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KEWAUNEE COUNTY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Walhain Church Is Set For Golden Anniversary

LUXEMBURG (PG) — St. Amand's Catholic Church in the community of Walhain will celebrate its Golden Anniversary Sunday. St. Amand's is the mission church of St. Martin's, Tonet, with the Rev. C. J. Barnard present pastor.

It was Oct. 13, 1912, that the first Mass was celebrated in the new St. Amand's. An interesting light on construction costs of that era: St. Amand's complete with furnishings, cost \$9,000!

St. Amand's was built by the Rev. Milo P. Smits, O. Praem., pastor of St. Martin's, Tonet. His missions at that time were St. Amand's, the Chapel at Robinsonville, and St. Joseph's, Champion. Father Smits, celebrating his 55th anniversary as a priest, will be the celebrant of the Solemn Golden Jubilee Mass.

Father Smits was born in Holland in 1883 and came to St. Norbert Abbey in America in 1906. He was ordained to the priesthood in Two Rivers in 1907 and said his first Mass at St. Joseph's Church in De Pere. He was appointed pastor of St. Martin's and its three missions in 1908. In 1922 he became pastor of St. Joseph's, Champion, and remained there until 1951. In that year he became pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Brussels, which is his present assignment. All told Father Smits has been a pastor for 54 years.

Father Barnard, the present pastor of St. Martin's and St. Amand's, is a native of Green Bay. He entered the Norbertine Order in 1930 and was ordained in 1937 by the late Bishop Rhode. After filling parochial assignments in Chicago and Essexville, Mich., Father Barnard was appointed to the faculty of Southeast Catholic High School (now Bishop Neumann), Philadelphia, where he remained for 19 years.

He then taught at Premonstre High School, Green Bay, until his appointment last July to Tonet and Walhain. Father Barnard is the son of Mrs. H. R. Barnard, 300 West Briar Lane, Green Bay. His brother, Mike, is head of the Barnard Corp.

The Sunday Golden Jubilee celebration will consist of the Solemn High Mass at 10 a.m. This will be followed by a parish banquet at Vandevelt's Hall.

A parish dance in the evening will conclude the day's festivities. The sermon for the jubilee Mass will be preached by Father Barnard.

The late Bishop Fox of Green Bay dedicated St. Amand's on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1912. Father B. J. Scheevers, O. Praem., predecessor of Father Smits, celebrated the Solemn High Mass. St. Amand's at that time had a congregation of 20 families.

Norbertine Fathers who have been pastors of St. Martin's and St. Amand's: Father B. J. Scheevers — 1898-1908; Father M. P. Smits — 1908-1922; Father L. A. Dobbeltstein — 1922-1947; Father H. E. McDonnell — 1947-1956; Father T. L. Werner — 1956-1959, Father J. A. Mailhot — 1959-1962.

Msgr. Francis C. Heimann, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Algoma, and Dean of Kewaunee County, will preside at the Solemn Mass.



Rev. Barnard