

Churches and Schools

CHURCHES

ST. JOHN EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MORRISON, WI.

The history of the church dates back to 1855 when Rev. Perrodin in the home of John Rice celebrated the first masses.

In 1859 Rev. Bonduel arrived in Morrison, and John Clark donated two acres of land for the church and Patrick Boyland donated an acre for a cemetery.

The first church was built under the direction of Rev. Sief in 1860, and completed by Rev. Verboot. In 1868 a new church was built. The original date the school was built is unknown. The church records show it existed in 1875.

Rev. Lane became the first pastor listed in 1870, when he celebrated his first mass. In 1876 the Rev. Herbert was appointed to assist Father Lane.

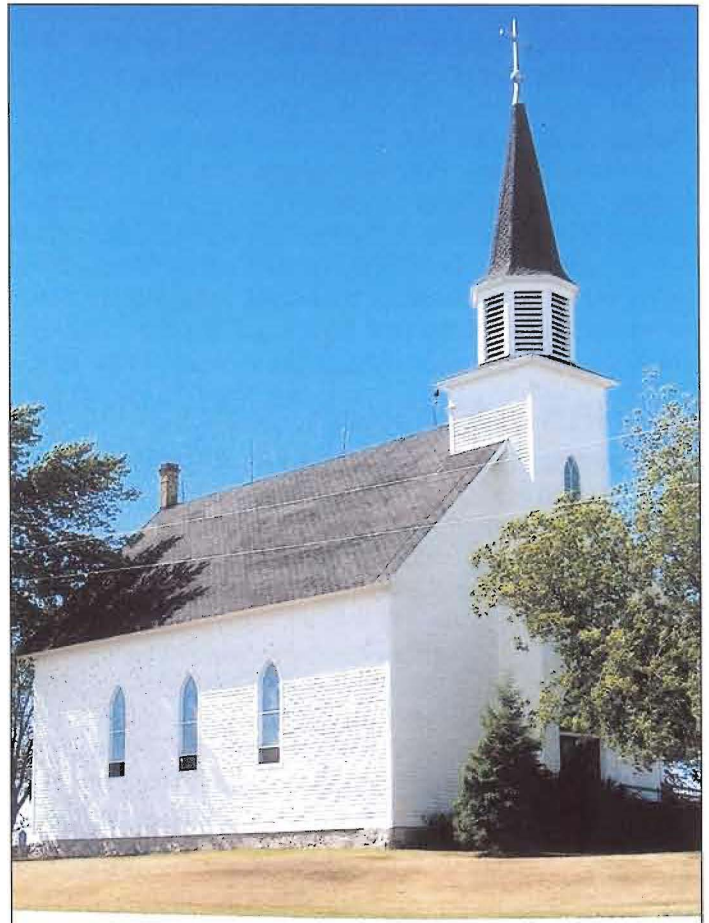
The first native priest to become pastor was Rev. Abb. Gaellweiler who took the position in 1877, and Rev. Andolshek succeeded him in 1878. In 1879 Rev. Holznecht arrived, followed by Rev. William Rice, who later became a monsignor.

A fire destroyed the edifice, school and parsonage in the fall of 1883. A new parsonage was built immediately following the fire. The church construction began the following February.

The congregation was incorporated in 1885, with the above name given.

The following is a list of succeeding pastors: Rev. E. Blume (1884-85), Rev. Conrad Saile (1885-86), Rev. A.N. Buschle (1886-87), Rev. A.P. Masschelein (1887-88), Rev. L. Spitzlberger (1888-91), Rev. P.A. Van Susteren (1891-96), Rev. Francis W. Grier (1896-1901), Rev. Henry Hunch, (1901-05), Rev. Alphonse Roder, (1905-08), Rev. Peter Killis, (1908-12), Rev. A.J. Koerfel, (1912-18), Rev. M.A. Hauch (1918-27), Rev. Francis Schoettl (1918-27), Rev. John Murphy (1927-37), Rev. John Haen (1927-42), Rev. Gerald J. Van Nuland (1942-50), Rev. Francis Helwig (1950-?)

After serving the community for 82 years St. John's closed its door on February 13, 1966. Its 38 families were divided among 4 other nearby parishes. Father Emmet Weber was the last pastor.



St. Mary's Catholic Church of Stark

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH OF STARK

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Stark was dedicated on June 12, 1884. The first pastor, Father Masschelein, said mass in parishioner's homes prior to the building of the church. He also served the Glenmore parish in 1885.

The Stark parish church is located on the east side of Section 12 on County Trunk N. The first church was destroyed by fire in 1889. Another church was constructed on the site where the building currently stands.

The church has been updated a few times since then, the most current in 1996, thanks to many donated hours and monetary contributions. The steeple was also redone in 2003.

In 1998 the merger of Immaculate Conception Glenmore and St. Mary, Stark, formed St. Mary, Glenmore-Stark. Weekly Sunday liturgy continues.