

Brandon Risen Savior

BRANDON, Minnehaha County Church of the Risen Savior

- 1979, July Bishop Dudley commissioned Fr. Edward Pierce to organize a parish for the 230 families in Brandon. A site of 9 acres was provided. The sum of \$90,000 was raised. A loan of \$775,000 from the Diocese.
- 1981 BB. February. An open house was held on January 1. The formal dedication will be on Easter.
- 1982 BB. July. The Risen Savior Bowling Team presented their parish with \$56.81 after a successful season.
- 1986, June 24 Ar. Very Rev. James Joyce as Pastor of the Parish of the Risen Savior, Brandon.

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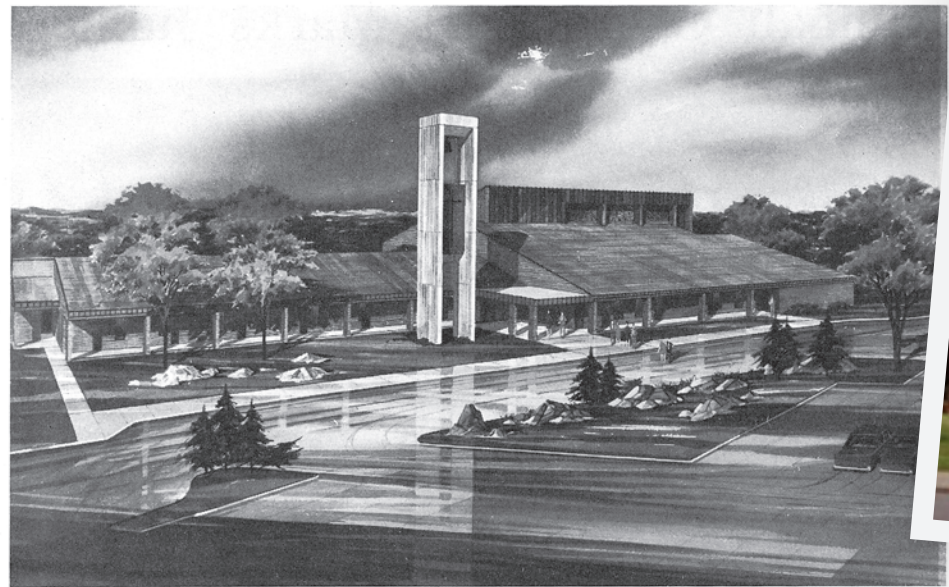
Brandon Parish Blesses Church Building Site

THE INFANT PARISH OF THE DIOCESE, Risen Savior of Brandon, is outgrowing its temporary quarters and started the process of a permanent church on April 27 when the families that make up this eastern-most parish of the Sioux Falls area gathered for groundbreaking at the site of their new church.

Meeting at the Brandon School, where the parish has gathered for Sunday Mass since its organization, the parishioners marched in procession to the new church site, each family carrying a jar of earth from their yards and farms. Sisters from St. Joseph Cathedral, mother parish of the diocese, represented the diocesan family and brought some earth from the Cathedral grounds. At the construction site the earth was piled in a mound marking the spot where the cornerstone will be laid.

THE REV. ED PIERCE, FOUNDING pastor of Risen Savior, celebrated Mass on a temporary altar to mark the spot where the permanent sanctuary of Risen Savior parish will be. After the Mass, the congregation processed behind the crossbearer to McHardy Park for a parish family picnic.

Construction on the new church building began in May with completion slated for Christmas 1980. For an estimated cost of \$600,000 the parish will have a multi-use facility of 18,000 square feet with education rooms, administration offices, nursery, pastor's study, small



THE RISEN SAVIOUR PARISH COMPLEX, now being constructed on an eight acre site in Brandon, will serve the spiritual and social programs of the diocese's newest parish.



