

These are parishes that have closed, but the dates of when they did so, is uncertain. Information that we have included is just an excerpt of history that we have found.

Bristol St. Anthony

BRISTOL, Day County

St. Anthony

1885 Earliest services were held in the homes of William Behres by Fathers Hepperle and Mensink. The early settlers were German and Irish. They came from Wisconsin and Minnesota, singly not in groups.

1887 There were 34 Catholic families of whom 21 were Germans. They are served from Webster. DER WANDERER, Sept. 9, 1887.

1901 The first church was built at the present location. Father Kane was the first resident priest.

1908 The rectory was built. \$1,500 and Tracts, PSW

1908-1910 A Catholic school taught by the Presentation Sisters of Aberdeen, Sisters/Columba

1911 School was closed when Fr. Sass left. He had supported the school from his own resources.

1920 The church was enlarged.

1928 The Catholic church was enlarged at a cost of \$36,000.

1927 Catholic organizations in the parish: Altar Society, Catholic Order of Foresters 50 Catholic families belong to the parish; 12 fallen away Catholics. During W W II 36 boys and one girl served.

1953 The church was moved by Fr. Nally; added sacristy and vestibule; the basement was made into a dining hall. Lily has been with Bristol for more than 60 years. --Rev. Henry Sivkes Bristol-Lily Catholics under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Robert Fox, have formed units for discussion of religious and social topics. This has been conducted in union with the catechetical program. The discussion leaders prepare with the help of the pastor. BR, Jan. 1944

1966 A new rectory was built.

1972-1974 Rev. William Osborn is the pastor.

1973 Reported March 14, 1973 by Father W. Osborn 90 Catholic white families Church, rectory CCD Center; rectory basement Altar Society is active The same church still in use but moved to another corner of the block. The old rectory is rented.



Crocker St. Thomas

CROCKER, Clark County
See: Spring Valley

St. Thomas Church
C. & E. Jrs. 174.

1909-1917 Attended from Esterly
1917-1918 Attended from Lily
1918-1919 Attended from Bristol
1919-1922 Attended from Florence

Crocker had its first mission preached. Fr. John Pohlen of Onaka conducted the mission. There is a church in Crocker.

THE DAKOTA CATHOLIC, Dec. 1920

Lake Preston St. Ann

LAKE PRESTON, Kingsbury County

St. Ann

1839 A party under John C. Fremont passed the lake and named it. THE SIOUX CITY SUNDAY JOURNAL, Feb. 10, 1946

1880 The Ch. & Northwest RR reached Lake Preston. Olson, THE STUDY OF DANISH IMMIGRATION, p. 19

1881 The town was platted.

1886, Oct. 14 DER WANDERER
A parish was organized: 27 Catholic families, of whom 22 are German. Holy Mass was offered occasionally by missionaries.

1907 Mass was offered in the G.A.R. Hall by Rev. P.J. Cafferky. A Catholic church was built the same year. THE IRISH STANDARD, Dak. Ed.

1916 Rev. Hugh Fox, resident pastor, with three missions. 15 Cath. families.

After 1918 a mission

1932-1952 Attended from De Smet.

1952 The church was closed and the people attend at DeSmet or Arlington.

1973, Mar. 15 Reported by Rev. Joseph E. Murphy
16 Catholic white families
No parish buildings. The former church now a warehouse
Religious instruction is given each week at a parishioner's home. Who?
People attend at DeSmet or Arlington.

The Irish Standard, Dakota Edition, 1916

Lake Preston 1907

According to records the first Mass was said in Lake Preston about nine years ago (1907) in G.A.R. Hall, by Rev. P.J. Cafferky, but it is probable that Holy Mass was said here by early missionaries who traveled this section on their way to Fort Pierre and up and down the James River valley, the route most of them chose in journeying from Vermillion to Jefferson. Fragmentary records are all that remain to tell the story of these pioneer missionaries, much of historic value has been lost. DeSmet left no record of his work prior to 1848 and the stories of Ravoux's administration are incomplete. The narrative of Hoecken's early work save scattering parts, is lost. But it is fair to assume that sometime in early days, holy Mass was said either by these priests or their followers in the vicinity of Lake Preston. The present church was built in Lake Preston in 1907 by Father P.J. Cafferky. There are now about 15 families in the parish. Rev. Hugh Fox is the pastor.

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Clare City St. Boniface

CLARE CITY, Roberts County

St. Boniface

1915-1920 Rev. J.P. Unger Missions: Veblen, New Effington, Hillside
Assistant: Rev. N. Stoltz, 1918-1920

1920-1923 Attended from Lake City

1923-1924 Rev. Theodore Joerissen, O.M.I.

1924-1938 Attended from Rosholt

1938-1939 Attended from Sisseton
Closed

Ravinia St. Paul

RAVINIA, Charles Mix County

St. Paul's

1910 Settlement began.

1915-1916 Father Henry Westropp, S.J. of St. Francis Mission came.

1919 A large consolidated public school was built. Unclear when the church was built. The Catholic Extension Society contributed \$1,896.

1916-1940 Attended from Lake Andes, 10 miles away.

1940 The church was destroyed by a tornado. Catholics were advised to join the Lake Andes parish.

1947 In WW II, 5 boys served.

1947 Six Catholic families attend Lake Andes; 4 fallen away Catholics.

Raymond St. Joseph

RAYMOND, Clark County

St. Raymond's Church, 1886
changed to St. Joseph's, 1888

1883-1886 Attended from Frankfort
1886-1889 Attended from Watertown
1889-1898 Attended from Frankfort
1898-1906 Attended from Turton
1906-1915 Attended from Clark
1915-1940 Attended from Frankfort
1940-1941 Attended from Clark

Whether it is fact or imaginative lore, they tell about an episode at the small, no longer existent church at Raymond in Clark County where the congregation was about equally divided between the Irish who always gathered on one side of the aisle and the Germans who worshipped on the other. As they were in other parishes, the two groups were not especially compatible.

One Sunday when a circuit-riding priest came to say Mass, he found all the Irish parishioners on the German side and all the Germans standing. That's when he discovered that some Deutschlender had pounded nails up through the Irish kneeders, and a rather un-Christian confrontation was brewing. According to the legend, the priest sat on the steps of the church with his chalice and refused to start the service until one of the Germans got a hammer and pounded down the nails.