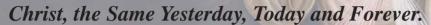
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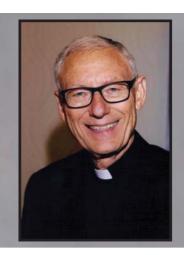


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Divine Mercy Area Faith Community



~Some Information on the Structure in our Diocese~



If you have been involved in a ministry beyond the parish in the Diocese of New Ulm, you may be aware that the Diocese was divided into regions which were subdivisions in the diocese for many years. Those regions have recently been reduced from six to three and renamed Deanery's. Each Deanery is divided into Area Faith Communities (AFC) which is a union of sorts of a number of parishes. St. Mary's is now in Deanery 1 and is a part of the Divine Mercy Area Faith Community comprised of St. Mary's, Sleepy Eye; St. Michael's, Morgan; Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth and St. Paul's, Comfrey, MN. Each of the AFC's has one pastor, but perhaps more than one priest as well as lay employees.

AFC's are a rather new concept in our Diocese. AFC's were formed when it became apparent that the demographics were changing in our diocese as well as the number of priests available to serve our parishes.

A number of weeks ago I included a document in the bulletin written by our bishop giving some of the relevant data concerning our diocese and its parishes. There are definite changes taking place. We have noticed it in our parish. The number of children has decreased significantly as well as the number of priests available and the number of people actively participating in the life of the Church. This affects parish and diocesan life significantly.

Due to less people, less youth and less priests and the same number of parishes, we needed to look seriously at the situation. About 12 years ago, it was decided that AFC's would be a good way to move forward. In an AFC there is one Pastor serving a number of parishes. By uniting the parishes it was felt that better ministry could be offered since there would be more people to draw from and to offer services to. The parishes would work together to fulfill the mission of the Church. It requires that all of us are willing to look beyond our parish for the good of the whole Church and be willing to sacrifice for a greater good then our immediate situation.

Even though St. Mary's has been part of the Divine Mercy Area Faith Community since AFC's began, it is only recently (June 26, 2018) that there is only one pastor uniting all parishes under one umbrella. St. Mary's, with a full Catholic School system, is the largest of the four parishes. This is a blessing and a challenge for the AFC.

The AFC structure is a work in progress. Let us here, at St. Mary's do all we can to help promote the good of the Church. First of all by deepening our faith through participation in the life of the parish, promoting vocations and reaching out in love to those in need. In this way we build up community throughout the AFC so that our four parishes will become as united as possible truly giving witness to Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

May divine mercy abound in our area. Msgr. Eugene Lozinski

On the cover: The apse in the Adoration Chapel in the north entry of St. Mary's Catholic Church



Parish Family Profile

Since moving to Sleepy Eye in June of 2016, Ryan and Katie Braulick have become very active at St. Mary's. Katie currently holds the position of CCW secretary and Embrace coordinator and Ryan is the new Grand Knight of the KCs. Both were also active in their previous parish of St. John the Baptist in Mankato. Together they are also involved with the Pre-Cana diocesan marriage preparation program. "We are most passionate about things as a cou-



ple. We see the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage and want others to find the joy in that Sacrament." Ryan adds, "My Catholic faith (God) has graced me with so much and I want to give back. My main goal is to get my wife, myself and my children and anyone else to heaven."

Katie is the daughter of Deacon Russ and Debra Blaschko. While being a permanent Deacon, Deacon Russ is also involved in the banking industry. Katie's mom Debra is a homemaker who spends a lot of time volunteering for Options for Women Mankato. She also home schooled Katie along with her two brothers for some of their education. Debra is now a freelance writer for the Prairie Catholic. After Katie's graduation from Mankato West in 2003 she attended St. Mary's College in Winona where she received her degree in Youth and Pastoral Ministry. She went on to become the Director of Youth Ministry for a three parish cluster in the Diocese of St. Cloud, with a home parish in Sauk Center.

