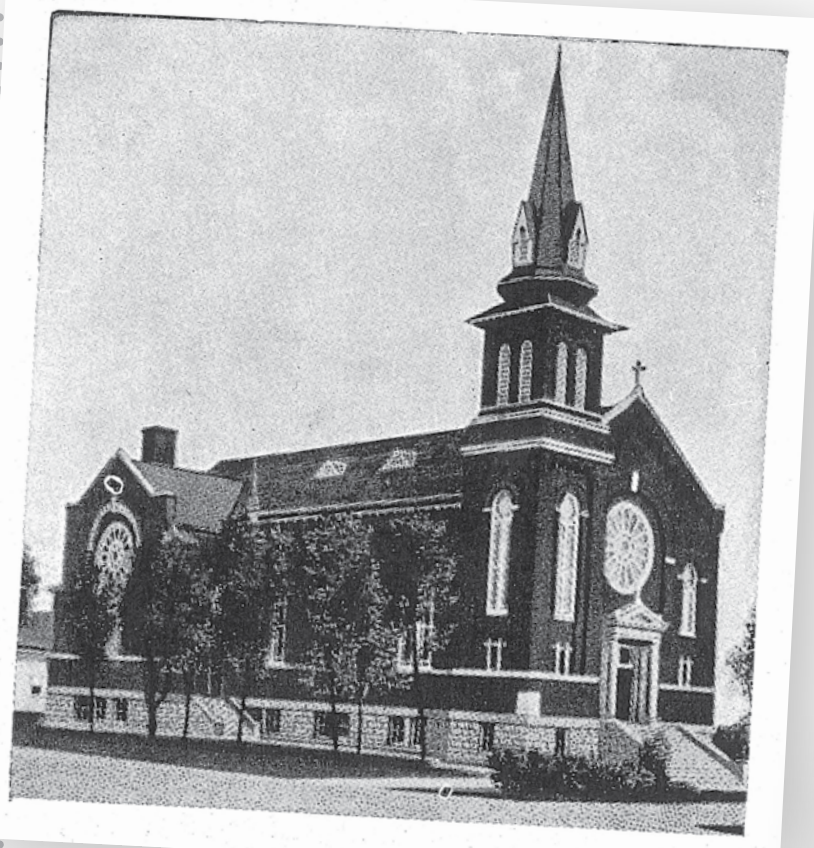


# Huron Holy Trinity

# Kimball St. Margaret



**St. Martin—Catholic**

The history of Catholic services in Huron dates back to the early spring of 1881 when a priest rode horseback up to the Dakota Hotel in Huron and introduced himself as Father Robert Haire.

The Dakota Hotel, later known as the Dakota House, was operated by Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Dinneen. At that time there were not more than twenty Catholics in Huron, mostly railroad employees. An improvised altar was set up in the hotel parlor and Father Robert Haire said the first Mass in Huron, Dakota Territory. Father Haire made visits intermittently until 1882 when construction of a Catholic church began on a lot on Fifth Street where the St. Martin's parish rectory is now located.

When the work was finished, mostly with donated material and volunteer labor, the sum of \$280 was owed the carpenter who supervised the construction and who would not turn over the keys until he was paid. Father Haire went to the bank for a loan but was refused until he had a co-signer. Mrs. Dinneen signed the note and Father Haire got the keys to the church.

That little frame church, named Saint Martin of Tours, was replaced in 1914 by the brick structure of Romanesque design that is located on the corner of Fifth and Kansas. The material cost of the church was just over \$38,000.

At the time of his death in 1939, Msgr. Daniel F. Desmond had been pastor of St. Martin's for 42 of his 56 years as a priest. During his pastorate Monsignor Desmond realized a dream when the parochial school was built and opened in the fall of 1929. The school struggled through some financially trying times but has never been forced to close its doors in 58 years of teaching public school subjects along with religious education.

Extensive remodeling and renovating has been done on the church since 1914. Imported stained glass windows were installed in 1951 with the names of the donors to the \$15,000 project inscribed on metal plates on each window.

