

Hubert Mathias Jansen

Hubert Mathias Jansen, son of Peter Wilhelm Jansen and Anna Margaretha Jansen, was born on



November 7, 1826 in the Hechelsheid neighborhood of Steckenborn, Aachen, Cologne, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany. He was baptized the same day in St. Michael Church in nearby Dedenborn.¹ Jansen studied medicine in Cologne for many years before attending theology school at the University of Louvain. He was ordained on February 16, 1856 in Aachen by Bishop Johan Theodor Laurent, the retired vicar apostolic of Luxembourg. Laurent also preached at his first mass in the convent chapel of the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus in Aachen.² He came to the Milwaukee Diocese in 1858 where he built seven churches, two schools and one parsonage. Among them were Sacred Hearts Church, Franklin; Holy Sacrament Church, Greenfield; St. John the Baptist Church, Jefferson; St. Wenceslaus Church, Island, Jefferson County; St. Francis Xavier

Church, Cross Plains; St. Matthias Church, Beloit Road (Milwaukee) and St. John the Baptist School, Johnsburg WI.³ He was especially concerned for the poor of his parishes.⁴ Father Jansen died on October 25, 1892 while pastor of St. Matthias Parish, Beloit Road, Milwaukee. The funeral was held in St. Anthony Church, Milwaukee, and the burial took place in Holy Trinity Cemetery there.⁵

Father Jansen served these parishes:⁶

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Franklin; St. Louis, Caledonia; Holy Sacrament, Greenfield and St. Valerius (Holy Apostles), New Berlin (1858-1864)

St. Lawrence, St. John the Baptist and St. Wenceslaus, Jefferson WI (1864-1865)

St. Theresa, Theresa and St. Kilian, St. Kilian WI (1865-1869)

St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains WI (1869-1873)

St. John the Baptist, Johnsburg WI (1873-1878)

Ss. Peter and Paul, Nenno and St. Anthony, St. Anthony WI (1878-1881)

St. Boniface, Germantown (1881-1882)

St. Matthias, Beloit Road and Holy Sacrament, Greenfield WI (1882-1892)

¹ The Catholic Church in Wisconsin, p. 1034; Gravestone, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Milwaukee; Baptismal Register, St. Michael Church, Dedenborn, Germany.

² The Catholic Church in Wisconsin, p. 1034; Gravestone, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Milwaukee.

³ Heming, Harry. The Catholic Church in Wisconsin.

⁴ The Catholic Church in Wisconsin, p. 1034.

⁵ St. Anthony Death Register, Milwaukee WI; Gravestone, Holy Trinity Cemetery, Milwaukee; Waukesha Freeman, Nov. 3, 1892.

⁶ Catholic Directories; Parish Sacramental Registers.