Being raised on a farm nearby had a big influence on Ryan. The son of Fred and Kathy Braulick of Sleepy Eye, Ryan has one sister and one brother. Even though Fred and Kathy quit dairy farming in 2007, they continue to stay active in other areas of farming. Ryan's home parish was St. John's in Searles but Ryan, along with his brother and sister attended St. Mary's School. After graduation in 1996, Ryan attended SDSU in Brookings and received his degree in Environmental Management with a biology minor.

After his college graduation Ryan accepted a job with the USDA-NRCS (National Resource Conservation Services). It was when he bought his first home in Mankato that his realtor first mentioned the daughter of a banker that he knew whom he felt would be a good match for Ryan. It was later that summer

while working at his home parish's church festival in Searles that Arnolda Fischer from Sleepy Eye had mentioned that same name to Ryan. After some thought and nudging from the Holy Spirit, Ryan decided to give Katie a call. While home one weekend the two went on a date. It turned out that both the realtor and Arnolda were right. They first met in August of 2007 and became engaged in June 2008. Katie left her job in Sauk Center and moved back home to Mankato to be closer to

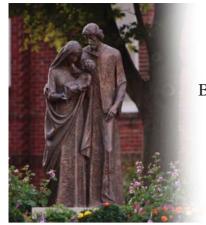
Ryan. She took a position of CNA with the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Ryan and Katie were married on April 18, 2009, at Holy Rosary Church in North Mankato. One of the first things we did together as a couple was to write a prayer together for our wedding. "We wanted to use this opportunity to introduce family and friends who may not know about all of the graces of this Sacrament to the beauty of prayer and the Church."

After their marriage they continued to live in Mankato. Once they began their family Katie became a licensed daycare provider and after the birth of their first son William, she became a trained doula. It is amazing how intricately we are designed. "I wanted to encourage other moms to use God's strength and empower them through the process of birth." She went on to teach birthing classes at the Mankato Clinic.

On June 1, 2016, the family moved to the Sleepy Eye area when Ryan took the position of Environmental Resource Assistant at Christensen Farms. In August of that year they would lose their son Tommy to miscarriage. It was this loss that prompted Katie to spearhead the beginning of the Embrace Ministry here at St. Mary's Parish, reaching out to families who have lost a child to miscarriage, still birth or adoption loss. Ryan and Katie are now the proud parents of five children, William (age 8), Anthony (age 5), Emmaline (age 3), Tommy (in heaven) and Vincent who was born July 2, 2018.

When Katie reflects on the people who have been the biggest influence in her life she states, "When I think of the people that I admire, I see their faith radiate joy. You can't help but be joyful when you know Jesus and I hope others can see the joy of Jesus in our family too."



Born into God's Family

May 21, 2018 - August 19, 2018

Brooklyn Adeline Braulick, daughter of Riley Braulick & Amanda Meyer
Jayla Mercedes Torres, daughter of Jaime & Ruby Torres
Briggs Gregory Braulick, son of Briar & Heidi Braulick
Vincent Joseph Braulick, son of Ryan & Katie Braulick
Declan Doc Cunningham, son of Jason & Sandy Cunningham
Hanna Marion Sellner, daughter of Chris & Erin Sellner

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord...

May 21, 2018 - August 19, 2018

Leon Helget 7/8/2018 Sylvester Spaeth 8/5/2018 Theresa Reiniger 8/9/2018

Bennett C. Tauer 8/19/18

Bequests - Remembering St. Mary's Church in your will is the ultimate demonstration of commitment to this institution and the values it represents. Continuing the good works you support on earth, beyond your lifetime, is the ultimate form of good stewardship.



Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's

Katherine Schwartz & David Reynolds 5/26/2018
Angela Armbruster & Daniel Cooper 6/9/2018
Elise Helget & Michael Sprenger 7/28/2018
Nolan Helget & Saydi Martinka 8/11/2018

Alexis Domeier & Michael Kramer 8/18/2018 Melissa Falk & Zachary Baker 8/25/2018 David Krzmarzick & Katarina Barrett 9/1/2018 Jenna Krzmarzick & Elias Webster 9/8/2018

Welcome To Our Parish



Andrew Dieter



Joe and Becky Rothmeier and their children, Paige, Preston, Peyton and Parker



Ed and Bev Reynolds



By: Sean Connolly

We're gearing up for an exciting new choir season.