In the summer of 1968, St. Martin's parish held honored when its pastor, the late Father Paul Anderson, was made Bishop of the Duluth, Minnesota, diocese.

In 1983 the church celebrated its centennial with an appropriate and impressive ceremony in the Huron Arena.

In the fall of 1986 the steeple was repaired and reshingled. During the summer of 1987 the forty-year-old pipe organ was replaced by one purchased from Huron College. Additional ranks of pipe were added to complete the instrument, and the organ was dedicated at a special service, January 3, 1988.

## Huron Catholic Community has a new name

**BY PLAINSMAN STAFF**

The Catholics of the Huron area have a new name, Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

Bishop Robert Carlson of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls recently approved the name change effective July 1. The members of the parish selected the new name.

"We asked people to pray for inspiration and then submit names," the Rev. Joe Holzhauser said. "Then we voted from the names submitted. Holy Trinity Catholic Parish was the overwhelming choice."

Several factors necessitated the naming process, Holzhauser said.

Population shifts and fewer available priests resulted in the bishop's decision in July 1998 to bring people of three parishes together into one.

They are St. Patrick in Cavour and St. Martin and Resurrection in Huron. Since last summer, the combined parish has been named the Huron Catholic Community.

Some felt the name "Huron Catholic Community" was not inclusive of those from the Cavour parish, as well as the people from other communities surrounding Huron, Holzhauser said. "Also, this name would require special approval since Catholic parishes are usually named for saints or for various mysteries of the faith. So, we initiated the name process."

Holzhauser stressed that the name is for the people, not for the buildings. The individual churches will retain their original names.

The new name has a deeper significance than just the joining of three parishes into one, he added.

"We Christians call God the Holy Trinity," he said. "The Father, Son and Holy Spirit — three persons in one God. Holy Trinity speaks of unity in diversity. What an appropriate name for Catholic communities on the road to unity."

## Huron (Beadle Co.) Resurrection Church

In 1967 Bishop Lambert Hoch directed Father John I. Murray, the associate pastor of St. Martin's in Huron to organize a parish in the southwestern section of the city. On October 29, 1967 ground was broken for Resurrection Church; the two parishes together financed the \$400,000 structure. Startling news reached Huron while the construction was in progress. Father Anderson (of St. Martin's) was named Coadjutor Bishop of Duluth on Oct. 17, 1968 and had to leave South Dakota within 10 days.

Bishop-elect Anderson was ordained to the order of bishop in the Huron Arena on Thurs Oct. 17, 1968. Bishop Lambert A. Hoch was chief consecrator and Cardinal Cushing, who had ordained the Bishop-elect priest, was homilist. More than 5,000 persons attended. At the program that followed the new Bishop was initiated into the Crow Creek Indian Tribe and was given the name "Man to be leaned upon." He received a decorative Indian bonnet from the Sioux. A similar honor had been conferred on Cardinal Cushing on his arrival at the Sioux Falls airport where a delegation of Crow Creek Sioux presented him with a colorful chieftain bonnet and a peace pipe. In recognition of his fame as an orator, he was given the name "Good Thunder Voice."

The dedication of Resurrection Church in Huron occasioned the return of Bishop Anderson to Dakota. Father Thomas J. McPhillips had succeeded him at St. Martin's.



