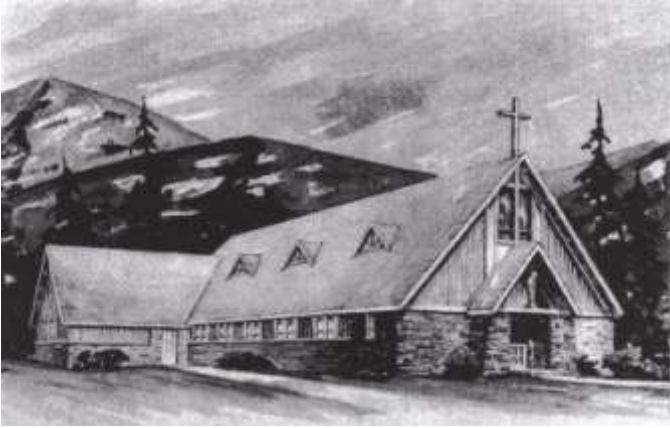


New St. Anne's Church in Grand Lake Dedicated



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The new St. Anne's Catholic Church of Grand Lake, with its sanctuary of rustic décor to match the mountain setting was formally dedicated June 1958 with Solemn High Mass by the first regular pastor of the old St. Anne's, the Reverend Thomas Barry in the presence of His Excellency, Archbishop Urban J. Vehr, D.D. The archbishop administered the sacrament of confirmation to 33 adults and children in conjunction with the dedication ceremony. Reverend Robert Syrianey of St. Michael's Church in Craig was deacon of the Mass, with Reverend

Thomas McMahon of St. Joseph's Church in Fort Collins as sub deacon.

In his sermon, the very Reverend David Maloney, Chancellor of the archdiocese of Denver, paid tribute to the M. J. O'Fallon family of Denver largely responsible for Grand Lake's first Catholic church, and especially to Mrs. M. J. O'Fallon for her continued interest and efforts in behalf of St. Anne's. "The spiritual good to the community", he stated, "is immeasurable."

Music was furnished by Loudres Parish Boys' Choir of Denver, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Samarazia.

The new St Anne's is perfect, in its mountain setting, a stone-faced edifice, with an interior outlined by seven laminated wood beams reaching to a height of forty-five feet. The pews are of blond oak, and the three altars are constructed of Indiana limestone, the main altar having a cut stone background. A hand carved wood crucifix, eleven feet high, hangs above the main altar, the work of artists in Tyrol, Austria, while wood carved statues of St. Joseph and St. Anne adorn the two side altars. Imported wood carvings from Germany form the Stations of the Cross along the sides of the church. The statue of St. Anne above the main entrance is fashioned of cast stone by Tyrolean carvers.

In contrast to the perfection of the new St. Anne's is the simple first St. Anne's which was a home bought by Mr. M. J. O'Fallon of Denver and remodeled by W. C. and Ray Gregg of Grand Lake who made both the pews and the rustic altar. From 1918 until 1944 St. Anne's was attended by visiting priests and the priests from the Cathedral Parish in Denver. Father Thomas Barry, Grand Lake's famous fisherman priest, took over the church in 1944 with the establishment of the new parish, and was its pastor until 1954 until succeeded by Father Theodore Haas, the present pastor.

The old St. Anne building was donated to the parish when the parish was opened by the M. J. O'Fallon estate. Previously the building had served as the private chapel of the O'Fallon residence on the south side of the lake. Eventually it was sold to the Rhones and became a summer cottage "Morning Star" atop the hill directly overlooking the clear, blue waters of majestic Grand Lake.

Territorially, the parish extends from the top of Berthoud Pass to the top of Rabbit Ears Pass, and south to north from Green Mountain Dam to the Wyoming border.