Thanks to Josh Sellner for helping me re-arrange the loft this summer; we found much extra space. That space will be crucial for our celebration next summer on August 15, 2019, of Our Lady's Assumption with a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form. The music for that Mass will include Mozart's Coronation Mass. All are invited to sing in the choir for this event, which will begin rehearsing in September.



The Caecilian Choir and Latin Mass Choir resume after Labor Day. Singers of all voice parts, especially Sopranos and Altos for the Caecilian Choir, are sought and welcome to join. Please contact me for details.

In the loft there is now also a permanent space for handbells. Senior Kira DeMaris will be starting up a bell choir in the high school, and all interested students are encouraged to contact her.

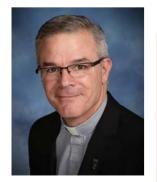
All SMS elementary students in grades 3 thru 6 are welcome again this year to join the Caecilian Choir Chorister Program. Information will be coming out through Annette Lux's music class early next year.

Students of any age are welcome to undertake private lessons on the pipe organ with me. As newly-elected Education Officer of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, I will be organizing events later this year aimed at exposing young people to this fascinating and wonderful instrument.

Finally, your prayers are appreciated for the successful delivery of our third child, Felicity, whose arrival this October Chelsea and I are eagerly anticipating!

CCW Deanery 1 Fall Gathering

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 ~ St. Mary Church, Sleepy Eye



Keynote Speaker:
Deacon Mike McKeown

Registration: 5:30 pm • Mass: 6:00 pm • Meal: 6:45 pm • Speaker: 7:30 pm

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION AND YOU: Sharing the Joy of the Gospel

Deacon Mike McKeown is Director of Healing Ministry and Director of Development for the Diocese of New Ulm. He is also a member of the diocesan evangelization team.

If you are like most Catholics, you probably find the idea of evangelization to be intimidating. In this presentation, Deacon McKeown will share insights from Pope Francis' document *The Joy of the Gospel* as well as his personal experiences of bringing people back to the Church.



A Piece of St. Mary's History

This section is dedicated to the history of St. Mary's Parish

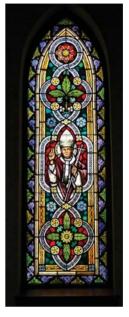
By: Josh Sellner

Stained Glass of St. Mary's

We are very fortunate to have stained glass windows made by two different studios here at St. Mary's. The windows in the church were made by an unknown studio. After consulting with three different professional studios, we can be fairly certain that they were made by a domestic studio here in the United States, and not in Germany or Austria. While the windows were likely made by German immigrants and any correspondence was likely written in German, these experts stated from their experience that German or Austrian-made stained glass windows made in the so-called "Munich style" are made completely of mouth-blown glass, the color palette of which is somewhat limited. The church windows contain a lot of "rolled" or machine-made glass, which has a much wider variety of bright colors, such as the bright yellows, pinks, purples, and other so-called "candy colors" and do not reflect the Munich style. Rolled glass is also transparent, whereas the blown glass has a more translucent quality (meaning that while it transmits light, it cannot be easily seen through.) The two complete windows in the sanctuary and the medallions



