

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.

Letcher St. Scholastica Ployd Ss Cyril and Methodius



Letcher (Sanborn County) St. Scholastica

Letcher arose in 1882 where the north-bound Milwaukee tracks crossed Sanborn County line south of Woonsocket. It was at the home of Peter Trinan that the first holy Mass was offered before 1884. On that occasion Father John C. Anern baptized Arina Trinan, Mae Shannon and James Clark. As the number of Catholics remained small, Letcher received no mention in *The Catholic Almanac* before 1887 when it was listed as a station served from Mitchell.

After 16 years of home Masses, Catholics of Letcher incorporated as St. Scholastica Parish and were attended from Woonsocket where the Benedictine Father Claude Ebner was pastor. This may account for the choice of St. Benedict's twin sister as patroness of the parish. Plans for a church building were carried out in 1901. To provide a building was easier than to secure a pastor. The parishioners were a mixed group; a priest would have to be a linguist to accommodate Slovaks, Bohemians, Moravians, Irish and Germans, all of whom wanted a priest who spoke their language. Because of this situation several families drifted from the church. Letcher remained a mission of Woonsocket until 1928 when it received Father Emmanuel Bouter, C.M.J., as pastor for one year. A rectory was built for him.

Clerics of St. Viator attended to Letcher Catholics from 1916 to 1922 when Father A. Kielty began his pastorate. Two years later a windstorm took the church building off its foundation. Before replacing it, a full basement was dug. Father Paul Quinn ministered to the 70 households in 1945; 50 years later Father Philip Russo, TOR, had only 60 families at St. Scholastica. He also served Artesian. Letcher has given eight Sisters to the church. (CD)

PLOYD, Brule County Ss Cyril and Methodius Church, 1883

1882-1883 Attended from Wheeler
 1883-1884 Attended from Franklin
 1884-1886 Attended from Kimball
 1886-1887 Attended from Castalia
 1887-1888 Attended from Mitchell
 1888-1891 Attended from Tabor
 No further record

A church was built. Father Habsteinek visited the Bohemians in Brule County, ca. 150 families.

THE DAKOTA CATHOLIC, Mar. 9, 1889

Ployd

Robey St. Willibrod



St. Willibrod's Church was erected 1905. In 1940 the parish became a mission of Platte. In 1973 there were 27 Catholic households.

PASTORAL SERVICE AT ST. WILLIBRODS - Robey, SD

	From	To
Attended from White Lake	1901	
Rev. Jos. Unger attended Robey but lived at White Lake	1909	1910
Attended from Stickney	1910	1940
Attended from Platte	1940	



Mount Vernon St. Michael



Mount Vernon (Davison County) St. Michael's

Beginning with 1885 Catholics of Mount Vernon were closely associated with parishes of Mitchell and Plankinton... Holy Mass was offered in the homes of Catholics or in public schools until 1919 when Father James A. Reilly was appointed first resident pastor. He directed the construction of St. Michael's church, assisted by a gift of \$928 from the Extension Society. A rectory, too, was provided. Father Reilly was pastor until 1924... Father Francis A. Wisniewski, CSV, was the last resident pastor at St. Michael's. After 1963 the chaplain of Brady Memorial Home, Mitchell, cared for the parish. Father John W. Brady served in this capacity after 1973. (CD)



Tripp Holy Rosary



Tripp (Hutchinson County) Holy Rosary

Tripp Catholics erected a small church costing \$1,000 (c.1891)... Parkston or Armour. Father N. Spoltz was in residence only briefly in 1921 no rectory had been provided. When Father J. P. Wallace came in 1922, the parish erected a small dwelling. He ministered to the Catholics of Tripp and Delmont for four years... the rectory was sold in 1939... After eight years of no Catholic services in Tripp, the people petitioned the bishop in 1947 for the reopening of the church. Although dating back to 1889, the building was still serviceable after the interior was renovated. As the number of households had increased to 46, the bishop consented. Holy Rosary was, in turn, a mission of Armour, Parkston and Scotland later the chaplain of St. Benedict Hospital, Parkston, ministered there. CCD classes were conducted by lay teachers. (CD)

1886 The town was founded and named after Bartlett Tripp, Territorial chief justice of the supreme court. MITCHELL GAZETTE, Sept. 23, 1943

1889-1891 Catholics were attended from Mitchell.

1895 The church was built. #2,000

1914-1939 Resident priests off and on. See Card.

1923 A rectory was built.

1929 Rev. F.W. Buckstein found a mortgage on the rectory with interest not paid for years.

1939 The rectory and furniture were sold since no resident priest.

1941 There were 17 Catholic families. The church was closed until 1947.

1947-1969 Mission of Parkston

1949-1973 Mission of Scotland. Rev. Charles Duman

1973, March 19 Reported by Rev. Charles Duman: 40 plus Catholic white families Church only CCD classes once a week; children are asked to come to Scotland Active: Parish Council, Altar Society

1978 46 Catholic households

Roswell St. Nicholas



St. Nicholas, Roswell

Listed in some records as St. Rose, St. Nicholas' roots go back to around 1883 with a resident Fr Collins from 1888/89 and as a mission of Epiphany from 1889-1894. Fr Schirr began the erection of a church on land donated in 1893. Furnished with the bare necessities, the pews were wooden planks, seating 200. An acre was donated in 1904 for the cemetery. In 1922/3 the church was re-modeled, raised, a basement dug underneath, and the steeple repaired. From 1924 there were resident priests until 1934 when the rectory burned down. Priests resided again from 1935-1947 when the parish was closed on August 31 under Fr. F.J. Huckstein.



