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$266,598 contract let on new Catholic Church

(Taken from the Church Point News, July 14, 1953)

A contract totaling $266,598 was let Tuesday, July 7, 1953 for the construction of a new 8,320 seating capacity Catholic Church here.

A general contract for $246,622 was sent to Robert Angelle of Breaux Bridge. A $19,976.30 contract for air-conditioning for the building went to Besullier Air Conditioning Company of Lafayette.

Ground breaking ceremonies have been set for Sunday, July 26 at 7:45 a.m.

The new church will be in modern design and French classic style. The Church will have a tower and the exterior will be of red brick trimmed in marble and cast stone.

The interior walls will be textured tile and brick and laminated arches will support an acoustic ceiling about 36 feet above the floor.

Floors will be terrazzo.

Windows have been designed at a height to give cross ventilation and above these windows will be five large arched lunette windows, each of which will have a large panel for the Mysteries of the Rosary. They were awarded by the building committee of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Members of the council are Levi Fontenot, M. W. Scanlan, general chairman, Edward Daigle, Oscar Guidry, Jack Daigle and P. Roy Horecky.

Architect for the project is Owen B. Southwell of New Iberia.

Work on the building will start July 27, 1953 with completion expected by October, 1954 stated Msgr. C. A. Bienvenu, pastor.

NEW INTERIOR - The walls were recently painted as part of the renovation work taking place at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. Shown in the photo is the altar at the front of the church. A new sound system has also been installed.

Congratulations Msgr. Fred Swenson
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church
Over 1,000 witness OLSH ground-breaking rites

(From Church Point News, July 28, 1953)

Over 1,000 persons witness the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, July 26, 1953. The procession formed from the church led by the cross bearing altar boy, Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. A. Bienvenu, the Rev. Lionel Arsenault, CSSR, who preached the solemn novena in honor of St. Ann, and also members of the building committee.

Following a speech made by Msgr. C. A. Bienvenu, the religious ceremonies of the blessing of the grounds and the ground breaking.

Present at the memorable occasion besides the hundreds of Catholics were Owen J. Southwell of New Iberia, architect, Robert Angelle, general contractor, and building committee members, Mike Scanlan, Roy Horecky, Homer Bellard and T. R. Daigle.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES - Msgr. C.A. Bienvenu shoveled the first dirt on Sunday, July 26, 1953 for the groundbreaking of the new Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. Looking on are Mike Scanlan, Homer Bellard, P. R. Horecky, Rev. Lionel Arsenault, CSSR, Rev. Gene Speyrer, associate pastor, Robert Angelle and Owen J. Southwell, architect.

IN THE VESTIBULE - In the vestibule of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church are two plaques, one listing names of parishioners who served as solicitors to raise funds to build the church and the other naming committee members under whom the church was built.

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Church pews will feature cushioned seats

Seat cushions for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church are part of the renovations of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

A committee was formed to discuss the possibility of obtaining the seat cushions for the church pews to promote comfort and to enhance the performance of the new sound system.

The total cost of the project is $38,000. In order to cover the costs for the cushions, the committee designed a plan for payment. Plaques will be available to purchase in memory of family and friends who have died or simply for family recognition.

Plaques for the large pews are $400 and for the smaller pews $200. Once a pew is chosen and a donation has been made, plaques will be placed at each end of the pew.

Committee members are Harold Beaugh, Moisé Daigle, Jr., Benny and Darlene Guidry. Eldine Guilbeau and Kent Latiolais. All meetings were conducted with the assistance of Msgr. Fred Swenson.

If interested contact the rectory for payment, selections of pews, and the limited wording to be placed on the plaque.

First high mass

OLSH blessed

Over 1500 witnessed the blessing of the new Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the first solemn high mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1954.

On the occasion of the dedication, the clergy and laity gathered in front of the church.

Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard dedicated the church and blessed the walls from the outside. The procession entered the church to dedicate the altar and bless the walls from the inside. After this the faithful entered the church for the pontifical high mass.

The dedication sermon was preached by Msgr. Alan A. Bienvenu in celebration of his 25th anniversary in the priesthood and the dedication of the new church which was a dream come true for the pastor.

Honored at this banquet was Rev. Msgr. C. A. Bienvenu in celebration of his 25th anniversary in the priesthood and the dedication of the new church which was a dream come true for the pastor.

CUSHIONED PEW - When all renovations are complete, parishioners will be able to sit on cushioned pews. Shown in the photo is an example of what the pews will look like.

Monsignor Fred Swenson

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**Renovations begin, April 13**

A year ago in April, renovation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church began.

The first phase of renovation began after Easter Sunday, Monday, April 13, 1999.

This was an exciting time for the church parish. The church, which was dedicated in November of 1954, was in need of renovation.

Scaffolds were constructed around the church, with the removal of the vinyl siding and replacing of stucco.

When construction workers began remodeling the old bell tower and steeple, the wood was found to have rotted, making removal necessary.

