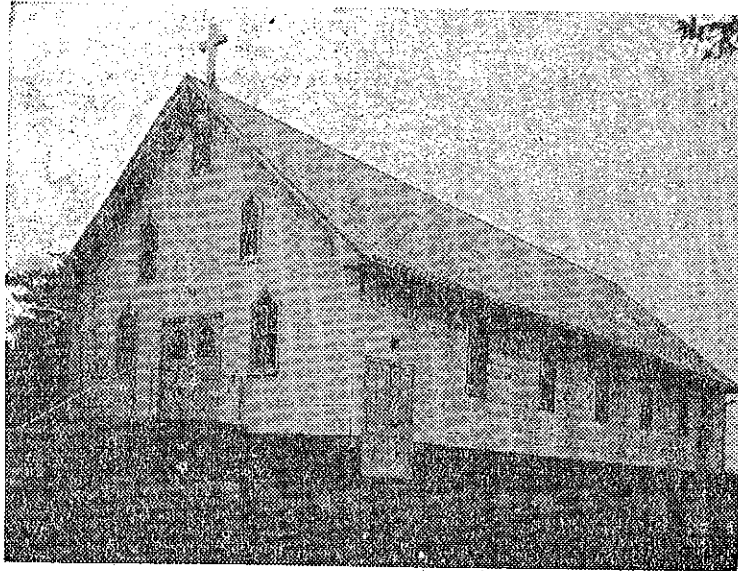


DYERSVILLE, IOWA, THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 22, 1940

New Catholic Church at Colesburg



Will Dedicate Church



ARCHBISHOP BECKMAN

Will perform dedicatory ceremonies, St. Patrick's church, Colesburg, Tuesday.

religious purpose. This brings us to the key note of the dedication of a Catholic church. Very well does the Post-Communion of the Mass of Dedication express this idea "My house shall be called a house of prayer, saith the Lord: in it everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

In the best and truest sense, a Catholic church is a house of prayer. Daily within its sacred walls is renewed the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for voluntary attendants. On Sunday, the day of the Lord, attendance by all is not optional but obligatory.

Thus it is, when the Bishop of a Diocese, dedicates a Catholic church from that day on it becomes the house of God most especially, where supplications are made, thanksgivings rendered and prayers answered. The Introit of the Mass of Dedication expresses significantly the position of a Catholic church after dedication.

"Terrible is this place; it is the house of God and the gate of heaven; and it shall be called the court of God; How lovely are Thy Tabernacles. Oh Lord of Hosts! my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. (Ps. 83.)

COLESBURG CHURCH
WILL BE DEDICATED

Solemn Services Will Take Place on Tuesday August 27th.

Colesburg, Ia., August 27.—On Tuesday, Aug. 27th Archbishop Beckman, S.T. D., will dedicate the St. Patrick's Catholic church of Colesburg, Ia. The Archbishop, assisted by a number of neighboring priests will celebrate the Pontifical high mass of dedication which will take place at 9:30 a. m.

The Pontifical high mass is preceded by the ceremony of dedication. The celebrant, the Archbishop, intones the "Asperges Me" which the choir takes up and the entire procession then proceeds to walk around the entire church on the outside, the Archbishop reciting the prayers of dedication as he goes along. Returning to the entry of the church the Archbishop, intones another Psalm and then the entire procession enters the church and the Archbishop sprinkles the walls within the church with holy water as he has done the outside walls before. After this ceremony the Archbishop kneels at the foot of the altar while the choir and chanters sing the Litany of the Saints. Then follows the Pontifical high mass, celebrated by His Excellency.

The Reverend Edmund Becker, assistant pastor of St. Boniface's church, New Vienna, will preach the sermon.

The Dedication of a Church.

Any building of consequence has its fitting dedication. It is thus with memorial buildings, lasting edifices, columns marking the place and the time of non forgettable historic happenings. Almost annually, the American Navy in some strategic point stages the christening of an important cruiser, warship or destroyer. All this has simply one meaning, the setting aside in an official way this object or machine for the specific purpose of its making.