Wheeler

WHEELER, Charles Mix County

1862 Charles Mix County was created.

1868 Bruno Cournoyer, a French Canadian took a Sioux wife and lived near Wheeler.

1879 Wheeler became the county seat.

1880 Rev. John F. Malo was commissioned by Bishop Marty to build a church and convent with the help of Bruno Cournoyer at Wheeler.

1880 Spring Three Presentation Sisters direct from Dublin arrived to conduct a school for Indians and whites.

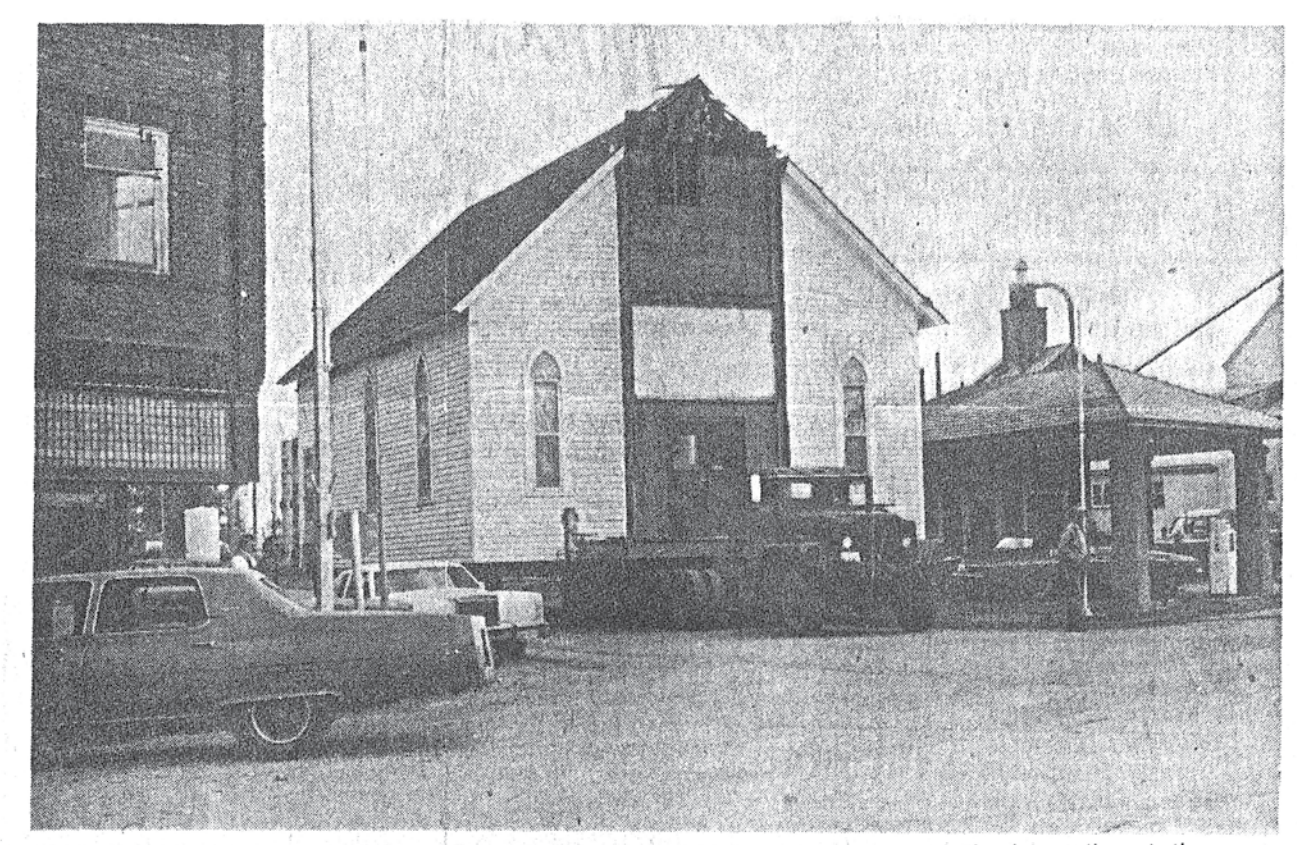
1880 Fall The school opened with about 12 children. The convent built of sod and cement began to crumble and appeared unsafe. (1881)

After staying some months with the Mercy Sisters at Yankton at Bishop Marty's invitation, the Sisters withdrew to Fargo where a foundation was made.

1882 Father Malo was sent to the Turtle Mountains in North Dakota.

1901 No further record in THE CATHOLIC DIRECTORY of Wheeler.

1905 Wheeler the county seat had a courthouse, a store, a newspaper, a bank, a hotel and the officers' residences. Peterson, HIST. OF CHARLES MIX CO., p. 34



Old Holy Rosary Church moved

HEAVY TRAFFIC - Main Street of Tripp in volume, but in weight, at the old Holy Rosary Catholic Church building crossed the intersection at the corner near Dr. Wegand's office.

The crew of Vander Pol Movers could be found scurrying under the old Holy Rosary Catholic Church building Wednesday morning, clearing away rocks, making sure that the wheels that would eventually move the building to the other side of town had a clear path.

The original Holy Rosary Catholic Church, believed to be one of the oldest buildings in Tripp, didn't fall to a wrecking crew after being left vacant when it parishioners finished construction on a new church last spring.

Instead, Jerome Saha, the contractor who constructed the new church, bought the old building and moved it near the bulk plant of Williams Chevrolet, Wednesday, where it will serve as a storage and shop building.

The several-block move of the building included the removal of tree limbs that had to be trimmed to allow room for the structure and a couple of tricky corners to navigate. Crews from Northwest Public Service lowered power lines to clear a path for the building.

It eventually caused a unique scene on the south end of Main Street, which it crossed near Don's Standard.

Stone was hauled into town for the construction of the foundation of the church on Oct. 1, 1887. The 28 by 40' wooden structure featured a steeple and bell, and the total cost of its construction was \$700.