

Picture from the past

Church met a fiery end

The second St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edgard is pictured in 1918 before it was destroyed by fire.

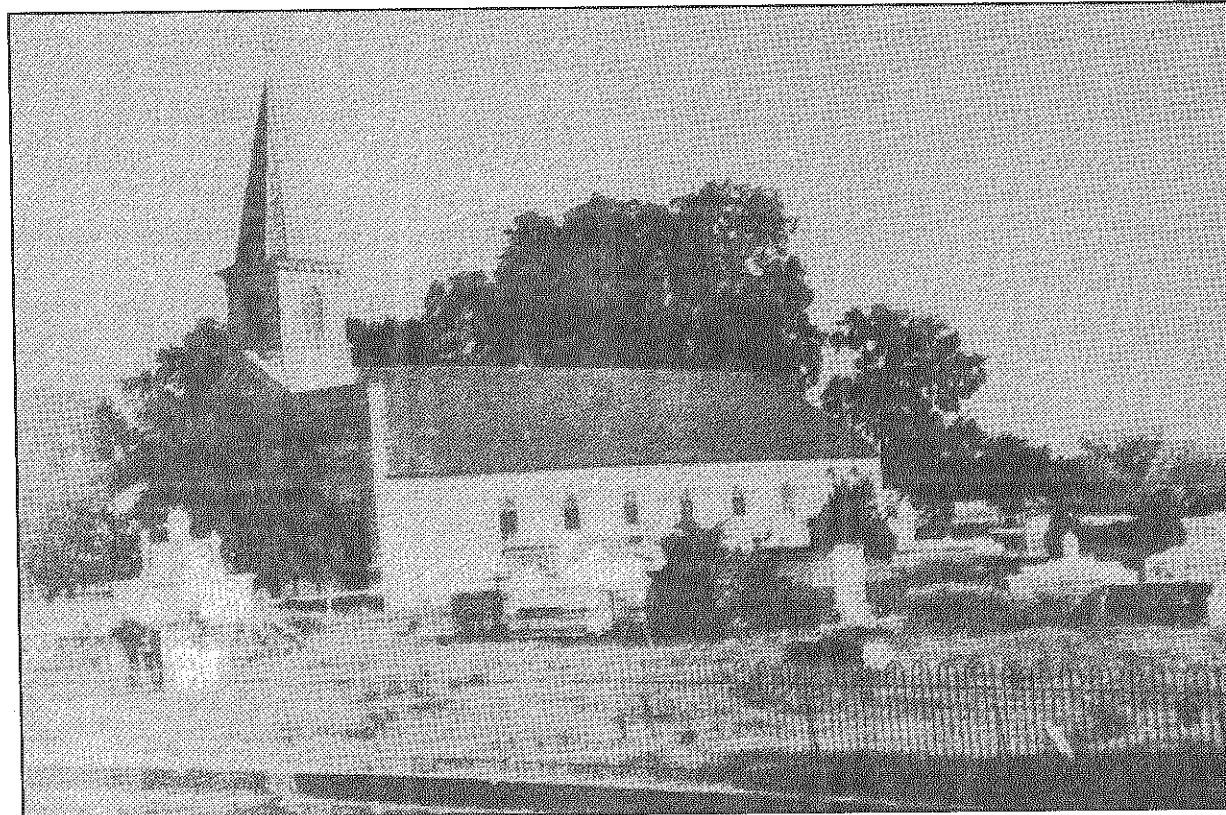
Edgard residents contributed \$90,000 to build the handmade red-brick building.

The cemetery beside the church has been in existence since the first church, later destroyed by a flood, was built in 1722.

Archbishop John William Shaw of New Orleans dedicated the present church building on Oct. 28, 1920.

The photograph is part of St. John the Baptist Parish Library's special collection of pictures from the past.

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