And now the dedication of a church. The word dedicate is derived from the Latin word "dedicare" which specifically means to set aside for a very definite religious purpose. This brings us to the key note of the dedication of

Cornerstone of Colesburg Church Laid

Impressive Ceremonies . . .

SPECIAL EVENT
WELL ATTENDED

**Archbishop Beckmann of
Dubuque Officiated at
Ceremony.**



Archbishop Beckmann and other church dignitaries present as historical stone is being sealed in place

Colesburg, Ia., May 7.—Impressive services marked the laying of the cornerstone of the new St. Patrick's church at Colesburg, last Sunday afternoon, which was attended by a large congregation of members of the parish and people of the surrounding territory.

Promptly at 3 o'clock, his Excellency Archbishop Beckmann of Dubuque, his assistants Dean J. B. Herbeis of Dyersville and Rev. J. H. Schilmoeller of Worthington and the Reverend Clergy marched from the parochial residence to the site of the new edifice. Arriving at the steps to the entrance of the church, the litany of the saints was sung by the clergymen. The chanters were Rev. Father Halbach and Rev. Father Ament, both of Dubuque. Then followed the blessing of the stone after which it was imbedded in its place and sealed by Paul Kramer, of Dyersville contractor.

After the ceremony was completed the document, a copy of which was inclosed in the cornerstone was read by Monsignor Wolfe of Dubuque. The document contained a brief history and facts in connection with the construction of the new church.

Archbishop Speaks.

His Excellency Archbishop Beckmann delivered a brief sermon in the course of which he took occasion to congratulate the parishioners of the Colesburg church on their efforts in erecting the fine new structure, which replaces the one destroyed by fire some months ago. He stated that Protestants as well as Catholics are commended for their hearty cooperation in the reestablishment of the edifice. The Archbishop extended the papal benediction to the vast assembly at the conclusion of the sermon.

The following clergy were in attendance: Dean J. B. Herbers, Dyersville; Rev. Fathers J. E. Schilmoeller, J. Kessler, Worthington; J. J. Smith and Hemsath, Manchester; V. Hovermann, Epworth; H. Reinert, New Vienna; J. Hammil, Edgewood; M. J. Meyerhofer, Earlville; J. H. Hagemann and A. Gibbs, Petersburg; A. Halbach and E. Ament, Dubuque; J. Mauer, Balltown; Cletus Hodap and J. Jungblut, Epworth; J. J. Olinger, J. Dupont, T. Gannon, Luke Streigl, John Theobald, Karl Schroeder, N. J. Krull, of St. Donatus; Monsignor J. Wolfe, A. Thier and Casey, Dubuque; J. Thilgen of Ossian.

Dimensions of Church.

This beautiful structure now nearing completion is 70x30 ft with cement foundation and large basement hall. The material used in construction is of Johns-Mansville tapered shape textured asbestos siding, shingles on outer wall and hexagonal asbestos roof shingles.

The interior of the church is built of glaze coat bevel plank tan on the walls and white on on the ceilings. Three ply fir plywood four feet high is used for wainscoting. The windows are glazed opalescent glass with peak frames. A fine gallery has also been provided for where the organ and pews for the members of the choir will be placed. When completed it will be one of the finest little churches, for miles around

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COLESBURG CHURCH CORNERSTONE LAID

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and Rev. Father Bohr and his parishioners are to be congratulated for their efforts in erecting such a fine new church in such a short space of time.