Three From Diocese Ordained To Ministries

THREE SEMINARIANS STUDYING for the diocese of Sioux Falls were installed in the ministry of acolyte on Thursday, May 15, at the Saint Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. They are Bernard Ashfeld, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ashfeld, Woonsocket; Joseph Holzhauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holzhauser, Gettysburg; and William J. McDermott, son of William and Opal McDermott, Brookings.

Men preparing for priesthood are installed in the ministries of lector and acolyte, which are ministries open to the laity. Seminarians are installed into the ministry of acolyte in preparation for their service of the Altar as priests.



Ashfeld Holzhauser McDermott

DUTIES FOR THE MINISTRY OF acolyte consist in attending to the service of the altar and assisting the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass. The ministry of acolyte also consists in distributing Holy Communion as an extraordinary minister when the ordinary ministers are not available or are prevented by ill health, age or other pastoral ministry from performing this function, or when the number of those approaching the sacred table is so great that the celebration of Mass would be unduly prolonged.



A MASS TO MARK THE SITE OF THE NEW BRANDON CHURCH was celebrated by Father Ed Pierce, Pastor. Joining him at the altar were several and Rev. Owen Klapperich, Chaplain at McKennan Hospital, and Dennis Kleinwachter, Lay Reader.

Canton St. Dominic

Canton (Lincoln County) St. Dominic

Canton, first called Commerce City, was a Norwegian settlement on the Big Sioux River dating back to 1867. It was incorporated in 1881. By chance Bishop Marty and Father George Willard were detained at the Canton depot in 1883. When James M. Grace, a Catholic, learned of the prelates' presence, he told of the needs of Catholics in the area. Marty promised to take the matter under consideration and he arranged for Father William Maher of Sioux Falls to serve the Canton people (1883-88). Interestingly, the first Mass was offered in the Grace home. Later the courthouse or public school were made available for services. Beginning in 1888 Father Edward Power came from Hurley to serve Canton, but the following year the Canton parish was attached to Parker.



St. Chrysostom Church, 1911-1917

For seven years Fathers John Hogan, Michael J. Straeten, P. J. Jaram or Thomas Quick traveled the Milwaukee between Parker and Canton. Catholics remained few and unorganized, but while the See of Sioux Falls was vacant, Father P. C. Shannon asked Father Henry Mensing, the diocese administrator, to visit Canton and organize a parish. This he did in July of 1895 and directed Father John O'Hara of Dell Rapids to select a site and erect a church. The priest purchased a lot on which stood a 72x40 foot carpenter's shop. With the help of Catholic and non-Catholics the rough structure was converted into a church. Father O'Hara organized the 20 Catholic women into an Altar Society and left it to their ingenuity to raise funds to furnish the church. When the work was completed, St. Chrysostom Parish was entrusted to Father Charles Robinson of Parker. From 1919 to 1941 St. Chrysostom was served from Worthing.

In 1911, while Canton was in the care of Father M. C. Fitzgerald of Lennox, the parish erected a new church of cement blocks costing \$5,700. It was dedicated by Bishop O'Gorman. Parishioners had to be content with just one Mass a month until 1915 when Bishop Brady invited the Dominicans of Chicago to take over the parish. Henceforth the people had a resident priest and daily Mass... A new church, erected in 1972 at a cost of \$180,000, was placed under the patronage of St. Dominic. (CD)

Mass was first celebrated in Canton at the home of James M. Grace by Father W. M. Maher from Sioux Falls in 1883. The parish was organized in 1888. Mass was then celebrated at the court house, school, or in the chalk stone house at Third and Broadway which was owned by the parish. In 1895 a building which had served as a carpenter shop was converted into a very plain church with the assistance of Catholics and non-Catholics alike. This building was located on the northeast corner of Fourth and Lincoln, north of the present Canton Public Library.

In 1911 a church building was erected on the northwest corner of Sixth and Cedar on the former site of the historic Harlan House hotel. Named St. Chrysostom, it was built of concrete block with a simulated stone finish. The seating capacity of 120 was more than adequate for the twenty families it served. Within a few years the membership sometimes dropped to fewer than ten families who sacrificed much to keep the parish alive.

