

The First Mass

MILWAUKEE SENTINEL
MONDAY, JULY 14, 1958

Tent Services

Worshippers overflowed the temporary quarters Sunday when St. Bernadette Catholic Church celebrated mass in a rented tent. The new parish erected the tent on N. 76th St., three blocks south of W. Good Hope Rd. The congregation's 10-acre site is an area claimed by both Milwaukee and Brown Deer. Church building plans are stalled until the Circuit Court decides which municipality has jurisdiction over the site. The Rev. John A. Arens, pastor (at the altar, right), said the church will hold services in the tent until cold weather forces them elsewhere.



Members of New Parish Attend Mass in Tent

MILWAUKEE—About 700 persons crowded into a tent Sunday morning, July 14, for the first high Mass of the new St. Bernadette's parish. The tent, on N. 76th st. near the Good Hope rd., will serve as the parish church until October, Fr. John Arens, pastor, said. He said a parish building fund has been started, but a consolidation dispute between the City of

Milwaukee and the Village of Brown Deer delays construction of a church. Father Arens said a crowd of visitors, attracted by the "big top," and members of the parish fill the tent to capacity at both Masses. The parish was one of four established by Archbishop Albert G. Meyer June 20.