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THE CHURCH.

1885

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Celebration

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September the twenty-fifth

One : thousand : nine : hundred : and : ten

Rev. E. J. Fox, Pastor

Rev. J. B. Scanlan

Rev. J. A. Dunn

Rev. J. A. Hayden



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

1885 — 1910

Brief Chronicle of St. Charles Parish.



THE HISTORY OF ST. CHARLES PARISH is similar in its general outlines to most of the city parishes. A number of families reclaimed the prairie, and, desiring the comforts of religion and the benefits of a Catholic school, petitioned for a pastor of their own. At first the number of families was small—about two hundred—and many sacrifices were made, but faith and generosity conquered.

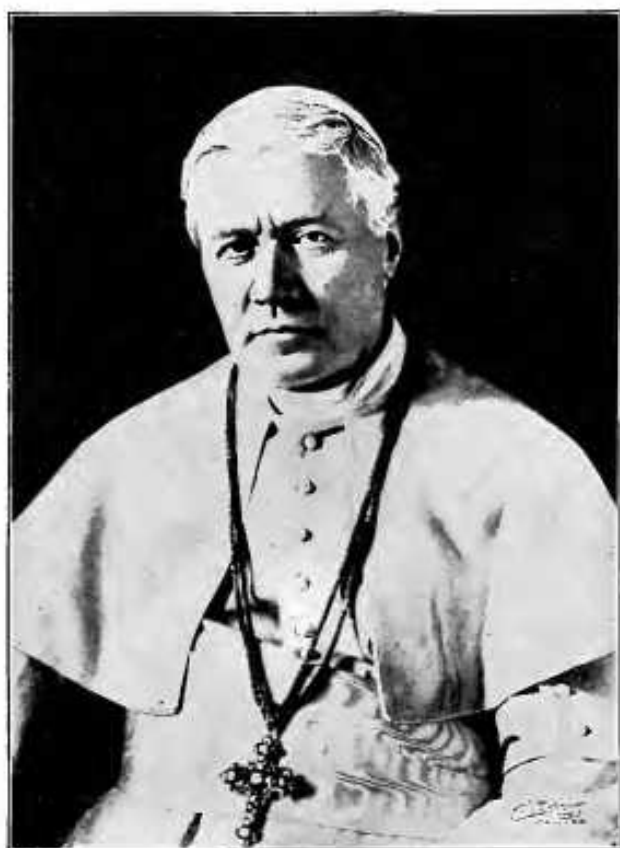
The present parish of St. Charles Borromeo was formed by joining portions of St. Pius' and St. Jarlath's parishes. All south of Twelfth Street formerly belonged to St. Pius', and all north to St. Jarlath's. It is bounded on the north by Polk Street, from Rockwell Street to Lincoln Street, and from Lincoln Street to Ashland Avenue by Taylor Street; on the east by Ashland Avenue from Taylor Street to Fourteenth Street; on the south from Ashland Avenue to Western Avenue by Fourteenth Street, and from Western Avenue to Rockwell Street by Sixteenth Street; on the west by the railroad tracks.

Rev. F. S. Henneberry, the pastor of St. Pius', worked most earnestly for the establishment of the new parish, and personally requested Archbishop Feehan to listen to the appeal of the petitioners for a pastor. The fall previous to the establishing of the parish Father Henneberry sent teachers from St. Pius', and they conducted what was termed the Branch School, which was situated on Hastings Street, No. 335, and in the property owned by Mr. J. Ryan.

In August, 1885, Archbishop Feehan appointed Rev. P. D. Gill as pastor of the newly formed parish, and he selected St. Charles Borromeo as the patron. Father Gill entered upon his work trusting entirely to the faith and good-will of the people of his new charge, and he was not disappointed.

When Father Gill arrived, there was no church, no land, no house, no place for service. For some months he accepted the hospitality of Father Henneberry, and held services in what was good-naturedly named "Ryan's Cathedral." Masses were said at 8 and 10:30 a. m. As soon as possible plans for the building which was to serve as church and school were prepared by Architect J. Egan. This building was finished in December, 1885. The lower floor was used for church purposes for ten years, and the second story for school purposes, and as living rooms for the Sisters.

This building was dedicated on the fourth Sunday of Advent, 1885, by Archbishop Feehan. The Mass was celebrated by Vicar-General Conway, assisted by Rev. F. S. Henneberry as deacon and Rev. P. J. Agnew as subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Archbishop, who complimented pastor and people on the rapid progress. The pastor rented a small dwelling at 78 Cypress Street as rectory and lived therein for seven years. A successful bazaar was held December 4-18, 1885, in the upper floor of the new building. This second floor was subdivided into school rooms and living rooms during the spring of 1886. In September, school opened in the new rooms with one hundred and twenty children. The school was under the supervision of Sister Mary Florentina, of the Sisters of Charity of B. V. M. During the month of November, 1886, a second parish bazaar was held in the factory on Olive Street, facing Ashland Street. In April, 1886, Rev. N. J. Hitchcock, now pastor of St. Agnes Church, Brighton, came to assist in the parish work. He remained until September of 1886, when he was succeeded by Rev. Lawrence J. Cunningham, who labored earnestly and successfully until April, 1894. May those who today enjoy the benefits of his labors kindly say a prayer for the repose of his soul! During the winter of 1886 Father Gill went abroad for some months and during his absence Rev. Thos. J. Kearney, now pastor of St. Patrick's parish, Hart-



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land, Ill., assisted Father Cunningham. The years 1887 and 1888 were very busy ones in the parish. The task of paying for work done was a heavy one. Little by little families came within the parish limits and helped through subscriptions and entertainments to pay for land and buildings.

1889.

June 20th, the children made their first Holy Communion at High Mass at 8 o'clock.

On July 3d, a parish picnic was held at Central Grove.

On November 3d, the Most Rev. P. A. Feehan, D. D., administered Confirmation at 3 p. m.

November 10th, a conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was established.

On November 19th, an entertainment for the benefit of the parish, especially to meet the large expense entailed by the improvements of the streets surrounding the church, was held in Apollo Hall, Blue Island Avenue.

1890.

In the month of July, a parish picnic at Central Grove.

July 20th, Bishop Moore of St. Augustine, Fla., made a collection for the benefit of his diocese.

School was reopened on September 2d.

September 29th, a lecture and sacred concert for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

October 29th, Archbishop Feehan administered Confirmation and a parade of the societies met him at the confines of the parish.

1891.

On March 29th, a special collection was taken up, and \$1,300 was added to the treasury.

August 9th, a parish picnic.

December 9th, an entertainment in Apollo Hall for the poor of the parish, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.