00
Kraucendorf, Frau J.....	10 00
Kleeberger, S.....	10 00
Krapfl, Georg.....	10 00
Kiegl, Joseph jun.....	10 00
Marion Frau.....	10 00
Ruhland, And.....	10 00
Ruhland, John N.....	10 00
Schmid, Frau B.....	10 00
Schmidbauer, Frau W.....	10 00
Sterr, Wlch.....	10 00
Sterr, Heinrich.....	10 00
Schweizer, Jos.....	10 00
Stüb, Frau.....	10 00
Waas, Georg.....	10 00
Weir, Lor. jun.....	10 00
Wessing, B.....	10 00
Zehren Joh. P.....	10 00
Zehren, P. J.....	10 00
Conrad, L.....	5 00
Engel, S.....	5 00
Erll, Fr. jun.....	5 00
Hadaller, Jos.....	5 00
Meyer, Seb. sen.....	5 00
Rohlinger, P.....	5 00
Schreiner, Joh.....	5 00
Sterr, Frau Seb.....	5 00
Wild, Rob.....	5 00
Ungenannt.....	5 00
Sonstige Einnahme.....	1 30

Zusammen.....\$10,791 80
Noten an Hand für \$1,092 00
J. W. Blum,
- Pfarrer.
Le Roy, Wis., 3. Dec. 1901.

✦ **Rechnungsablage** ✦
 über den Bau der neuen Kirche der
St. Andreas - Gemeinde,
 Town Le Roy, Dodge Co., Wis.,
 erbaut U. D. 1899 1901.

Ausgaben:

Mason and Bricklayers Work	\$2,520.00
Carpenters Work	1,850.00
Lumber	2,446.48
Brick	2,070.00
Freight on Brick	979.31
Lime and Cement	507.71
Limestone and Sand	151.63
Wages for hauling Lime and Water	104.73
Cut Stone Work and Marble Plate	795.00
Iron	335.19
Nails	214.71
Hardware	94.98
Galvanized Iron and Tin	959.00
Plastering and Stucco, materials incl.	1,208.21
Factory Work	1,530.30
Painting, materials incl.	159.51
Glass—\$85.00 for Glass Picture incl.	282.25
Plans and Specifications	360.00
Miscellaneous small expenses	102.27
Furniture, freight incl.	1,270.96
Total Expenses	\$17,945.64

Einnahmen:

Aus der Kirchenkasse	\$ 1,388.25
Ertrag vom Picnic und Fair	2,007.05
Baare Beiträge von Gemeindegliedern und Anderen	10,791.80
Gelichen	7,000.00
Gesamt-Einnahmen	\$21,187.10

The financial statement of building materials and labor as shown in the below document dated in the year 1899-1901 displays the costs of St. Andrew's church at \$ 17,945.64.

<u>Contributions of 160 members</u>	<u>\$10,791.80</u>	
May 10, 1900 Loan from Mrs. Marion	800.00	at 5 % interest
July 5, 1900 Loan from Maria Zehr	200.00	at 4%
July 12, 1900 Loan from George Hobbs	2,000.00	at 5%
Aug. 25, 1900 Loan from George Hobbs	4,000.00	at 5%
Total	\$ 17,791.00	

The above loans were negotiated by parish officers, Secretary Joseph Bauer, Treasurer Bernhard Schabel, and Father Blum with the approval of Archbishop Frederick X. Katzer

At the annual meeting Jan. 6, 1902, Xavier Rriser was nominated secretary and Joseph Gruber treasurer. These nominations were approved by the Archbishop Jan. 20, 1902