

St. Andrew's to Dedicate Historical Plaque on Sunday July,18

The dedication of St. Andrew's historical plaque will take place on July 18 at the Fourth Annual Outdoor Mass and Potluck Lunch. The event will take place at St. Andrew's cemetery-ball park area beginning at 10:30 AM.

The potluck lunch will follow the Mass and Dedication. Meat and beverages are being furnished. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to pass and also lawn chairs.

The parishes of St. Mary and St. Andrew extend their welcome to parishioners and visitors alike for the Liturgical celebration and fellowship in an Gemachlichkeit environment.

The 16x20 inch Bronze Plaque was cast by the Franklin Bronze Company from Pennsylvania. The engraved image of St. Andrew's church was provided by photographer Dave Mencil of Mayville. The stainless steel brackets for mounting the plaque was fabricated by the joint efforts of Mayville Tool and Die and RuMar Corp. We thank all of the above for their services..

St. Andrew's church was listed in the Wisconsin Register of Historic Places by the State Historic Board of Review on October 23, 2009.

Following this event, St. Andrew's Nomination was forwarded to the National level by National Register Coordinator, Daina Penkiunas. The National Historic Board of Review accepted St. Andrew's nomination on January, 27, 2010.

A letter received on Feb. 5, 2010 from The Wisconsin Historical Society to St. Andrew's Church Council reads as follows, (in part)

"We are pleased to inform you that *St. Andrew's Church at W3081 County Highway Y in the town of Le Roy, Dodge County, Wisconsin* was listed in the National Register and State Register of Historic Places by the Secretary of the Interior on January 27, 2010."

The closing paragraph of the 38 page Nomination Document , written by Historic Preservation Consultant, Carol Lohry Carthwright writes the following:

“ St. Andrew's Church is architecturally significant for both its Gothic Revival Architectural style, but also for its elements of high artistic value. The building is a fine example of Gothic Revival architecture, as interpreted in churches at the turn of the twentieth century. As a rural church, it is unusual for its size, its elaborate gothic details, and its highly decorative interior design. It was the work of a master architect who was a specialist in Gothic Revival church design and excelled at large church plans. It also has features of high artistic quality, including intact stained art glass windows produced by one of the country's noted stained glass artisans . Its integrity is very high and a 1997 restoration of the interior brought back even more of the ambience of the original church decoration. A former pastor called St. Andrew's Church the “Cathedral of the Marsh” There could be no more apt name for this outstanding historic building. “