# Miller St. Ann

## Miller (Hand County) St. Ann

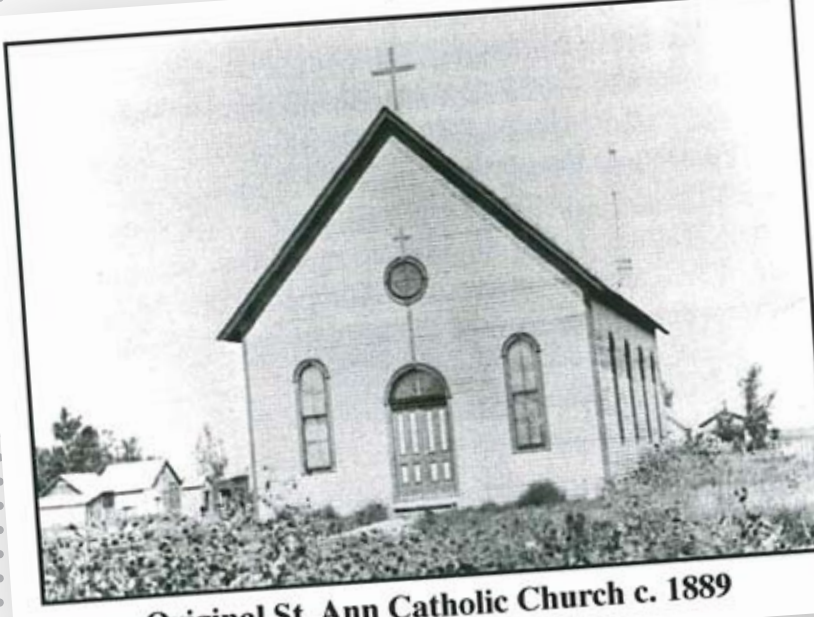
Miller was named for Henry Miller, first settler, who arrived in 1881. Early in the spring of 1883, Father Bernard H. Running came from Pierre to offer Catholics the opportunity to make their Easter duty. He recorded 11 Holy Communions. On a repeat trip a year later, the number rose to 50. About that time Henry Miller donated a piece of land about a quarter of a mile south of the center of town for a church site. St. Ann's Church was completed on July 31, 1894. The church was built under the direct of Father Th. A. Majerus who was in Miller from 1884 to 1888. Because there was no rectory, he roomed in a private home. He ministered alto to Polo, St. Lawrence, Westington, Ree Heights and parts of Hyde County.

In 1892 St. Ann's Parish numbered 40 German, 15 English, 10 Bohemian and two each of French and Italian families. Father Mathias Sevik ministered them. To get the Catholic church into town, the small building was moved across the railroad tracks in 1896 to two lots donated by J. J. Smith. From 1894 to 1904 the Benedictines of Stephan served the Miller parish.

In 1904 Bishop O'Gorman sent Father M. J. McCarthy to be resident pastor with Harold as a mission. Father Hugh Fox succeeded him after a year and ministered for five years, including Harold and Highmore. Then followed Fathers J. J. Gaffney and Frederick A. Duguay (1912-16). Because of Father Duguay's feeble health, Father P. J. Kelly was sent to live with him. Father Duguay died in 1916.

Father Joseph F. Duffey succeeded to the Miller pastorate in 1916. His successor was Father D. J. Quillan (1920-25) who was much in demand as a speaker. When Father Clarence J. Schilling resigned as professor in Columbus College in 1925, he was appointed to Miller. He planned a series of festivals to raise money to improve the church; he also secured a loan of \$12,000. He then proceeded with the remodeling of the church, construction of a new rectory and conversion of the old one into a parish hall. The first services in the renovated church were conducted in August of 1927.

Father Richard J. Gorman was associated with St. Ann's from 1951 to 1962. He had succeeded Father John J. Ryland (1936-53). In 1955 the parish launched construction of a church-rectory complex. Eucharistic Day, Sept. 24, 1961, was held in the new church. (CD)