St. Teresa of Kolkata, donated by Charles Hoffmann in memory of his brother Eddy



St. John Paul II, donations received from various donors

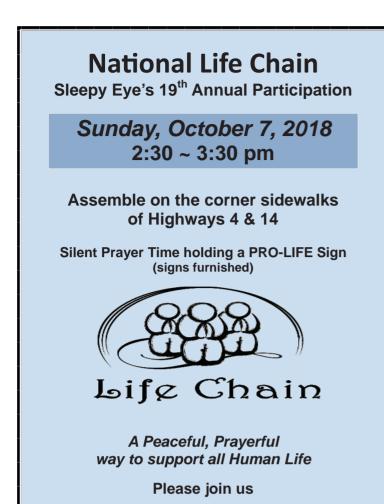


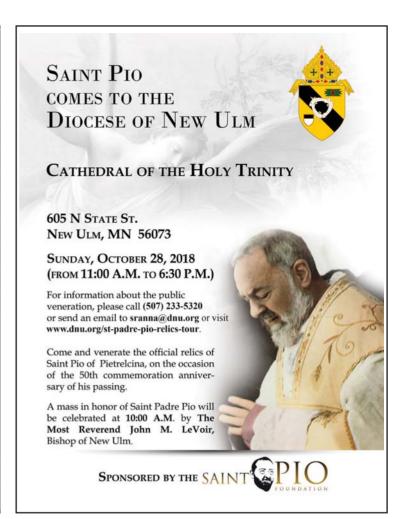
St. Isidore, the farmer, donated in memory of Joseph H. Sellner

containing the images of the saints and symbols in each nave window are made of mouth-blown glass, but the rest of each window is made from rolled glass.

The three antique windows that grace the new adoration chapel apse came from the original convent chapel and were made by the Emil Frei Art Glass Co. of St. Louis in 1920. The studio is still in business today. According to church records, the parish paid \$310.00 for the set of three, the equivalent of which would be \$4,476.54 today. These three windows are made in the Munich style, a hallmark of the Emil Frei Studio from that time period. The artists at the Frei Studio were eager to take on our commission for three new windows (pictured above) in the style of the old ones, as they don't get many requests for new Munich-style windows these days. We are grateful for all of the donations and pleased to finally see these beautiful new additions to the adoration chapel, and know that anyone who visits the chapel will enjoy them for years to come.

Upcoming Events		November
October	14 CCW Recognition Sunday	1 All Saints Day
3 Children's Holy Land Field	14 St. Michael's, Morgan - Beef Dinner	2 All Souls Day
Trip at Cathedral of the Holy	21 CCW Mission Brunch	4 National Vocation Awareness Week
Trinity, New Ulm	21 World Mission Sunday	4 Daylight Saving Time Ends
5 St. Mary's School Marathon	28 St. Paul's, Comfrey	11 Veterans Day
7 Respect Life Sunday	Sausage Dinner	17 Night of Knights Annual Appeal Dinner
7 National Life Chain at Hwy's 4 & 14	28 St. Padre Pio Relic Tour at	22 Thanksgiving
11 Baptism Class	Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm	23 Parish Office Closed







Every year, on the commemoration of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize the killing of the unborn on January 22, 1973, hundreds of thousands of people from all over the United States travel there to march in protest against this unjust and cruel law which denies ba-

sic human rights to the unborn. This year, St. Mary's Catholic School, in cooperation with the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, will be taking high school students and adult chaperones to Washington D.C. The entire trip is a spiritual pilgrimage and educational event. The group will be busing overnight to Washington, attending a Pro-life Student Conference, a rally Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica, marching the protest parade, attending a prayer service, and accessing some of the historical sites along the national mall. A group from St. Mary's went several years ago and everyone spoke very movingly of their participation. Donations are being accepted to help with the cost (\$500 per person). A fundraiser is being planned. Students in high school are eligible with priority given to upper classmen. Those interested should contact Sarah Jirak at the school at mrs.jirak@sesmschool.com. Please pray for our students, and the entire nation, as we work to end the slaughter of the innocent unborn.

