

# OLD ST. JAMES HOLDS REUNION AGAIN SUNDAY

## Lemont Pastor to Say Mass for Dead

Old St. James church, Lemont, built in 1833 where the Desplaines and Sag river valleys meet, and site of Catholic masses as early as 1650, will hold its annual reunion Sunday for former members and descendants of persons buried in its cemetery.

Events will begin with mass at 11 a. m. for the intention of the dead. The pastor, the Rev. Raymond Ploszynski, will be the celebrant.

### Serve Roast Beef

A roast beef dinner will be served by the Altar and Rosary society. The dinner committee includes Mrs. Victoria Borkovec, Mrs. Anna Dalman, and Miss Anne Jeans. Homecoming dinners have been held by the parish for 50 years, and traditionally are set on the first Sunday of August.

Booths will be set up for games and the sale of needlework and home baked goods. A children's carnival ride is planned. John Ward and Martin Dasciell are on the arrangements committee.

Invited are many old timers including Col. Henry Koller, 86, Willow Springs, who received first communion in the church, and the Claffy brothers, John, 2619 W. 104th pl., and Thomas, 10057 Longwood dr., who served as altar boys there in the 1880s.

### Interior Decorated

Visitors will find the interior of the church newly decorated, said Father Ploszynski. The sanctuary has been painted a wine color with an overlaid gold tapestry effect. Other walls are light gray-green. The cross on top of the steeple has a new gold leaf cover.

Father Ploszynski said the church property once was the site of a French fort where Catholic missionaries said mass for traders and Saganauskee Indians. On the church choir loft is a seal depicting a scene of the colonial period.