ST. JOSEPH CHURCH—The recently completed St. Joseph Catholic Church in Centerville will be dedicated in services scheduled for Sunday. The Rev. O’Neil Landry is pastor.

Church To Be Dedicated Sunday In Centerville

—Centerville, La.

The new St. Joseph Catholic Church in Centerville will be dedicated Sunday, January 28 at 4 p.m. by the Most Reverend Maurice Scheupnayder, Bishop of the Lafayette Diocese.

The Church was completed about two months ago and the first Mass in the church was celebrated on Thanksgiving day by the Reverend O’Neil Landry, pastor.

The new building is of contemporary design with a bell tower on the center roof and is constructed of rose-buff brick. It has a seating capacity of 400 and the overall size is 50 by 140 feet.

The interior walls are also of brick, trimmed with blond paneling. The large sanctuary contains the same paneling and the communion rail and altar are of imported marble. The ceiling is designed of acoustical tile.

TO THE right of the vestibule is a combination baptistry - cry room and to the left is the confessional and the stairway to the choir loft.

The architect for the church was Lloyd Guillory of Morgan City and contractors were Rezweber & Associates.

A massive stained glass window, centered with figures of the Holy Family and other church symbols, is above the entrance doors. The statues and stations of the cross are fashioned from carved wood. Most of the interior furnishings were gifts from parishioners. The bronze bell was also donated.

The history of St. Joseph Church is interesting and dates back to the latter part of the nineteenth century. The former church building was enlarged about 1890. In the course of its existence is reverted from parish church to mission and back again to parish church.

From 1894 to 1905 the church was served by the Reverend John Holligree. From 1905 to 1915 it was served by the neighboring parishes, Patterson and Franklin.

In 1915 St. Joseph’s was erected as an ecclesiastical parish with the Reverend James Gelabert as pastor. Five years later he was succeeded by the Reverend Louis Ducroix. Later the church again reverted to a mission of the Church of the Assumption in Franklin.

Finally in August, 1933 the late Bishop Jules Jeanard appointed The Reverend O’Neil Landry, former assistant pastor at the Church of the Assumption, as pastor of St. Joseph.

CONSTRUCTION on the handsome new building began November 15, 1960 with the consent of Bishop Scheupnayder and the cooperation of parishioners.

The public is invited to attend the dedication rites and the informal reception which will follow.

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