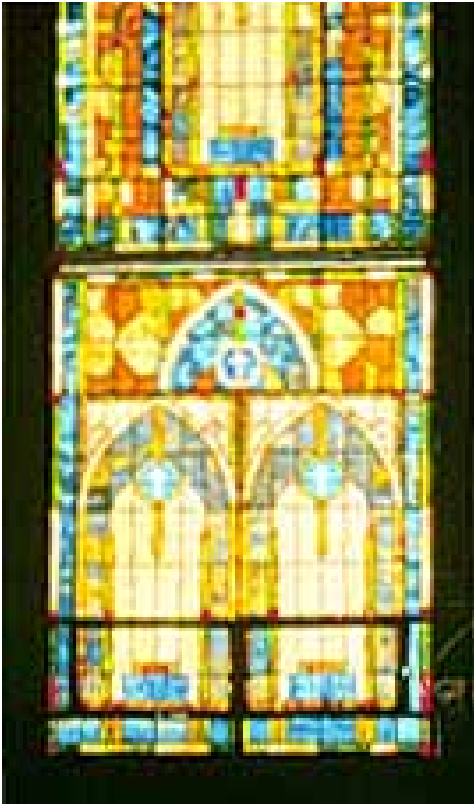


St. Joseph Catholic Church

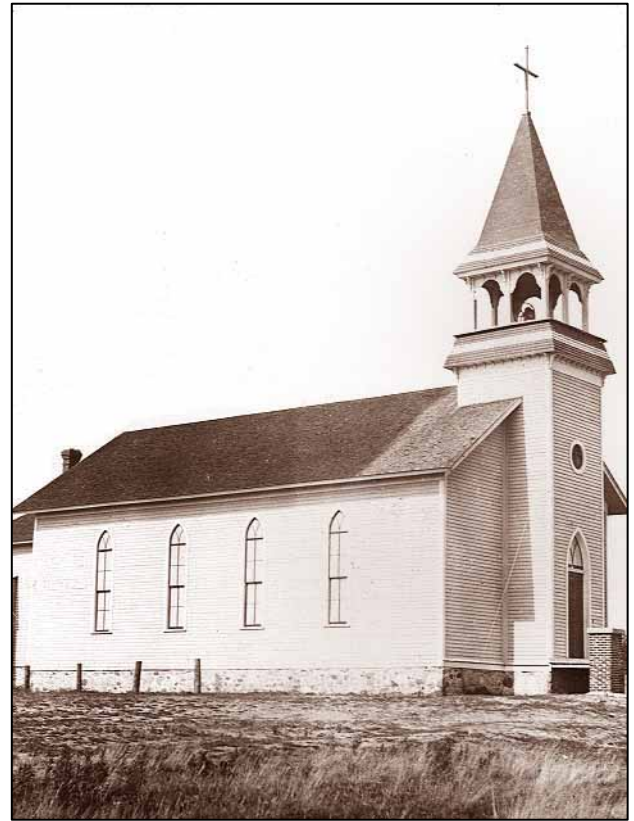
26. St. Joseph's Catholic
Church, 8380 Fifth Street





Of frame construction with the traditional central steeple capping an extension for the entrance, old St. Joseph's Catholic Church was probably under construction in 1888. St. Joseph's Parish was granted permission to establish in 1887. Early services were held in several rural locations, including the Goodrich farmhouse on what is now US-31. The old Church is thought to have been ready for worship in 1892; a barn

also was built next to the Church to shelter the horses and to serve as a place in which people could assemble. The old Church was replaced in 1967 with this contemporary structure designed by the architectural firm of Strong, Drury, and Cunningham. It included quarters for the priest; the rectory had been the frame residence, with its inviting, wide front porch, at 8252 Fifth Street. The beauty of the old Church lives on as the sunlight streams through the stained-glass windows that were salvaged from the



former building and later repurchased by the Church. They were reconstructed by Ken Cooper of Norwalk and installed in the new Church.

Former Rectory,
8252 Fifth Street