The Canton parish was served by priests from Parker, Lennox, Worthing, Hurley and Sioux Falls until 1945 when the Dominican Fathers took over and served the parish. A resident priest arrived and a rectory was purchased located at 213 West Fifth. Improvements made at this time included the finishing of the church basement for a parish hall and chapel.

Following World War II membership increased greatly until the facilities at St. Chrysostom's became inadequate for carrying on the work of the parish. Ground was broken for a new church at the corner of Kildier and Walnut in northeast Canton, and the name St. Dominic's was chosen. Dedicated in February of 1972 by Bishop Lambert A. Hoch, St. Dominic's has a seating capacity of 250 and contains a parish hall, eight classrooms, and an apartment for the pastor.



Dell Rapids St. Mary

History of Dell Rapids

The story of Catholicism in the Dell Rapids territory began with the advent of a small group of Irish families who settled 6 to 14 miles north and west of Dell City, as it was first called. The time was about 1877; the place was Bachelor's Creek, where new settlers took claim, called this probably because most of the group were unmarried men.

The people of the colony lived around Bachelor's Creek for many years without the use of horses. They used oxen to do their work, and used the oxen for trips to Homdes for supplies. Before the introduction of horses, the priest from Flandreau walked there and celebrated Mass in the homes on week days about once a month. Last Mass said in the colony was a week day in May, 1893. After that, people attended Mass at Flandreau, Huntimer or Dell Rapids.

In Dell Rapids, the history of the church dates from the first coming of the Milwaukee Railroad. The first contractor, John Naughton, who built the first railroad up through the Sioux Valley, was one of the first Catholics, and at his residence the first Mass was celebrated in Dell Rapids by Father Maher. In May, 1880, the first train arrived from Minnesota, but it could not go on since the track was not yet laid farther than Dell Rapids.

Mass was said sporadically in different homes whenever a priest was available. In 1888 Father P. P. Guay, of Flandreau, came to Dell Rapids to organize the three groups of Catholics into one parish - the Irish Colony, the Huntimer Neighborhood, and the Catholics of Dell Rapids. A committee decided upon the question of building a church in Dell Rapids at an account of distances involved, it appeared impracticable to reconcile the three groups into one and the project to build in Dell Rapids failed. Different priests took care of the Dell Rapids Catholics from 1895 to 1898; Mass was said over Collins Drug Store.

