

Rare Wood Carvings Decorate Interior of 100 Year Old Church

CIGAR STORE  
ARTIST 'LIVES'  
THRU CHURCH

Holy Family 100th Yr.  
Revives His Name

A cigar store Indian, its maker, a priest, and his new church play unusual and interesting roles in the history of the Holy Family Catholic church, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year.

The priest was the Rev. Arnold Damen, a Jesuit and first pastor and founder of the church at 1080 Roosevelt rd. The Indian's name is lost in antiquity. Its maker was Anthony Buscher, who had a woodcarving shop at 1123 S. May st.

Commission Carver

The wooden Indian, the woodcarver and Father Damen came together one day in 1856 when the priest was organizing the parish. Father Damen saw the Indian on a wagon, and hired Buscher to make the main altar and staturary in the new church.

Before Buscher, son of a French sculptor who emigrated to Germany during Napoleon's regime, could begin work on the altar, Father Damen had to arrange a matter with the civil war draft board. Adopting a practice of the day, the priest hired a soldier substitute for Buscher and work on the altar started.

Buscher was aided in the ornamental work by his nephew, Sebastian. After finishing the altar, they made the pulpit, seven confessionals, the vestibule, and several statues. Another woodcarver, Louis Wisner, a Lutheran, carved the walnut communion rail in the new Catholic church.

Foresters Mass Planned

The Catholic Order of Foresters, an organization founded in the parish, will attend mass at Holy Family at 10 a. m. Sunday to celebrate the centennial. Msgr. Arthur F. Terlecko, pastor of St. Gregory church, 1634 Gregory st., and state chaplain of the Foresters, will officiate.

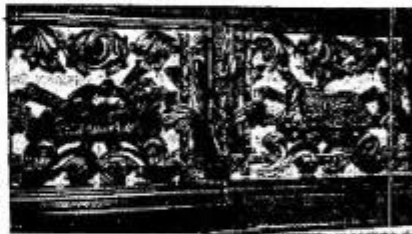
A party to raise some \$60,000 to prepare the church for



Statue of St. Patrick in Holy Family church was carved nearly 100 years ago by Anthony Buscher, an immigrant carver, who started his career in Chicago by turning out cigar store Indians. Church is celebrating its centennial. (TRIMMING PHOTO BY WILLIAM C. LEWIS)



Buscher carved confessionals from butternut wood as well as the main altar and its staturary. Buscher's nephew, Sebastian, carved the two statues.



Walnut communion rail running width of church has only two of its 17 panels repeated. The carver, Louis W. Wisner, finished the rail in about a year and received \$1 a day.

the main centennial celebrations will be held at 8 p. m. May 24 in the Morrison hotel, under the auspices of the ladies auxiliary of the church. Some 300 parishioners are expected to attend the fund raising party, according to Mrs. Ethel F. Landeck, 1548 15th st., party co-chairman.

Co-chairman for the card party with Mrs. Landeck is Miss Maureen Martin, 618 S. Lombard av., Oak Park. Committee heads are Mrs. Peter C. Granata, 1025 S. May st.; Mrs. Frank Doyle, 1400 Fillmore st.; Mrs. Catherine Laughlin, 1449 Fillmore st.; Miss Marguerite Maguire, 101 S. Mayfield av.; Mrs. John F. Ryan, 144 N. Masco av.; Mrs. Mildred Fay, 618 S. Lombard av., Oak Park, and Mrs. Lorelita Froelich, River Forest.

Committee Members

Committee members include Mrs. Dominic DeSanti, 1627 S. May st.; Mrs. John Driffenderfer, 306 S. Hamlin av.; Mrs.

Charles Green, 1648 15th st.; Mrs. Anne Jindra, 1340 Taylor st.; Miss Angeline Consalvo, 1107 S. Racine av., and Miss Madeline Caravelli, 1449 Fillmore st. The parish mother's club also has been working on the party.

Working on other centennial plans are John and Edward Carroll, 40 N. Menard av.; Pat Morris, 4629 Monroe st.; John P. Ryan, 144 N. Mason av.; John Sexton, River Forest; Michael Hedderman

and David Condon, 1121 Roosevelt rd.; Louis Ciampa, 1511 Taylor st.; Edward Field, 1308 Gresham st.; George Anderson, 1112 Taylor st.; William A. Lee, 179 Lake Shore dr.; Dan Laughlin, Sheraton-Blackstone hotel, and Timothy Kiley, Edgewater Beach hotel.

From 3,500 to 5,000 invita-

tions for the fall celebration will be sent to parishioners, former parishioners, and clergy, including Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop Hoban of Cleveland, Bishop O'Brien, Hollinger, and Shell of Chicago, and Hickey of Belize, British Honduras, according to the Rev. William P. Hagerity, pastor of the church.

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