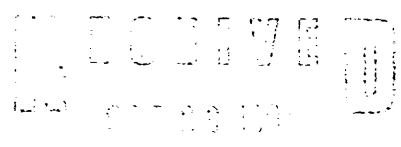


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic School
other names/site number NEHBS #BD03-054

2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of 2nd and Broadway Sts.
city, town Butte
state Nebraska code NE county Boyd code 015 zip code 68722

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: James A. Hanson
Date: October 21, 1991
Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
[X] entered in the National Register.
[] See continuation sheet.
[] determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
[] determined not eligible for the National Register.
[] removed from the National Register.
[] other, (explain:)
Signature of the Keeper: Neilous Byers
Date of Action: 1/7/92

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Religion/Church School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Recreation/Auditorium
Culture/Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Renaissance Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic School represents a good example of a parochial school building, being designed by architect William L. Steele. The contractor was B.E. Short, of Sioux City, Iowa. The contract was made and entered the 4th day of May, 1909. The building was constructed and built upon Block 8 in the West Addition of the Village of Butte. The completion date was the 13th day of October, 1909. Modifications to the building include brick infill to several window openings in the rear facade, and non-original siding on the dormers.

The rectangular school is a two-and-one-half story Renaissance Revival style structure with a raised basement. The brick work was done by Steele Corporation of Sioux City, Iowa. The building has four levels: the attic was used for school dormitories and to house the school children; the first floor has a central hall and two large classrooms with double oak doors which opened into a chapel room, located between the classrooms, allowing the children in both classrooms to attend daily mass; the second floor contained a music room and sleeping quarters for the nuns, who taught the school; the basement was used for dining, cooking, and laundry facilities. The building has a central staircase with wooden banisters, starting on the first floor up to the attic floor. The building features a truncated, hipped roof penetrated by eight shingled dormers with hipped and shed rooflines, and a shingled belfry, a vent for air circulation, topped by a white metal cross. Fenestration in the building consists of flat and round arched openings with one-over-one double hung window units. Round arched brick window hoods and concrete sills are also used in the window treatment. There are two brick chimneys and a steel fire escape located on the west side of the school. The raised front entry has a shed roof overhang supported by large brackets, and shows double doors, sidelights, and brick banisters with concrete copings. There is one contributing structure, a storm cellar, located directly behind the school on the west side.

The original S.S. Peter & Paul church complex consisted of a frame church and rectory, and the brick school building. The original church building was replaced in 1969, and in 1990 a new

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rectory was completed. The school is the only remaining building of the original church complex. The school closed in 1969. Acquired by the Village of Butte in 1990, the building is now in the process of being restored for use as a community center and museum.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education

Period of Significance

1909

Significant Dates

1909

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Steele, William L.: Architect
 Short, B.E.: Contractor

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic School is a typical example of the multi-story, brick, "fireproof" parochial school buildings that were constructed in virtually every Catholic community in Nebraska, during the first quarter of the twentieth century. These schools were, and are, a symbol of community permanence and progressive interest in parochial education. As a "property type" (parochial school) the building features all the characteristics of a period parochial school: chapel, housing for students who (because of home locations) would have boarded at the school, and nuns quarters, for the nuns who taught the school.

Criteria Consideration A is applicable and is met through the property deriving primary significance under education. The period of significance is derived from the year (1909) when the building began operation as a school.

S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic School is significantly associated with parochial education in Boyd County, as it was the only Catholic School (grades 1 through 8) built in the county. It was constructed through funds raised by the parishioners of S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. It is the only remaining building of the original church complex, which consisted of a church, rectory, and school.

In the Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey (NEHBS) of Boyd County, a total of four school properties, including S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic School, were identified in The Topical Listing of Boyd County Historic Properties. The remaining three school buildings (BD00-167, BD00-172, and BD04-1), all dating from the turn of the century, are one-story in height, of frame construction, and vacant. The public high school building in Butte (BD03-14), although identified in the NEHBS, was not included in

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Mechanic's Lien Book, Book 3, page 16, Register of Deeds Office, Boyd County Courthouse, Butte, Nebraska.

S.S. Peter & Paul Church Records (1909-1969), S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Butte, Nebraska.

Save America's Heritage, Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey Reconnaissance Survey Final Report of Boyd County, Nebraska, June, 1988, Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one.

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is described as a tract of land, as shown by the shaded area on the accompanying sketch map in Block 8, in West Butte, First Filing, an addition to the Village of Butte, Boyd County, Nebraska, described as follows:

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes that parcel of land that contains only the historic school and excludes any real estate that contains modern intrusions in the church complex that lack historical integrity.

