



Albion Roman Catholic Church

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## Vanished Orleans — First Catholic church in Albion

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This was the first Roman Catholic Church in Albion and was located on the east side of North Main Street between Erie and Caroline streets.

The first Mass said in this church took place on Palm Sunday 1852. James Maher

was architect and builder. The cost of the structure amounted to \$1,365.10. The main portion was made of brick while the projecting facade was constructed of wood.

This may well have been a slightly later addition. St. Joseph's present church edifice was dedicated in 1897. The old building was then

sold and used as a drive barn by Garry S. Bacon. People who used this facility to stable or rent horses said it was rather strange to see angels painted on the ceiling over the bay, stalls and carriages.

In 1914 the former R.C. Church/drive barn was sold, torn down with the property then being used for a residence.