The old bell, "Marie Louise," was removed from the belfry, along with the large columns which held up the steeple since 1954. The bell, which rang out for happy and sad occasions in the community and called parishioners to services, was christened in 1884. It rang from the belfry of the old church and was again relocated in the new church.

Future plans are to have a monument built next to the church for the bell.

To preserve some of the past, the columns have been striped and marbleized and are now part of the renovation inside the church. The columns are located at the main entrance inside the church and at the side doors.

A new steeple now sits on top of the church, which has been completely reroofed.

Despite a thunder and rain storm, the steeple was erected on July 28, 1998. This marked a part of history for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

In the inside of the church walls, the windows have been painted burgundy. The large molding around the windows have been adorned with a gold striping. The wrought iron trim over the old choir loft is also painted in burgundy.

The seats and backs of the pews are being padded and covered with a matching design fabric, which will enhance the beauty of the church and the sound system.

As the renovation of the church was in progress, the Adoration Chapel was closed for two weeks while the chapel was painted.

The church grew in size, with the addition of a new roof on the chapel and rectory.

The St. Joseph House of Care also saw some improvements.

At this time, all is ready for the celebration on Sunday, November 21 and the church will be beautifully decorated for the occasion by a committee that has been making plans for sometime.

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NEW STEEPLE FOR OLSH - Despite thunder and rain, the new steeple at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church was erected on July 28, 1999.

BEFORE THE TRIP TO THE TOP - The new church steeple is shown here before it was lifted up above the church belfry.

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Landscaping at O.L.S.H.

At the November of the Catholic Daughters Court Immaculate Conception #1531, Eldine Guilbeau gave a report on the landscaping of the church grounds.

She reported the approximate cost would be $2,600.

The Catholic Daughters made a donation from their chicken salad sale. She also stated that donations were being made by individuals and businesses.

Robby Richard, owner of Ground Works, volunteered to do the work at no charge for his time, according to Mrs. Guilbeau.

K.C. CLEAN-UP - Bob’s Tree Service assisted the Knights of Columbus in the church grounds clean-up in preparation for the upcoming celebration.

ADORATION CHAPEL - Work on the Adoration Chapel was completed in July 1998. The chapel was closed for two weeks for the renovation. The inside was repainted and the chapel was re-roofed.

Monsignor Fred

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months in advance. A diocesan approved Engaged Couples Conference
is required.
VISITATION TO THE SHUT-INS: Call the rectory if you are unable to
attend Mass because of prolonged illness or advanced age.

FIRST COMMUNION - Msgr. Fred Swenson is shown here with a group
of First Communion children at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.
This was the first class to make their First Communion under the pastor-
ship of Msgr Fred Swenson.

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ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH - The marbleized columns shown here at the entrance to the church were once part of the church's steeple. The columns were removed, cleaned and marbleized to be kept as a remembrance of the past. They have been used at this entrance and at a side entrance to the church.

OLD OLSH CHURCH - Parishioners of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church worshiped in the old wooden church from 1883 to 1954.

The "Church Point News" wishes to thank all individuals and businesses who have made this supplement a possibility.

Monsignor Fred
We feel very special to have you as our "leader." We are proud of you!
Willard, Shirley, Melissa & Nancy

"Monsignor Swenson"
God has graced us with your presence and your involvement in our community.
We "Thank You"
Church Point Volunteer Fire Department
Monument planned for "Marie Louise" bell

With the renovation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, the large bronze church bell whose name is Marie Louise, was removed from the belfry, and will be set in a monument on the church grounds.

The interesting old bell was consecrated and installed in 1894 in L'Eglise de Sacre Coeur de Marie Catholic Church, the name given the church when it was built.

An interesting note is that the church was later named Church of the Sacred Heart of Mary and then renamed, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

The bell remained in the old church, calling the faithful to church, ringing for the passing of a soul, warning of disaster and ringing joyfully on happy occasions. When the new church was built in 1953-54, the bell was installed in the church steeple.

It rang until several years ago when a computer bell system was installed.

Although not in use, it remained in the steeple until the renovation of the church, which began in June of 1998. When the church steeple was removed, the bell was removed.

The bell, called Marie Louise, in honor of the Virgin Mother of God and St. Louis, King of France, came into being through the efforts of the citizens of the parish of Church Point, among which Homer Barousse, Elodie Daigle Guidry, Thelisire Guidry and Ernest Daigle deserve special mention.

Godparents of the bell were Homer Barousse and Elodie Daigle Guidry, wife of Pierre Louis “M’Sieur Guid” Guidry.

It was cast during the reign of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. Francis Janssens was the Archbishop of New Orleans and the church pastor was August Vincent Ely.

According to Father Fred Swenson, pastor, a tower for the display of the bell will be built in the Meditation Garden planned for the church grounds.

These plans were made for the citizens of Church Point, as well as the many visitors who visit the community, to have the pleasure of viewing this very special bell which will live for years and years to come.