



Remembering the 125th Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone

Articles from "The Catholic Citizen"

OVER 5,000 MEN WILL BE IN LINE.

Arrangements Made Thus Far
For the Parade Pentecost Sunday.

Eighty-three societies have signified their intention of participating in the parade to be held Sunday, May 21, in connection with the corner-stone laying of the Church of the Gesu. It is estimated that over 5,000 men will turn out. The line of the parade has not yet been decided upon.

May 20, 1893

A CATHOLIC GALA DAY.

CLERGYMEN WHO WILL OFFICIATE.

Presidents of All the Jesuit Colleges in
the Missouri Province Will Attend -
Pithy Points for Pastor and People.

All the arrangements for the laying of the corner stone of the Church of the Gesu, Sunday next, have been perfected. Archbishop Katzer will conduct the ceremonies. Bishop Burke, of St. Joseph, Mo., will deliver the oration. Rev. J.J. Keogh, of St. John's Cathedral and Rev. P.H. Durnin of St. Rose's Church, will act as masters of ceremonies. Rev. Joseph Rainer, rector of St. Francis' Seminary, will read the English inscription. The Latin inscription will be read by Rev. H. Gulski, of St. Hyacinth's Church. Rev. J. Becker, professor of music at St. Francis Seminary, will direct the chanters. The latter will be assisted by a chorus of forty male voices, made up from the member of St. Gall's and the Holy Name Church choirs.

In addition to the local clergy it is expected that many priests from throughout the state will attend the ceremonies.

Assurances have been received that between 5,000 and 6,000 persons will participate in the parade to be held preliminary to the cornerstone exercises.

The procession will move promptly at 2:30 o'clock along the following route: From Huron street up Broadway to Michigan, west on Michigan and Sycamore to Third, to Grand avenue to Gesu Church, and if the weather is favorable, as far as Twentieth street and countermarch to the church. The parade will be reviewed by Archbishop Katzer, Bishop Burke, and the local and visiting clergymen as it passes the Church of the Gesu.

The ceremonies at the church will begin at 4 o'clock p.m.

May 27, 1893

WITH REGAL SPLENDOR.

Cornerstone of the Church of the Gesu Laid.

Sunday, May 21, will ever remain memorable in local Catholic annals, for on that day was taken the initial action of a formal character which is to unite two of Milwaukee's leading congregations in one, that of The Gesu. And with what pomp and ceremony! Milwaukee never before witnessed the like.

An ideal day, it appeared that nearly every Catholic in town participated in the parade which in numerical proportions, appearance and resplendence outdid anything of the kind hitherto attempted here. Judging from the number of spectators along the route of march and at the church one might easily be led to believe that the city had turned out en masse to honor the occasion.

At the central scene the apex of grandeur seemed to have been reached. Distinguished prelates and clergymen, men prominent in the political and business world, and persons of all creeds and classes lent a cosmopolitan eclat to the event.

At the conclusion of Bishop Burke's sermon, the ritual of the cornerstone services was chanted by Archbishop Katzer. The cornerstone which is located in the main tower of the northwest corner of the building, was blessed with holy water, the mortar was spread over it and a small stone which fitted into and completely covered the opening, was placed in position. The mortar to cement it was marked with the sign of the cross. The English inscription placed in the cornerstone reads as follows:

*To God the Best, the Greatest,
In honor of the most Holy Name of Jesus
and under the Patronage of St. Gall,*

*His Holiness Leo XIII,
Happily Reigning;
Grover Cleveland
Being President of
the United States of North America;
George W. Peck, Governor of Wisconsin;
Peter J. Somers, Mayor of the City;
Louis Martin,
General of the Society of Jesus;
John P. Frieden,
Provincial of the Province of Missouri;
Victor Putten,
Superior of Marquette College;
Joseph F. Real and James D. Foley,
Pastors of the Churches of St. Gall
and the Holy Name,*

*A Sermon Having Been Preached
by the Right Reverend Maurice F. Burke,
Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne;
The Most Reverend Frederick X. Katzer,
Archbishop of Milwaukee,
Blessed and Laid
This Corner Stone of the Church
called the Gesu
for the Ministration
of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus
On the Feast of Pentecost,
The Twenty-first day of May,
Of the Year of Salvation, 1893,
In the Midst of a Vast Concourse of People.*

May 27, 1893

A CARD OF THANKS.

From the Jesuit Fathers and
the Congregations Under Their Charge.

The pastors and congregations of Holy Name and St. Gall's Churches highly appreciate the charity and cordiality shown by all who contributed to make the ceremonies of last Sunday so successful. They particularly desire to return thanks to the reverend clergy, who assisted at the ceremonies, to the grand marshal and all his assistants for their earnest and disinterested labors, to the police for their efficient service, to the Chapman Guard and all the church societies that took part in the parade, and to the Carroll & Keogh Co. for furnishing the artistic souvenir badges.



CHURCH OF THE GESU
A CATHOLIC, JESUIT PARISH