



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The first mass said in Burlington was in 1838 in Rual Nims Tavern. St. Sebastian's, built in 1847 was the first of three churches built by St. Mary's Parish. The church of the Immaculate Conception, dedicated in 1850 was the second, at which time St. Sebastian's was used as a school.

The present church was dedicated in 1891, and the second church was remodeled as a school. The present church was gutted by fire in 1977, but efforts of parishioners and community brought it back to life and the church steeple is again a looked for landmark.

St. Mary's High School was dedicated in 1926. In 1984 it became Catholic Central High School and is under joint sponsorship of thirteen parishes.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 1858. Church organized.

August 1875. Church dedicated.

1887, Parsonage built.

1895, School built. Total cost \$1,500.

1908, Addition to school built and art glass windows installed in the church.

April 15, 1912. An organ installed. It had 12 ranks of pipes, air supplies by pumping a bellows. Most of these pipes were used on the new organ in the new 1980 church which has 25 ranks, 1,421 speaking pipes and a full 32 note pedalboard. An electric blower supplies the air.

Oct. 7, 1962. New school dedicated on a location on Westridge Avenue.

June 15, 1974. New parsonage dedicated, built at the Westridge Avenue site.

1979, Old church sold.

Feb. 3, 1980. New church dedicated on Westridge Avenue. Membership 600.