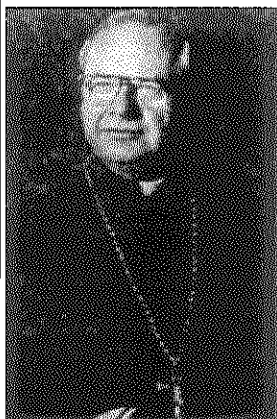


90th Anniversary of Dedication of St. Bridget Church August 30, 1998 2 pm Mass - Dinner 4 pm

St. Bridget News

Rural Axtell, Kansas



Archbishop James P. Keleher, S.T.D., the main Celebrant for Mass on August 30, 1998.

Once again, we are blessed to have Archbishop Keleher with us as we pass another milestone at the St. Bridget Historical Society. On August 30th, we will have a special anniversary Mass with Archbishop Keleher as the main celebrant and homilist.

Following the 2 pm Mass, the Axtell Knights of Columbus, Council # 1163, will serve a hickory smoked Chicken Bar-

B-Que dinner. Members of the St. Bridget Historical Society will supply the rest of the meal: Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Tea Rolls, Cake, Tea and coffee. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 with all proceeds going to help raise funds for tuckpointing the exterior of the church. St. Bridget Historical Society has applied for a Heritage Trust grant and we have to match a certain percentage of the funds for the grant.

The Society has order 200 chicken (400 halves) and has rented a large tent for the occasion.

COME OUT AND ENJOY A GREAT MEAL AND HELP US SUPPORT ST. BRIDGET, Marshall County's latest National Historical Site.

HELP NEEDED FOR ANNUAL WORKDAY

The annual Workday has been set for August 22 at 8:00 am. This year we are grateful to the K. of C. Council #1163 who have offered to assist us with some of our annual clean up chores. Some of the things that we hope to accomplish this workday are:

- ◆ Finish caulking windows
- ◆ Paint and clean toilets and set posts
- ◆ Finish brace on basement door
- ◆ Fix basement door to shut replace window
- ◆ Trim Cedar Trees
- ◆ Put up Bar-B-Que pit
- ◆ Clean and make repairs in basement
- ◆ Remove loose bricks
- ◆ Ladies will clean church (bring mops)
- ◆ Cemetery work

We are hopeful that other men and women who have ties to St. Bridget will help us this day. If you can not assist us on this workday, a donation to help pay for the materials used for the workday would be appreciated.

REMEMBER - we depend on you both for our volunteer hours and talents to keep the church safe and presentable - but also your financial assistance to help us pay the bills.

Thank you,

The Officers and wives of the St. Bridget Historical Society

— 90 years ago —
**Dedication of
 St. Bridget Church**

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, [editor's note: date should read Wednesday, Sept. 2] a large crowd went to St. Bridget Church to attend its dedication. The day was one of the most beautiful which the month of September can only produce in Kansas. The dedication ceremony was performed by Bishop Lillis of the Leavenworth diocese, assisted by the clergy present. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Smith of Blaine, Kansas, he having been raised in the parish of St. Bridget. Rev. Fr. Taton of Axtell assisted as deacon and Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan of Irish Creek as sub deacon. Rev. Fr. Orr of Frankfort acted as master of ceremonies. The very impressive service began at 9:30 a.m. and was closed at

11:45 a.m. At noon all present enjoyed one of the most bountiful and splendid repasts ever served to so large a multitude, in fact, we are reliably informed that that dinner, prepared by the parish of St. Bridget Church, has never been equalled. The afternoon and evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse of the past and present members of the parish to whom these festivities also served as a reunion. Large crowds from all neighboring towns were present and the Axtell band boys gave several selections of their well-stocked repertoire. The crowd dispersed at a late hour in the evening, all vowing that they had spent one of the most impressive as well as most pleasant days in their life. St. Bridget Church is a beautiful work of architecture and just been completed and we heartily congratulate its members upon the possession of such a place of worship.

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