Original St. Ann Catholic Church c. 1889



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH—MILLER, S.D. 2004

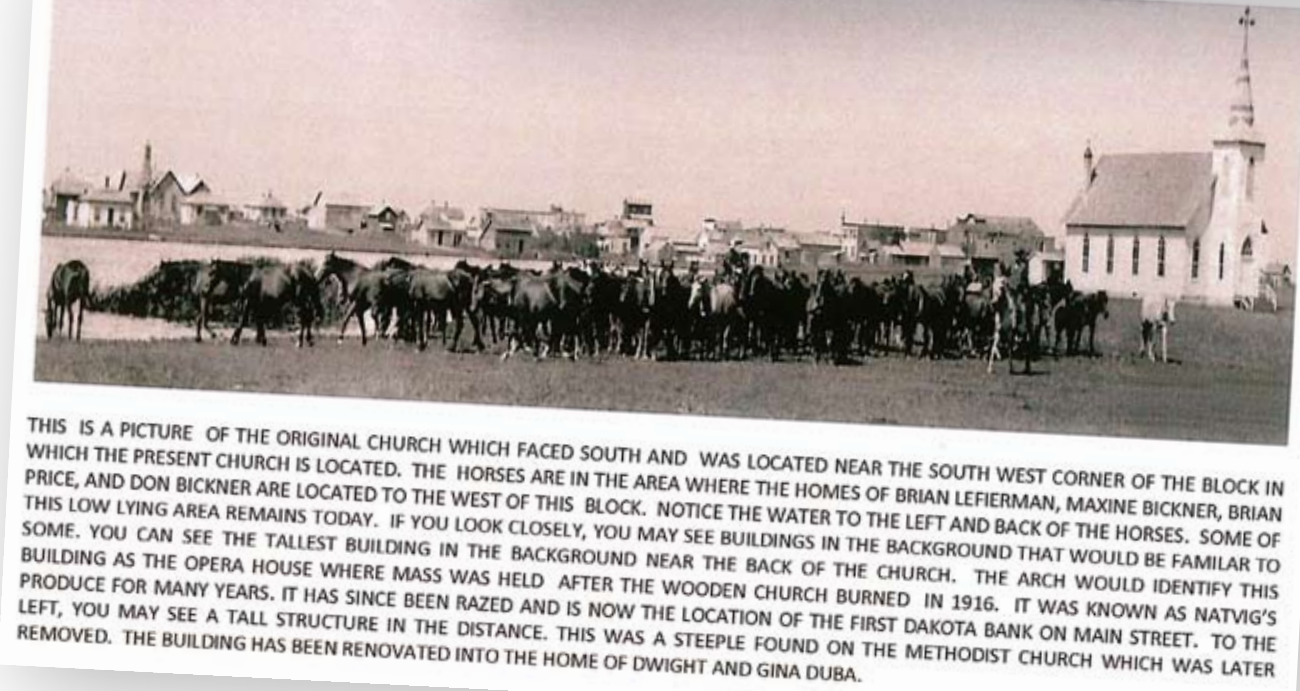


## Kimball, Brule County

St. Margaret



- 1880, Spring Three covered wagons made their way westward towards what was later to become Kimball. After they had passed Mitchell, the road got dimmer and at last the men had nothing to guide them except a line of stakes driven into the ground to mark the place where a railroad was to be built. When they reached the stake marked 48 they stopped and un hitched. Two of the men were Thomas and Mike Conley who took up claims there. XXXXX Henry C. Smith, a Civil War veteran, hauled lumber from Mitchell for his claim shanty. Henry Schneider, John D. Lawler, others. Bingham-Peters, "Brule County", SED, XLIII, 20
- 1881, June The first business building, a frame structure, 16 x 20 ft. was erected by E.S. Davis and he stocked it with groceries. Ibid-p. 25
- 1881, Oct. J.S. Smith of Osage, Ia. started a lumber yard. Ibid.
- 1882, July 23 The Presbyterian church of Kimball, costing \$2000 was dedicated. Kimball was a thriving town of 300 people. Donald D. Parker, FOUNDED PRESBYTERIANISM IN S.D., p. 62
- 1883 The year of the influx of settlers. All the railroads to this area were strained to carry the immigrants' freight. Hundreds left the trains every day and swarmed to the eating places, then rushed for the free lands. Dunham, A HISTORY OF JERARD COUNTY, pp. 31-32 The population had jumped to 1000 and the village was organized. Bingham-Peters, p. 25
- 1883-1914 A Norwegian Lutheran church was operated when it was sold to the German Lutherans. Ibid., p. 25
- 1884 The first Catholic priest, Rev. J.B. McGowan, took up residence. Services were held in the homes until a church was completed. Among the early Catholics were: the Pafrells, Gavins, Walches, Ryans, Conleys, John Smith and the Puroells. Bingham-Peters, p. 26
- 1885, July 6, DAILY PRESS & DAKOTIAN Fr. George Willard will go to Kimball next Monday to lay the cornerstone for Kimball's Catholic church. Edited by Carl Lindner & Ramsey Aug. 31, 1893
- 1885 Dvorak, PAMATHI KIMBALL, p. 3 The first Catholic church was a frame building 36 x 62 ft.
- 1885, Dec. 7 An artesian well was reached at a depth of 1068 ft. Bingham-P. 26
- 1888-1898 Kimball was a mission of White Lake.
- 1896 A sanctuary and sacristy were added to the church. Edited by Carl Lindner & Ramsey Aug. 31, 1893
- 1916, May 26 At night the Kimball Catholic church was on fire. The Rev. Timothy J. O'Gorman was able to save the Blessed Sacrament but not much else. The insurance covered \$3000. ind. by Fr. O'Gorman.
- 1916, May 28 The Brule Mercantile Co. offered the use of the opera house for Sunday services for as long as needed. After the services, at a parish meeting plans for a new church were made. The trustees, O.S. Bradshaw and L.A. Miller with pastor directed the preliminaries.
- 1916, June 19 Thirteen farmers were at hand to excavate the basement for the new church which was to be 100 x 46 ft. Contributed labor by parishioners was a potent factor in keeping the cost of the church down.
- 1916, Dec. 12 First services in the new church.
