

Our campus has undergone many changes to meet the needs of a growing parish.

1855 First mass by Rev. Patrick McGinnis in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mullarky.

1854 St. Patrick Parish organized

1856 Small brick church measuring 20'x40' erected on site of present church on land donated by the Mullarky's.

1891 First school building completed. The school was known as St. Mary's and staffed by the Sisters of Charity.



1913 Fire destroys St. Patrick Church.

School name changed to St. Patrick.

Stained glass windows installed.

1980 Grace House constructed.

1988 Addition of multipurpose room, classrooms and offices for administration and religious education.

2013 Preschool renovation

2015 The Campaign for Growth provides for renovations including the Narthex addition, Education Center office addition, and upgrades to multipurpose room and classrooms.

1850

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1950

2000

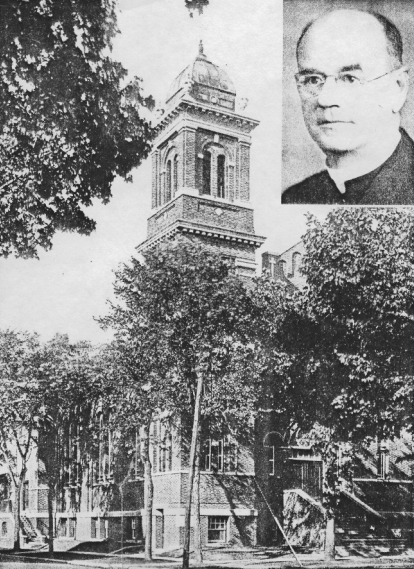
1876 New 40'x100' church constructed to accommodate growth.



1896 Rev. B.W. Coyle arrived and made improvements including the addition of a steeple, furnace and Stations of the Cross.



1915 Current church constructed and dedicated in 1916.



2000 Construction of parish offices and gym.



1960s



1970s



2015



1951 New school constructed.



St. Patrick Catholic Church is proud to be the oldest parish in Black Hawk County. The parish was organized in 1854, and the first Mass was celebrated in the Mullarky home in January 1855 upon the visit of Rev. Patrick McGinnis.

The following year saw the construction of the first church building on the site of our present worship space. A larger church was built in 1876 and destroyed by fire in 1913.

Today we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our current church building which was erected in 1915 and dedicated in 1916. Many updates have been made to the building over time as well as upgrades to the surrounding parish campus. Grace House Rectory was built in 1980 and the Parish Center, Commons and Dutcher Gym were completed in 2000. The ongoing “Campaign for Growth” has provided the most recent renovations inside the church, completed in the summer of 2012, and the addition of the Narthex which we bless today.

St. Patrick Catholic School dates back to an original building completed in 1891. The current building has areas constructed in 1950, 1953 and 1988, with many upgrades and an office addition completed as part of the “Campaign for Growth” in 2014-2015. This Education Center serves the needs of kindergarten through grade 8 students as well as the Religious Education Program. Preschool students enjoy Clover Patch Preschool, renovated extensively in 2013.

Thanks to the leadership of numerous pastors and the support of our parishioners, the faith family of St. Patrick Church enjoys a rich tradition of worship in the heart of Cedar Falls.

Visiting priests served St. Patrick Parish from 1855 to 1867.

1855	Father McGinnis
1855	Father Brady
1856	Father Slattery
1856	Father Shields
1865	Father Meis
1866	Father McGowen
1866	Father McLaughlin

Pastors of St. Patrick Parish

1867	Father Thomas Gunn
1870	Rev. P. O'Dowd
1871	Father M. Flavin
1872	Father Dennis Ryan
1876	Father P. Smith
1878	Father Charles McCabe
1896	Rev. B. W. Coyle
1901	Rev. Luke Donlon
1914	Father McDonald
1914	Father John C. Wieneke
1938	Monsignor Stephen J. Mauer
1952	Father John H. Mayer
1961	Father Maurice A Mullan
1972	Rev. Paul Grace
1978	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Tarrant
1984	Rev. Msgr. Richard P. Funke
1994	Rev. Msgr. Paul T. Steimel
1997	Rev. James. L. Secora
2009	Rev. Everett Hemann
2011	Rev. Dennis J. Colter

God of mercy and truth, you sent your only son to be our Savior and Lord. He calls us together as his Church. We ask you now to bless us and all who will use this school and church. May all who come here know the presence of Christ, experience the joy of his friendship and grow in his love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



History of ST. PATRICK PARISH

June 7, 2015



In celebration of the 100th anniversary of our church building, completion and blessing of the Church Narthex and renovations and addition to the Education Center

Archbishop of Dubuque, Most Rev. Michael O. Jackels
Pastor, Rev. Dennis J. Colter