

Paul and Gabriella Rosenbaum Foundation

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One of the Foundation's most rewarding projects has been the restoration of the historic pipe organ in one of Chicago's hidden treasures, Holy Cross Church in Back of the Yards.

The baroque church, designed by Joseph Molitor, was built in 1904. The vault, which can accommodate 1,500 worshippers, is entirely supported by the exterior walls. 2,000 light bulbs line the ceiling vaults. There are no interior columns to obstruct sight lines or sound.

The organ was bought in 1915 for \$6,000 from Tellers and Somerhoff in Erie, Pennsylvania. It had not been played (nor the organ cleaned) since the 1970's. Some organ pipes (sold off during lean years for the parish) were retrieved, the inner workings removed and thoroughly cleaned, and all necessary repairs made. This painstaking restoration by the Bradford Organ Company has taken more than a year.

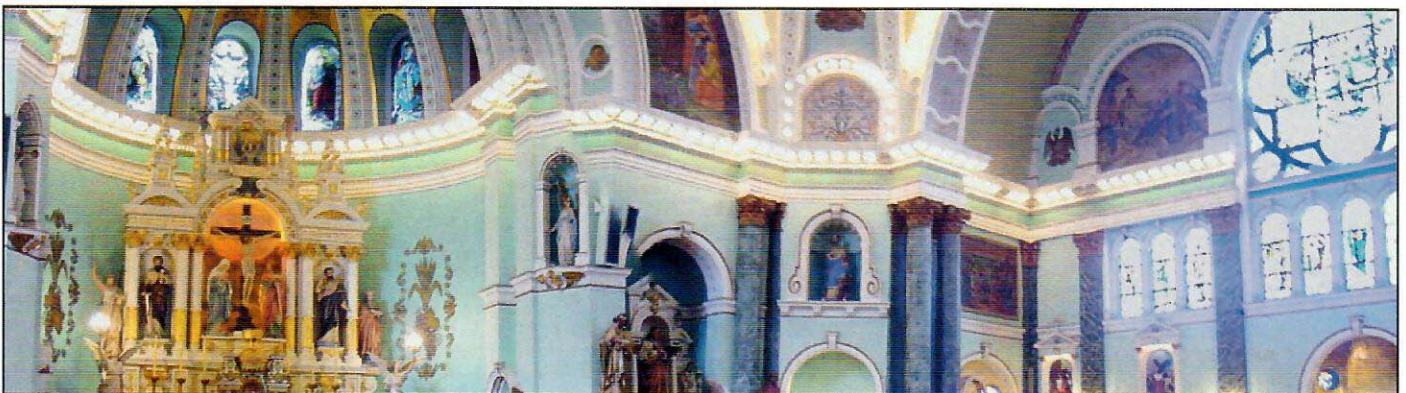
Please join us and the church's pastor, Fr. Bruce Wellems, for a private recital of non-liturgical music chosen to demonstrate the extraordinary range and power of this historic instrument as it fills this beautiful building with its joyful noise.

Tuesday, November 1, 2005
5:00 P.M.

Organist: John Bryant
Music Director and Organist, St. Gall Church, Chicago

Reception to follow the recital

Holy Cross Church
46th Street and Hermitage



Please let me know by October 26th if you'll be able to attend.

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