Following is a copy of the document read by Monsignor Wolfe and placed in the corner stone of the church:

The cornerstone of St. Patrick's church, Colesburg, Delaware County, Iowa, was laid on the 5th day of May, 1940 by His Excellency Francis Joseph Beckman, S. T. D., Archbishop of Dubuque. This event occurred during the second year of the Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, formerly known as Cardinal Pacelli, while Cardinal Maglione was secretary of State to His Holiness Pope Pius XII and His Excellency Ameleto Cicognani, was Apostolic Delegate to the United States and Francis Joseph Beckman S. T. D. was Archbishop of Dubuque and while Reverend John Herbers was dean of the Dyersville Deanery and the Reverend Joseph W. Bohr, was Administrator of St. Patrick's church, Colesburg, Iowa.

Likewise the cornerstone of the

said St. Patrick's church, Colesburg, Iowa was laid during the third year of the second Administration of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, then residing in Capital City at Washington, D. C.; while Cordell Hull, was Secretary of State; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of Treasurer; Harry H. Woodring, Secretary of War; Robert Jackson, Attorney General; James A. Farley, Postmaster General; Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior; Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture; Harry L. Hopkins, Secretary of Commerce; Mrs. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor; Franklin Edison, Secretary of the Navy, while the Officers of the State of Iowa were:

Governor, George A. Wilson; Lieutenant Governor, Bourke D. Hicklenlooper; Secretary of State, Earl G. Miller; Auditor of State, V. B. Akers; Treasurer of State, Willis Gaylord Clark Bagley; Attorney General, Fred D. Everett; Secretary of Agriculture, Mark G. Thornburg; Supt. of Pub. Instruction Jesse M. Parker; while the following held office in Delaware County:

Auditor Roy Welterlen; Treasurer, A. L. Clark; Recorder, Miss Abbe Howard; Clerk of Court, Burten Clarke; County Attorney, Harlen Williamson; Sheriff, Carl Anderson.

Dr. Dittmer was Mayor of Colesburg while the new St. Patrick's Catholic church cornerstone was laid.

This document records the following families as belonging to the parish limits. All of these families aided in the erection of the Church and donated towards the financial upkeep:

George Bockenstedt, Edward Diers, Sr., Leonard Bockenstedt, Edward Diers, Jr.; Arnold Clemen, Isadore Diers, John Conley, Wil-

liam Diers, John Dolle, Lawrence Roling, Henry Finnegan, Gertrude Reihle, John Fruth, Arnold Steger, Maimie George Harry Schmelzer, Anton Helle, Gregor Vorwald, Ray Hogan, Katherine Vorwald, Clem Krapfl Wallace Finnegan, Anna Kirschbaum, Arnold Walz, Henry Kruse, Frank Rahe, William Lake, Arnold Weber, Ray Lake, Leo Weber, Elmer Lammers, Arthur Werenke, Louis Heying, Henry Werenke, Joseph Brunkhorst, Linus Werenke, Henry Meyer, Barney Wiskus, Clem Niehaus, Greg. Wiskus, Frank Niehaus, Ray Wiskus, Ben Nurre, Edgar Schenke, Floyd Nurre, Bernard Vaske, William Pasker, Frieda Hoefler, Leander Pasker, William Hoefler, Gregor Rolling, Cecelia Hemesath, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Ronald Wessel.

The following have made special contributions:

The pews for the new church: George Bockenstedt, William Lake and Anton Helle.

The Altar for the new church the late Reverend Henry Dunkel.

The organ, Mr. Clarence Putman, Bellevue, Iowa.

The Bell for the new church, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Niehaus.

The new sedelia, the amount of \$50.00 Mr. and Mrs. John Schieltz, Luxemburg, Iowa; Mrs. Wm. Lake, Luxemburg, Iowa.

Complete Set of White Vestments: Sister of St. Francis; St. Rose Convent, LaCrosse, Wis.; Sisters of St. Francis, Mt. St. Francis, Dubuque, Iowa.

Double Set of Candlesticks, Reverend J. H. Hageman, Petersburg, Iowa

Gold Candlesticks and Crucifix, A friend in Dubuque.

Purple and Green Vestments, Reverend O'Leary Winthrop, Iowa.

