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The Catholics

The first Catholic services in Dubuque were held by Father Quickenbourn, of the Jesuit College, St. Louis, at the home of Mrs. Brophy the summer of 1833. Services were afterward held the same year at the house of Patrick Quigley. Early in 1834 Rev. J. Fitzmaurice, a Catholic clergyman, was stationed at Dubuque.

"In the fall of 1833, in the south room of Patrick Quigley's two-story log house, at First and Bluff streets, religious services were held by Rev. Fr. Fitzmaurice, and during the following winter and for over two years mass was said by Rev. Fr. Mazzuchelli in the same room."---Statement of J.P.

Quigley

"The Catholics of Dubuque have subscribed \$1,100 for the purpose of getting a Catholic church built...We have already bought the lumber and let out the contract, and expect to have it finished before All Saint's day, as they are far more zealous there than at Galena."--Rev. Fr. Fitzmaurice, in a letter dated July 28, 1834, to Bishop Rosati, of St. Louis.

Father McMahan was sent in 1834 by the Bishop of St. Louis to visit the few Catholics at Dubuque, but died the same year in Galena.

Although Patrick Quigley had a large family, he nevertheless furnished Father Mazzuchelli with room; the latter was really architect and builder of the first Catholic church and also collected and applied the funds. Services were held at Patrick Quigley's until September, 1836, when the roof of the church having been put on, meetings, thereafter were held in that building.

The corner stone was laid August 15, 1835.

St. Raphael's Catholic church in Dubuque was at first a member of the Catholic Episcopal See of Wisconsin Territory. In 1834 the subscription for the church was commenced. By November, 1835, the subscriptions amounted to \$3,669.87 1/2 and by December 19, 1837, amounted to \$4,961,62 1/2 and every cent had been expended. Included in these receipts and expenditures were the following sums which had been borrowed: \$200 of James McCabe; \$200, James Cunningham; \$91, William Burke; \$65.75, Patrick Finn; \$50, Baker & Cox; \$26.50, Alexander Levi; \$19.75, Patrick Quigley and Mr. Butterworth. The corner stone was laid by Father Mazzuchelli August 15, 1835.