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the topical listing because it lacks historic integrity due to removal and infill of the original window openings. S.S. Peter & Paul is the only example of an early twentieth century multi-story, brick school building identified in the topical listing of Boyd County.

Today, S.S. Peter & Paul School stands as a symbol representing the sacrifices of the people who built it and the generations of students who received their Catholic education there.

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From the point marking the Northeast corner of said Block 8: beginning at a point 150.5 feet west of the North line of Block 8; thence West 149.5 feet along the North line of Block 8; thence South 107 feet along the West line of Block 8; thence East 149.5 feet parallel to the North line of Block 8; thence North 107 feet parallel to the West line of Block 8 to the point of beginning.

Second Street

107 feet

Gale Street

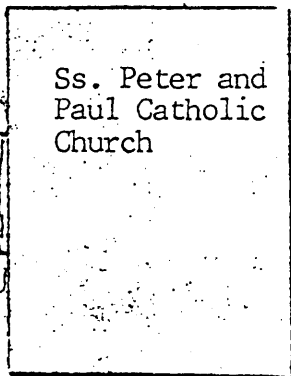
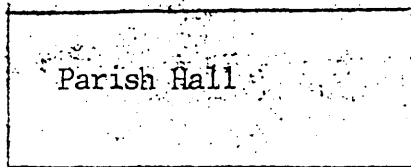
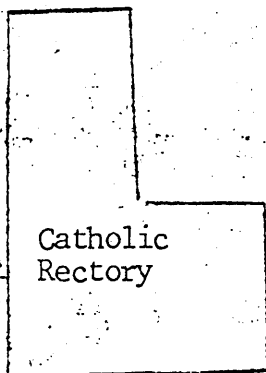
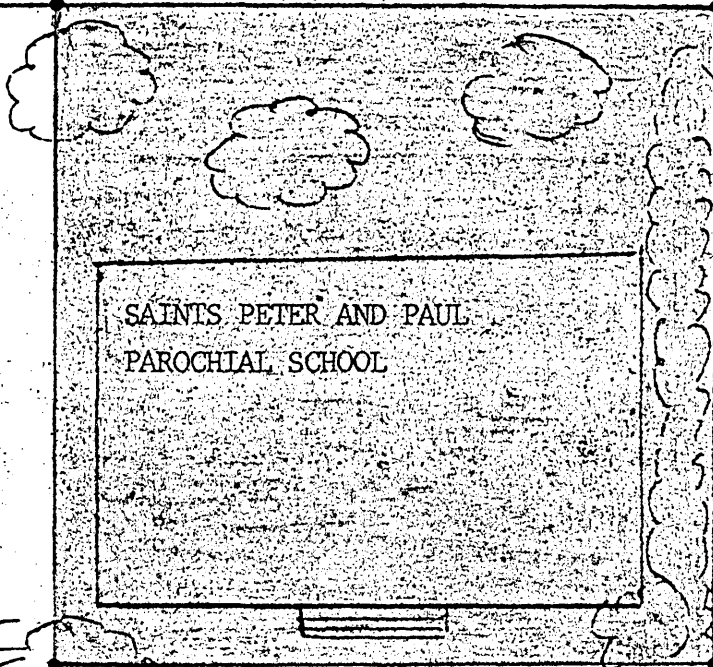
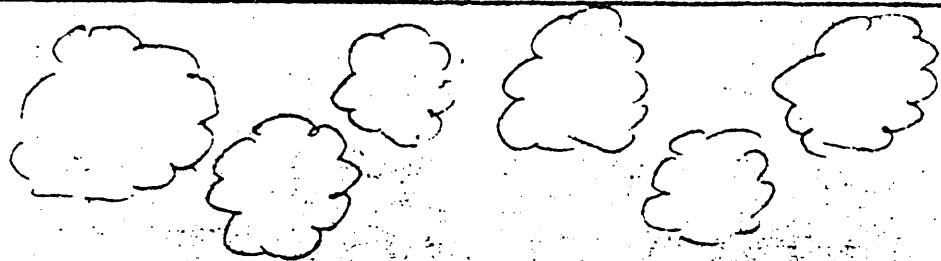
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147.5 feet

(Nebraska Hiway 12)

150.5 feet

NORTH
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Marker



Playground Equipment

Basketball Court

SKETCH MAP

S.S. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (NEHBS # B003-054)
BUTTE, BOYD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

No Scale

First Street

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