

Dickeyville, Wisconsin

GROTTO

A Beautiful Experience
608-568-3119



The Grotto and Shrines erected in the Village of Dickeyville, Wisconsin on Holy Ghost Parish grounds are the works of Father Matthias Wernerus, a Catholic Priest, Pastor of the Parish from 1918 to 1931. His handiwork in stone, built from 1925-1930, is dedicated to the unity of two great American ideals—love of God and love of country. It is a creation in stone, mortar, and bright colored objects—collected materials from all over the world. These include colored glass, gems, antique heirlooms of pottery or porcelain, stalagmites and stalactites, sea shells of all kinds, starfish, petrified sea urchins and fossils, and a variety of corals plus amber glass, agate, quartz, ores such as iron, copper and lead, fool's gold, rock crystals, onyx, amethyst and coal. Many items are antiques. You will even find petrified wood and moss. And there are many of those round balls which used to be found on the top of a stickshift in old cars. (*This religious and patriotic shrine was constructed without the use of blueprints.*)

The Dickeyville Grotto

There are several shrines in the Grotto garden. Besides the main shrine, which houses the grotto of the Blessed Virgin, there is a patriotic shrine, the sacramental shrine of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacred Heart shrine, Christ the King shrine, Fatima Shrine, and the Stations of the Cross. These shrines are located in a beautiful floral garden area surrounding the Holy Ghost Church.



Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week, April 1st through October 31st. It carries a complete line of religious gifts as well as souvenirs.

Bus Tours Welcome

Guided Tours Available

June 1st through August 31st, seven days a week, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. May, September, October weekends only.

Charge

No specific fee. All donations greatly appreciated and used for the upkeep of Grotto and grounds.

Picnic tables near Gift Shop for public use.

Motels in town:

Plaza Motel & Tower Motel, Hwys. 35-61 & 151

Restaurants in town:

Valentine's Restaurant, Sunset Lanes & Hall, Shultzie's Supper Club.

For more information, call 608.568.3119 or write:

The Grotto, P.O. Box 429, Dickeyville, WI 53808

