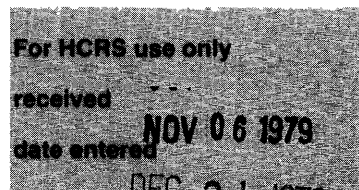


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic St. Mary's Church (Roman Catholic)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8433 239th Street East not for publication

city, town New Trier vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Dakota code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name St. Mary's Church

street & number Route 1

city, town New Trier vicinity of state Minnesota 55031

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dakota County Government Center

street & number 1560 West Highway 55

city, town Hastings state Minnesota 55033

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Mary's Church is located on the brow of a hill overlooking the village of New Trier. It was designed in the Beaux Arts Classic style in 1909 by St. Paul architect Paul Ries.

The building is constructed of red brick with white glazed brick accents, and set on a foundation of stone. Major features of the facade are a baroque gable with corner finials; grouped pilaster strips of white brick; round-headed windows and doorways; a window shrine with pediment above the main door; and a square belfry with a pyramidal roof. Single pilasters of white brick define the bays down the length of the building. Two remnants of the older churches on this site are incorporated into the present one. The cornerstone of the stone church, dated 1864 and bearing the inscription, "Sancta Maria Schuz Kirche," is located in the vestibule. A five-foot tall painted wooden statue of St. Mary made in 1862 occupies the window shrine over the main door.

Alterations have included removal of the domed upper portion of the original belfry, rebuilding of the entrance stairways in concrete, and replacement of the original soft white brick with a harder variety.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1909 **Builder/Architect** George J. Ries

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The primary significance of St. Mary's Church lies in its association with the German heritage of the population in southeastern Dakota County. German Catholic immigrants settled the area in 1854. Initial religious services were held in local cabins until a log church was built in 1856 in the village of New Trier, named for the former home of a majority of the settlers. A frame chapel was constructed a few years later, followed by a larger stone church in 1864 as the congregation expanded. In 1909 the present masonry church was built in the Beaux Arts Classic style. Families from St. Mary's Parish were instrumental in forming four other parishes in the region: Cannon Falls, 1866; Miesville, 1873; Vermillion, 1882; and Hampton, 1900. These towns and the rural areas surrounding them remain the most ethnically homogeneous parts of Dakota County. The Church is also significant for its design, which has elements such as the baroque gable and original domed belfry that suggest architectural ties to the churches of Germany.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Centennial History, Parish of St. Mary, New Trier. Privately published, 1956.
Interview, Father Marvin Klaers, May 1979.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 3.7

Quadrangle name Cannon Falls

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the center point of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 11 & proceeding North 400' thence East 400' thence South 400' then proceeding West 400' to the point of Beginning

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Pommering Reynolds, Survey Analyst

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date 8 June 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

Contact Dennis Gimmetad
telephone 612-296-9545

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley
Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 11/1/79

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Cecil D. Schul
Keeper of the National Register

date 12-31-79

Attest: Kristen O'Connell
Chief of Registration

date 12/26/79

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin L. Lutz
11/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
St. Mary's Church in Dakota County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001233

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Dakota

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Church of St. Mary (Catholic)

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date