Church of St. Mary Financial Report

	For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018							
Parish Revenue	Actual		Budget	Parish Expense	Ac	tual	Bu	dget
Sunday Offertory	C 044	105	t 000 0	Administrative Expense	Φ.	400.000	Φ	400 700
Adult Envelopes Student Envelopes	\$ 611, \$ 1,		\$ 620,0 \$ 2,0		\$	198,986 78,547	\$ \$	199,739 71,200
Children Envelopes			\$ 2,5 \$ 2,5		\$	39,429	\$	37,000
Loose Plate	\$ 34,		\$ 18,0	• •	\$	171,817	\$	131,327
Total Sunday Offertory	\$ 650,		\$ 642,5	0 Total Admin Expense	\$	488,780	\$	439,266
Special Collections	\$ 125,	204	\$ 123,8	0 Worship Expense	\$	54,228	\$	24,700
Other Revenue				Other Expense				
Universal Collections		217	t 400.0	Social Concerns	\$	6,217	Φ	0.050
Fundraising & Donations Misc. Revenue	\$ 293,3 \$ 148,		\$ 162,8 \$ 113,6		\$	7,261 13,478	<u>\$</u> \$	2,050 2,050
Total Other Revenue	\$ 448,		\$ 276,4	 '	Ψ	10,470	Ψ	2,000
				Facility Mgmt Expenses				
Interest	\$ 4,	733	\$ 6,5	Repairs /Improvements Utilities / Maintenance	\$	450,742	\$	112,496
	• .,		, ,,,	- Stillies / Wallterlance	\$	450,742	\$	112,496
				School Subsidy	\$	569,850	\$	649,102
Total Parish Revenue	\$ 1,228,	634	\$ 1,049,3	8 Total Parish Expense	\$	1,577,078	\$	1,227,614
Religious Ed Revenue	\$ 8,	175	\$ 9,4	0 Religious Ed Expense	\$	14,119	\$	15,470
Elementary School Revenue				Elementary School Expense				
Operating Revenue				Administrative Expense	_			
Tuition Income	\$ 429,		\$ 445,0		\$	626,319 26,885	\$	644,702
Fundraising & Donations Other	\$ 126,5 \$ 39,5		\$ 35,1 \$ 41,6	9 1	\$	20,000 57,895	\$ \$	16,000 48,684
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 596,4		\$ 521,8		\$	711,099	\$	709,386
, ,	,			Instructional Expense	\$		\$	31,429
				Facility Management Expense				
				Repairs / Improvements				
				Utilities / Maintenance	\$	135,284	\$	119,451
Athletic Program Income	\$ 2,	430	\$ 3,2	Total Facility Expenses O Athletic Program Exp	\$	135,284 3,698	\$ \$	119,451 3,500
Caribbean Knights Income	\$ 38,	250	\$ 38,2	(Excluding Salaries)				·
Parish Subsidy	\$ 272,		\$ 300,4					
Total Elem School Revenue	\$ 909,	197	\$ 863,7	6 Total Elem School Exp	\$	909,197	\$	863,766
Learning Tree Revenue	\$ 34,	553	\$ 34,0	0 Learning Tree Expense	\$	21,362	\$	28,232
High School Revenue				High School Expense				
Operating Revenue				Administrative Expense				
Tuition Income	· ,		\$ 455,1		\$	660,393	\$	676,730
Fundraising & Donations	\$ 141,		\$ 45,3	• 1	\$	9,177		12,000
Other Total Operating Revenue	\$ 74,4 \$ 678,9		\$ 79,2 \$ 579,6	·	\$	70,185 739,755	<u>\$</u> \$	58,984 747,714
Total Operating Revenue	φ 070,	900	p 579,0	· ·				
				Instructional Expense	\$	59,578	\$	52,835
				Facility Management Exp				
				Repairs / Improvements Utilities / Maintenance	\$	134,637	\$	120,472
				Total Facility Expense	\$	134,637	\$	120,472
Athletic Program Income	\$ 92,	320	\$ 99,0	7 1	\$	173,994	\$	144,564
Caribbean Knights Income	\$ 38,	250	\$ 38,2					
Parish Subsidy	\$ 298,	430	\$ 348,6	3				
Total High School Revenue	\$ 1,107,	965	\$ 1,065,5	4 Total High School Expense	\$	1,107,965	\$	1,065,584
Nex-Tu-Nu II Revenue	\$ 60,	637	\$ 70,0	0 Nex-Tu-Nu II Expense	\$	27,577	\$	26,969
Other Revenue	\$ 425,		\$ 539,2		\$	442,706	\$	403,695
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 3,774,	372	\$ 3,631,3	4 Total Operating Expense	\$	4,100,002	\$	3,631,330
				Net Income (Loss) From Operations	\$	(325,630)		64
				Gain on Market Value of Investments	\$	41,479	\$	
				Net Income	\$	(284,151)	\$	64