- 1917, Nov. 25 At a parish meeting, parishioners pledged enough to clear the entire debt. Total cost with furnishings was \$21,752.35.
- 1946 Father O'Gorman died.
- 1950 A new rectory was built.
- 1968, EB, March A CCD team working out of Chamberlain serves Kimball and other parishes.
- 1970 A \$70,000 addition to the church will provide a new entrance to the church, a cloakroom, a library and office for the CCD director and 8 classrooms. Rev. E.J. Sikkes is the pastor. EB, Sept. 1970
- Vocations from the parish: 4 priests.
- 1973, March 30 Reported by Rev. Henry Sikkes 300 Catholic White Families Church, rectory Basement of church—hall CCD Meets once a week in church basement, for all grades Adult sessions in Lent Bendon mission was discontinued Sept. 7, 1871. All Catholics joined the Kimball parish.



THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE ORIGINAL CHURCH WHICH FACED SOUTH AND WAS LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF THE BLOCK IN WHICH THE PRESENT CHURCH IS LOCATED. THE HOUSES IN THE AREA WHERE THE HOMES OF BRILLIANTERMAN, MARINE BROTHER, BRUNN AND DOWN BICKNER ARE LOCATED TO THE WEST OF THIS BLOCK. NOTICE THE WATER TO THE LEFT AND BACK OF THE HOUSES. SOME OF THE BUILDING AS YOU CAN SEE THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE BACKGROUND THAT WOULD BE FABRIK TO PRODUCE FOR MANY YEARS. IT HAS SINCE BEEN RAZED AND IS NOW THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST DAKOTA BANK ON MAIN STREET. TO THE LEFT, YOU MAY SEE A TALL STRUCTURE IN THE DISTANCE. THIS WAS A STEEPLE WHICH WAS LATER REMOVED. THE BUILDING HAS BEEN RENOVATED INTO THE HOME OF DWIGHT AND GINA DUNA.

# Pierre St. Peter and Paul

## Pierre (Hughes Co.) St. Peter and Paul

Pierre had come into existence as a ferry landing place in 1870-1880. In Oct. of 1880 a postoffice was opened in Hilger's Store under the name of "Hatto", the Sioux for bear (mahoto). The coming of the railroad in the fall of that year brought a new name "Pierre," and an increased activity in the hamlet. The 1st recorded Mass was offered in Pierre in April 1881 by Father G. Boner of Big Stone City in J. D. Hilger's residence. For the next months the priest made the long trip periodically until July when Father Thomas O'Sullivan of DeSmet began to minister to the Catholics in Pierre. Bishop Marty saw the possibility of the town becoming a center of population so he assigned Father Bunning as pastor, who face nearly insurmountable obstacles in the establishment of a parish. On the Vigil of Pentecost in 1882, he offered Holy Mass in his hotel bedroom with a few persons attending. After Mass he had the baptism of Peter Alphonse Boisjoli and there were 12 additional baptisms before the end of the year...having come from a Benedictine Abbey noted for the splendor of its liturgy, Father Bunning was nearly overwhelmed by contrast with what he could offer God on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. From June 4, 1882 to Sept. 1, 1882 Sunday services were held in a vacant store building which he was able to rent for \$10 a month. He was grateful to report that during Pentecost week, 18 persons performed their Easter duty at Pierre and 5 more at Ft. Pierre.

