The Grotto and shrines erected in the thriving village of Dickeyville, Wisconsin on Holy Ghost Parish grounds are the works of one Father Matthias Wernerus, a humble Catholic Priest, Pastor of the Parish from 1918 to 1931. Though the good Priest has long since passed on to his Eternal Reward, his handiwork in stone, depicting love of God and Country, remains like a magnet attracting thousands of visitors yearly.

Here, one sees first of all, the main Grotto, between the Church and Rectory. Truly it is one of its kind — a thing of grandeur and beauty dazzling the eye with thousands of colored stones, molten glass and precious gems embedded in cement — all in intricate pattern. It is a fitting receptacle for the statue of the Madonna within. Fifteen smaller grottos semicircle the main Grotto above which towers a colorful Grotto honoring Christ the King.

Love of Country is also the theme of Father Wernerus labor. See here his shrine "Patriotism in Stone" Columbus, Washington, and Lincoln appear in a most colorful setting of artful stonework.

The years of patient toil — the tangible expression of love of God and Country by Father Wernerus — these are yours to enjoy in your visit to the Dickeyville Grotto!