St. Mary's Parish Balance Sheet Fiscal Year End 2018

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	131,889.08	247,683.36
Investments	2,227,077.94	2,146,589.55
Receivables	118,441.22	132,011.64
Other Assets	26,172.00	17,010.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,503,580.24	2,543,294.55
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LONG TERM ASSETS	26 922 900 00	24 914 000 00
Property and Equipment	26,832,800.00	24,814,000.00
Long Term Investments	1,882,901.38	1,882,349.70
TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS	28,715,701.38	26,696,349.70
TOTAL ASSETS	31,219,281.62	29,239,644.25
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	72,907.69	73,318.52
Total Long-Term Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	72,907.69	73,318.52
NET ASSETS		
Restricted		
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	627,719.99	483,240.89
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	1,781,628.05	1,652,802.69
TOTAL RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	2,409,348.04	2,136,043.58
Unrestricted		
Designated Net Assets	133,299.40	167,133.19
General Fund Balance	(1,177,765.17)	(1,078,157.38)
General Fund Balance	3,232,842.90	3,226,914.13
Investment in Plant	26,832,800.00	24,814,000.00
Net Income	(284,151.24)	(99,607.79)
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	28,737,025.89	27,030,282.15
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	31,219,281.62	29,239,644.25

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

		INCO	ME STAT	<u>EMENT</u>		
Revenue			Expense			
Lot Sales	\$	4,400	Utili	ties		\$ 95
Bequests & Gifts	\$	25	Grav	e Open/Clos	se	\$ 10,925
Interment Charges	\$	14,650	Equi	pment		\$ 7,615
Interest Income-perpetual	\$	6,561	Main	ntenance & I	mprovements	\$ 15,184
Other Income-operating	\$_	20	Othe	er Expenses		\$ 31
Total Revenue	Total Revenue \$ 25,656 Total Expense			\$ 33,850		
			Net Incom	me (Loss) Fı	rom Operations	\$ (8,194)
			Market (Change		\$ 34,869
			Net Incom	me		\$ 26,675
		BAI	LANCE SI	HEET		
Assets						
Cash			\$	15,477		
Perpetual C	Care					
Money Market		\$	1,408			
Long Term Investment		\$	483,836			
Total Perpetual Care			_		\$500,721	
Liabilities & F	und l	Balances	;			
Accounts Payable		\$	0			
General Fund Balance		\$	474,046			
Net Incom	e		\$	26,675		
Net Equity					\$500,721	

Would you consider putting St. Mary's in your Will?

Total Liabilities & Net Equity

Charitable giving is something most of us are morally committed to. If we have been good stewards blessed with abundance over the years, we have much to be thankful for.

\$500,721

God showers us with His blessings and we are the stewards of these blessings. As His stewards, we are asked to return some of these blessings to God's church. To our parishioners, St. Mary's can be the center of our faith and our lives. Therefore, St. Mary's could be in our thoughts when we think of sharing our blessings with others.

You control your possessions at the time of your death, a time when you want to show the importance you place on St. Mary's, your family and your friends.

It would be commendable if all of our parents would consider treating the Church of St. Mary's as one of their children and recipients of part of their legacy.

Over 100 years ago our ancestors, filled with strong faith and vision, built a firm spiritual foundation for future generations. Consider leaving St. Mary's Parish in your will. It is an opportunity to pass on of the Catholic faith and strengthen the legacy of St. Mary's Church of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

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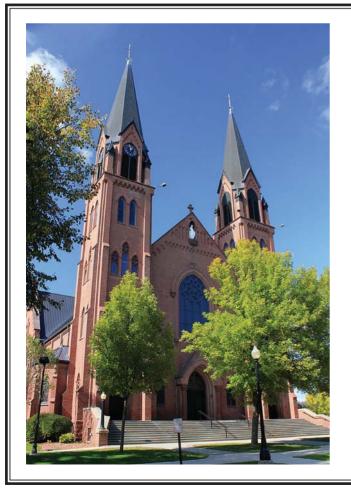
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