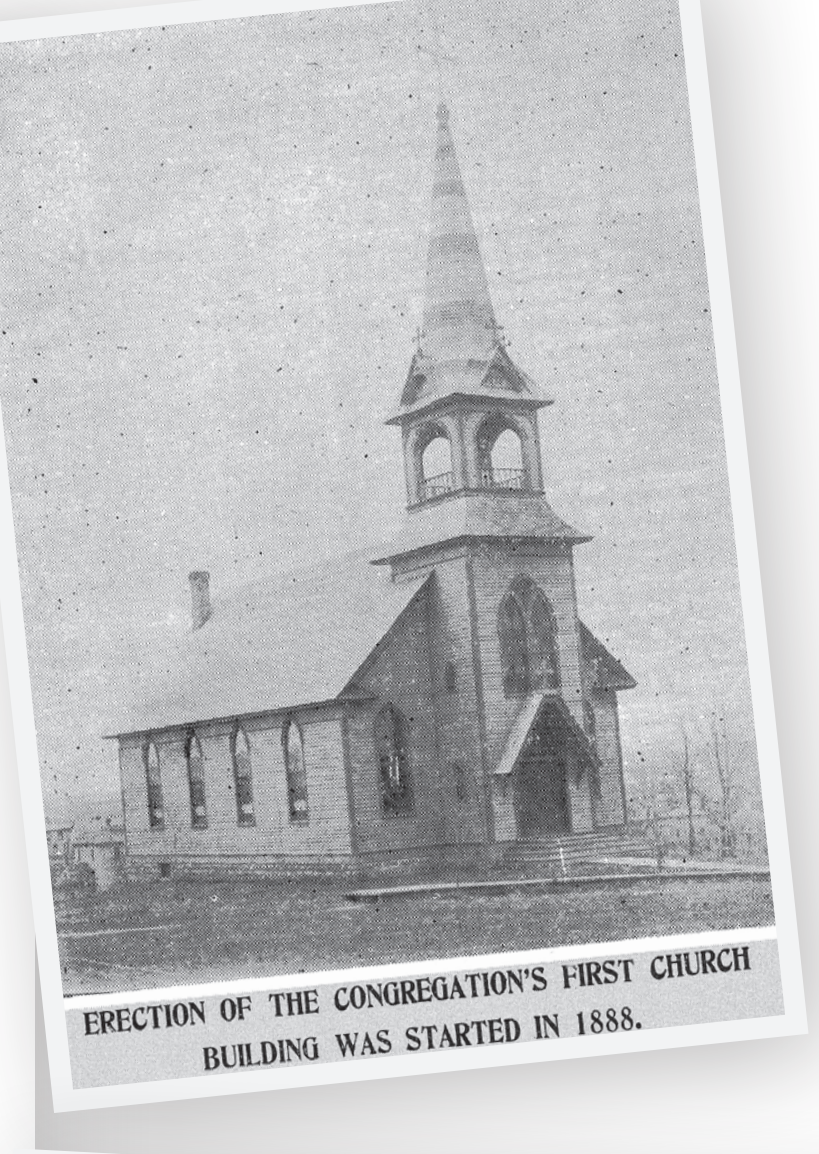
In 1896, another committee was formed and people became enthused that there would be a church. The number of Catholics had become too large for homes and needed a more public place. The ADUW Hall later used for this purpose. It was used by many religious denomination and by a local lodge. The families furnished chairs for their own number to attend Mass. Contributions became coming in by 1898, plans were in place. A lot was purchased for \$300 in the northeast part of town. With all furnishings the building cost about \$5,000. It was begun in the fall of 1898 and finished in 1899. In that year Father Martyn moved to Dell Rapids as the first resident priest, and first Mass in the new church was celebrated in August of 1899.

Next, they looked forward to the dedication. The summer of 1900 had begun with a bad drought around the diocese. The material outlook was none too hopeful when Bishop O'Gorman arrived June 12th to perform episcopal functions in the new and struggling parish. In his message to the assembly, the bishop discouraged partly on the economic situation. "Stay with me," he said, "through these hard times," promised the reward of faith which endures. It was significant to these founders of the faith that a heavy rain fell on that day. After the slow development of almost a quarter century, the Catholic faith of Dell Rapids, was now to come into its own. They could look forward to a new period of growth and development for St. Mary's, a period which had now begun.

In the fall of 1907, there was an addition to enlarge, while number of families continued to increase. In 1915 an improvement was made by extending the gallery to about twice the original size. Parishioners of St. Mary's, ever a self-respecting type, had a goal of freeing themselves from debt. At the beginning of 1918, total indebtedness was \$8,000, and a church committee and priest, made a drive to pay off debt. \$6,680 was collected and the rest was lifted by organized activities. In 1926, there were 170 families, and the church received an assistant pastor. The rectory was enlarged, and the envelope system of collections was established. There was a building fund envelope as it was evident that there would have to be a larger church in future.

Ground was broken and blessing and laying of the corner stone for new church and rectory by Bishop Brady was on April 8, 1951. On September 16, 1957, Bishop Lambert Hoch laid the corner stone of the new St. Mary's High School, with official dedication on March 19, 1959. St. Mary's could boast that the school turned out 40 priests, brothers, sisters and seminarians. (1974)

In later years, one of the most important improvements to the new church was the Stained Glass Window Project of 1976 that replaced the original yellow glass windows. Other changes in the church included the remodeling of the north sacristy and a handicapped-accessible bathroom. In 1995 the lighted canopy was added above the crucifix on the altar. In early 1997 the sacramental symbols were added on the arch above the altar.