Donation of \$50.00, Reverend John Theobald.

Altar Supplies, Reverends Lorenz, Schuh, Miller, O'Hagan.

The sum of \$175.00, Holy Trinity Parish, Luxemburg, Iowa, Rev. Father Thole, Pastor.

The sum of \$158.35 SS Peter and Paul Parish, Petersburg, Iowa.

The following contributions were received from Dubuque;

Kies Monument Company, Cornerstone and labor; Daniel Diamond, \$100; Link Studio, \$10.00; M. J. Knippel Co., Altar Supplies; One white vestment, Miss Ruth Lambert, Dubuque, Iowa.

\$100.00 from Mrs. Anna Bruggemann, Petersburg, Iowa; \$100.00 a friend, Dyersville, Iowa; \$100.00 for statues from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Unga, Luxemburg, Iowa.

The following members have made contributions from \$10.00 down toward the windows, church floor and basement digging:

Henry Meyer, Bernard Vaske, Henry Kruse, Ray Hogan, Clem Krapfl, Anna Kirschbaum, Maimie Georgen, William Diers, Clem Niehaus, Arnold Steger, Ben Nurre, Lawrence Rolling, John Fruth, John Dolle, Bill Pasker, Leonard Bockenstedt, Cecelia Hemesath, Clem Wilhelm, Ike Diers, Leo Weber, Gertrude Reihle, Barney Wiskus, Ronald Wessel, Arnold Clemen, Arnold Weber, Anton Helle, Henry Werenke, Frank Niehaus, Linus Werenke, Ray Lake, Arthur Werenke, Edward Diers, Sr., Elmer Lammers, Frieda Hoefler, John Pasker, Harry Schmelzer, George Bockenstedt, Gregor Rolling, William Diers, Gregor Vorwald.

This painting and decorating of the church was done by Mr. Kaisatis, of Dyersville, Iowa. The work and material donated by William Hoefler and Frieda Hoefler.

This building was constructed in the year 1940 by Kramer and Son of Dyersville, Iowa. Concrete construction was in charge of the parish under the direction of Paul Kremer and associates. The material of said construction was furnished by Armstrong Lumber of Dyersville, Iowa. Heating and lighting were furnished by Schuster and Vickers of Dyersville, Ia.

Some forty priests from the Diocese of Dubuque and many faithful gathered for the ceremony of the cornerstone of St. Patrick's church, Colesburg, Iowa.

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The building committee who acted in planning and erection of church were George Bockenstedt, Arnold Steger, Ike Diers, William Lake, Henry Meyer, Anton Helle.

This cornerstone contains these papers:

The Delaware County Official Newspaper "The Manchester-Democrat-Radio; Dyersville Commercial of Dyersville; The Telegraph-Herald of Dubuque and the Official Organ of the Archdiocese of Dubuque "The Witness."

This document was typed by Lucinda Joester of Dyersville, Iowa.

The contents of the cornerstone are imbedded in the stone itself, this special container was made by Schuster and Son, Dyersville, Iowa.

Acknowledgement.

The Rev. Fathers J. H. Hagemann, Ernest Ament, A. Halbach; Messrs William Kramer, Paul Kramer, D. W. Armstrong, Palmer Vickers, Ray Wilhelm, Louis Till, Laurence Ernest, Nesler & Goedken, Henry Meyer, George Bockenstedt, William Lake, George Schuster, Sumner Smith, Dr. Dittmer, Dyersville Commercial, Wm. T. Brockmeyer Post American Legion No. 582, Lucinda Joester, Agnes Shea.

Given this 5th day of May, 1940 A. D.

After the ceremony His Excellency Archbishop Beckmann and the Reverend Clergy partook of a delicious five o'clock dinner at the Legion Hall. The same was prepared by the ladies of St. Patrick's parish.

Thus ended one of the outstanding events in the history of St. Patrick's parish of Colesburg.