In June Father Bunning organized the St. Peter's Catholic Men's Society and through it began to negotiate for a church site. Bishop Marty arrived in Pierre on Sept. 16 and suggested a site and that when the lease on the store ended he (Fr. Bunning) should occupy a small cottage which would serve as residence and place of worship. However, when the Winona Hotel again passed into the hands of a Catholic, the priest transferred to it because of more space. Bishop Marty discovered that the young pastor was zealous and active, having organized a men's choir which enhanced the liturgy; prepared 7 for their 1st communion and presented a class of 14 for confirmation. Pierre was a mixed group of Americans, French, Irish, English, German and Luxemburgers -- all of whom had come singly. During the latter part of 1883 the hotel passed into Protestant management which made it necessary for Fr. Bunning to search for other quarters. Because he found no one "willing to do so," in frustration he asked the Bishop's permission to make a retreat after which he would be ready for a new assignment.

Father Bunning returned from the spiritual exercises renewed in courage ready to carry on in Pierre. John D. Hilger offered him the hospitality of his home and Mr. & Mrs. Chisholm placed their millinery shop at his disposal for Sunday services. There, surrounded by bonnets, hats and other feminine trills, holy Mass was offered. When Father Bunning announced that there would be no further public worship in Pierre until services could be held in a new church, this ultimatum brought immediate action, and work commenced on a church 24x70, 16 ft. high. The edifice was far enough advanced that first services were held in it on July 15, 1883. Construction of a rectory began in Sept. A cemetery plot of 20 acres was purchased a mile north of town. The new church was blessed Oct. 16, 1884 by Bishop Marty and 3 days later in the same edifice the Bishop raised the Rev. Henry Mensing to the priesthood.

Pierre remained the headquarters for missionary activity until 1898 (?) rather than home for resident pastor. Priests who served during these try times were: Father B. Bunning, 1882-1886; J. A. Bunnham, 1886-91; Fintan Wiederkehr, OSB 1891-92; Joseph A. Accorsini, 1892; Flacidus Zarn, OSB 1893-95; John H. Jaspers, 1895-96; B. H. Bunning, 1896-99 and M. J. Rosen, 1899. Fourteen missions and 14 baptisms resulted during this period. During this period the growth of the parish declined when Pierre was no longer the chief outfitting point for the Black Hills. By 1899 the population of Pierre was 1000. Bishop Marty for extensive report on parochial school in Pierre)...Father Francis E. Stenzel was assigned to Pierre following Father J. J. O'Neill. He, Fr. Stenzel, concentrated on Pierre liquidation of the debt that a found encumbering the parish. He postponed all further improvements until this could be accomplished.....Father Paul McGuire of Pierre set out in 1939 to erect a new St. Peter and Paul Church. There was a next egg in the treasury dating back to June 14, 1904 when Mrs. Hannah Durves of St. Louis donated a quarter section of land for this purpose. Father McGuire chose as architect Harry Dyrne a pupil of Frank Wright. He erected a wing-shaped structure which was pronounced the most architecturally function Catholic church in the nation at the time. As such it received national acclaim. On June 29, 1944 Bishop Brady blessed the church which cost approximately \$70,000. (Confessionals were air-conditioned) ...Father Paul McGuire, came to Pierre Sept. 1, 1923. The soft-spoken kindly Fishman served his people exceedingly well until age and failing health forced him into retirement at Maryhouse in Pierre, Jan. 1967. Ten years before the Holy Father had recognized his work and merit by naming him a Domestic Prelate. He died on Jan. 5, 1976.



St. Peter and Paul with paragon, 1885, on church ground property.

