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Introduction

The cornerstone for the present church at St. Charles is dated 15 April 1882. This building is the third church for the parish - replacing a previous frame structure and an earlier log cabin. The type of windows that were installed in 1882 has yet to be determined but it is thought that the windows replaced in 1945/46 were the originals.

It is known from parish records that of the nineteen large stained glass windows in the church, seventeen were replaced in 1945/46 and that two (No's. 1 and 21) were walled over on the inside. One small round window (No. 101) was also covered.

In 1981 an addition was made to the church to provide rest rooms and access for the handicapped. Unfortunately, the design chosen for the roof on the addition was such that most of window No. 18 was blocked. A subsequent addition for a chapel effectively blocked window No. 19. All five blocked windows (No's. 1, 18, 19, 21 and 101) are included in this report because there is still hope that they may someday be restored. Window No. 104 was removed from over the main entrance and replaced with a statue. This window is stored on site.

Windows numbered 9, 10, 11, 12, 102 and 106 were not replaced in 1945.46 and are thought to be originals dating from 1882. Also windows numbered 1, 21 and 101, though now walled over, may date from church construction.

Windows C1, C2 and C3 in the chapel contain colored glass but were not photographed. Windows L1 and L2 are frosted glass in the restrooms and windows S1 thru S5 are plain glass and located in the sacristies.

A parish convent was built in 1923. The convent was converted to a parish office building in 1981-82. The present parish office is located in what was the convent chapel - thus the presence of stained glass windows.