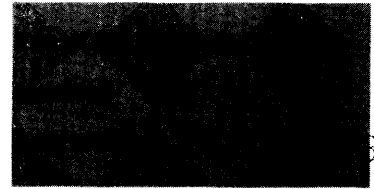


United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service



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 Trinity Episcopal Church

and/or common Trinity Episcopal Church

2. Location

street & number 805 St. Charles Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town St. Charles N/A vicinity of congressional district N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county Winona code 169

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Trinity Episcopal Church

street & number 805 St. Charles Avenue

city, town St. Charles N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Winona County Courthouse - Recorder's Office

street & number West 3rd Street

city, town Winona state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date August 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>      N/A      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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### **Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Trinity Episcopal Church is located in the small community of St. Charles, Minnesota. The simple one storey structure, measuring approximately 30 X 55, sits atop a limestone basement. The Carpenter Gothic design of the church is reflected in the board and batten exterior wall surfaces, lancet windows with art glass lights and modest bell tower with open belfrey. A gable roof with moulded cornice caps the structure.

The interior of the 1874 church remains remarkably intact. The simple nave with plaster walls above beaded wainscot, wooden truss ceiling and oak pews are all dramatically enlivened by the luminous art glass. In the chancel area, paired Gothic Revival side chairs, c. 1860, accentuate the timelessness of the setting. Only the modern carpeting covering the original maple flooring jars one back to the present time.

The church, which appears unaltered from its original design, is in good condition and stands on its original site.

# 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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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**      1874                      **Builder/Architect**      unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Trinity Episcopal Church is significant for the survival integrity of its Carpenter Gothic architectural style. The original congregation formed as early as 1864, but did not formally organize until four years later. Services were conducted in several buildings until, in 1874, the parish erected its church. The modest church building exhibits characteristics of its style in its board and batten exterior, lancet windows, and bell tower with open belfrey. The unaltered interior features beaded wainscot, wooden truss ceiling, oak pews, and light fixtures dating from the installation of electricity in the 1920s. The integrity of the church's 1870s exterior and interior architectural style make it a distinctive element in the southeast region of Minnesota.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

St. Charles Centennial Committee. A History of St. Charles. St. Charles, 1954.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name St. Charles

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

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B 

Zone	Easting		Northing		

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1 and 2 Ives & Foxes Add. St. Charles City

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Camille Kudzia, Preservation Consultant

organization N/A

date February 1984

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city or town Minneapolis

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*  
date 6/28/84

title Russell W. Fridley, State Historic Preservation Officer

date

For HCERS use only

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date

8/9/84

*for Helene Byer*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration