

LIGHTNING DESTROYS HAZELWOOD CHURCH

Flames cause total loss as nothing could be done to prevent spread of flames. Will rebuild this summer.

Lightning striking the Catholic church at Hazelwood Monday about 2:30 in the afternoon started a fire which burned the church to the ground, causing practically a total loss.* The fire was seen by neighbors starting in the belfry and a small crowd collected. Nothing could be done, however, as nearest water was more than a quarter of a mile distant. Father Meade of the Northfield Catholic church reports that the church will be rebuilt this summer. The burning of the Hazelwood church will not affect the building operations on the Northfield church, now going on.

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*All was destroyed but the bell. The inscription on the bell reads: **"For the glory of God and His Blessed Mother and the Salvation of Souls"**. The bell was reinstalled in the new church belfry.



Church of The Annunciation, at Hazelwood, 1913