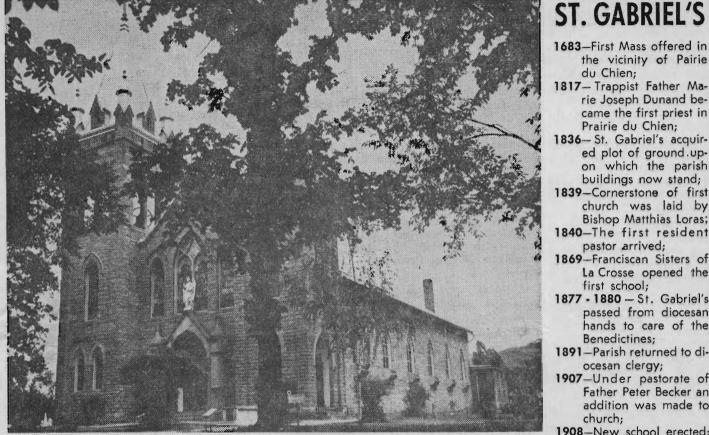
Prairie Du Chien



St. John's Church: Bishop John P. Treacy replaced the church built in 1891. Monsignor Paul dedicated this beautiful new church 11 years ago (Nov. 4, 1951). It

ST. JOHN'S

- 1891—Parish established with erection of new church;
- 1893-First rectory built;
- 1899—Art glass windows installed in church;
- 1902—Two-classroom school built; two Sisters of N. Dame instructors;
- 1905-1918—Father Anthony Bilik was appointed pastor; church was enlarged, sanctuary remodeled and entire church redecorated.
- 1921—Addition to school completed with a connecting convent;
- 1938-New rectory built;
- 1941-Golden jubilee;
- 1944—St. John's, deanery parish for Prairie du Chien Deanery;
- 1951—Dedication of new church took place;
- 1961—A modern one-story grade school erected.



built in 1839, was the fulfillment of the dreams inal building of 1839. Father Earl L. Burns, SJ, of Father Samuel C. Mazzuchelli who founded is pastor. the parish. Since it was built, the facade has been

St. Gabriel's Church, with its Gothic fa- changed, the interior refurbished and a modern sacristy added, but the church proper is the orig-

ST. GABRIEL'S

1683-First Mass offered in the vicinity of Pairie du Chien;

1817 - Trappist Father Marie Joseph Dunand became the first priest in Prairie du Chien;

ed plot of ground.upon which the parish buildings now stand; 1839-Cornerstone of first church was laid by

Bishop Matthias Loras; 1840-The first resident pastor arrived;

1869-Franciscan Sisters of La Crosse opened the first school;

1877 - 1880 - St. Gabriel's passed from diocesan hands to care of the Benedictines: 1891-Parish returned to di-

ocesan clergy; 1907-Under pastorate of

Father Peter Becker an addition was made to church; 1908-New school erected:

1916 - Jesuits returned to St. Gabriel's;

1935-New wing to school;

1961-Bishop Treacy dedicates new school.