ERECTOR OF THE CONGREGATION'S FIRST CHURCH BUILDING WAS STARTED IN 1898.



Garretson St. Rose of Lima

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church celebrates its 100th Anniversary this Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 13 St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Garretson will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a special Mass at 1:00 p.m.

The congregation has been planning for this celebration with special events in the community as a tribute to the millennium beginning with a special observance on Memorial Day in May at St. Rose Cemetery, making a Centennial Tour for the parade in Garretson in May, July, and a community supper in August.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church was first organized in 1892 by Rev. Harry of Flandreau. Mass was offered in area homes, but members were anxious to have a church of their own. A charter confirms that the church was officially established in 1898. Land was donated by Rose Gagnon, and in 1898 a wooden frame structure was built at the east of \$1300 on the corner of 3rd Street and Center Avenue. The labor was donated, and building paid for by subscription.

From 1892 to 1908 the "mission church" was served by the parishes of Flandreau, Lennox, Dell Rapids, and Sioux Falls, with average attendance of eighty. It became an independent parish in 1908 by Bishop O'Gorman; the first priest was Father M. J. Fitzgerald.

When the decision was made to build a rectory in 1908, the old church was moved one lot south. Total cost for the nine room house was \$3,000, providing a number of bedrooms used to house traveling priests.

In July of 1917 it was decided to build a new church on Third Street, 40' x 80', constructed of brick. Tenms of lease broke ground on April 25, 1918 and excavated for the church basement; the cost of the structure was \$15,445. Nine beautifully stained glass windows were included in the structure. Total cost was about \$21,000 which included the bell, furnace, furnishings etc. There were approximately 60 families in the parish. The first service was held in the new church on Dec. 22, 1918.

According to the Garretson News, the superintendent is of brick, the walls being faced with Twin City pressed brick trimmed with Bedford Stone, making for a handsome building. A tall spire adds to the appearance. The interior is yellow pine. The windows of handsome art glass.

Due to bad roads the dedication was delayed twice and finally took place on August 3, 1919 with Bishop O'Gorman, Father Walsh and Father Fitzgerald of Sioux Falls, and Father Nolan of Garretson. At the close of the dedication the large class of fifty was confirmed, the largest class in its history. Rev. Nolan was pastor for 17 years, the longest tenure of any priest at Garretson.

In November of 1947 a fire damaged the inside of the church with soot and smoke, requiring a complete refurbishment. Symbols depicting the sacraments were painted on the ceiling and the stained glass windows were replaced. New steps on the outside were installed and the church was tucked pointed.

In 1966 St. Rose Church was extensively renovated to meet the requirements of Vatican II. The tabernacle was removed, Communion rail removed, interior repainted, basement paneled and carpeted and the stained windows behind the altar were covered to complete the theme of simplicity.

As the parish grew, the need for more classroom space led to the decision to build an annex on the east side, which was completed in 1980 at a cost of around \$75,000. The debt was paid off in 1985, with a "debt burning ceremony" attended by Bishop Paul Anderson.

In 1983 when Father James McCormick was pastor, it was decided to uncover the stained glass window, restoring them to their original beauty with the help of many donations from the congregation.

In 1989 the church was hit by lightning, and new shingles and steeple cost about \$20,000. Other work included a new roof on the annex in '91, and an elevator installed in '95.

St. Rose has grown to include about 140 families with Mass on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, and daily Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, plus Mass at Palsade Manor on Fridays. Father Riedman has been the pastor since 1990. Following the 100th anniversary celebration at St. Rose, Fr. Riedman will be moving on to serving St. Joseph's Cathedral in Sioux Falls, taking over his duties at Garretson will be Fr. Anthony Imbery, who will also serve the parish of Risen Savior at Brandon.

